

## Webinar on Environmental Perspectives of COVID-19

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New Delhi, 21 June: The world has changed within a period of few months. The global outbreak of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has thrown up many unforeseen challenges of unprecedented scale before mankind. As a control measure, different countries including India called for a prolonged lockdown to prevent the spread of the disease. The lockdown led to closure of all the industrial and developmental activities and vehicular movement. Along with major economic and social disruption, the lockdown also showered unexpected gains in improving the global environment such as clean air and water.

CSIR-National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS) has organized a webinar on world environment day (5th June) to bring together thought leaders who can enrich this discourse and provide their insights into the new approaches the country should adopt for sustainable techno-socio-economic development.

“We have seen positive impact even during the pandemic, nature is healing, we all are experiencing clean air, and clean water. An Important Question is now to make it sustainable even after when all get back to work after lockdown. It is golden opportunity to work upon on the strategies how to retain these gains when severity of the COVID will be reduced”, said Dr. Ranjana Aggarwal, director, CSIR-NISTADS.

“Dynamic leadership can bring significant policy inputs for future strategies to retain this gain and overcome challenges of increase water consumption and hazardous medical waste problems”, said Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya, Chief Scientist, CSIR-NISTADS, in his beginning remarks during the webinar.

Dr. Madhulika Bhati; Principal Scientist; CSIR-NISTADS, Dr. Krishnan Srinivasaraghavan; Head of Exploration; Country Accelerator Lab; UNDP India, Dr. S.K. Tyagi; Former Additional Director of Central Pollution Control Board, Dr. K.S. Rao; Professor & Head; Department of Botany, Delhi University and Dr. Yogesh Ghokale, Senior Fellow with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) were the among the experts who expressed their views during the event. This webinar was ended with interactive question and answer session.

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