

## CDSA at DBT-THSTI makes its training courses COVID-19 friendly

New Delhi, Nov 27: The current COVID-19 pandemic has affected many, including Clinical Development Services Agency (CDSA) in the campus of DBT-Translational Health Science and Technology Institute.

The pandemic has resulted in a set of programmes titled 'CDSA Organizing Valuable Information (through) Dissemination (programmes)'. There has been a significant impact on how training and courses are delivered. Along with many other organizations worldwide, CDSA too moved all its training courses online.



CDSA YouTube channel "Wednesday webinar with CDSA" has over 750 subscribers and 12,000 views. To date, the webinars are all related to practical challenges that researchers and clinicians face during the COVID pandemic. There have been sessions on issues related to clinical research during COVID-19; ethical considerations for clinical research during COVID-19 pandemic; compassionate use of medicines: increased relevance in the time of COVID-19; medical device regulations in India: commonly used medical devices in COVID-19; pharmacovigilance during COVID-19 pandemic; pharmacoeconomics: is your drug therapy value for money?

The CDSA webinar series is getting popular among the target audience. They are attracting over 1000 registrations. In the pipeline are a series exploring 'Digital solutions for clinical trials/studies in the pandemic world'.

For the National Biopharma Mission (NBM), CDSA embarked its first online national series of programs on Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and Good Clinical Laboratory Practice (GCLP). This was very well received with significant participant engagement and feedback that has helped improve the program.

Also, on the request from DBT, BIRAC, and Ind-CEPI, CDSA has launched a series of online programs for strengthening clinical trial research capacity in neighbouring countries. Sessions on Good Clinical Practice have been completed, with both national and international experts delivering key lectures. In the next few weeks, a series of sessions of three programs are laid out. They are on ethical considerations in clinical research, Good Clinical Laboratory Practice, and Large Vaccine Field Trials.

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