NASI and IBSD jointly organized a webinar on Jagrukta Abhiyan for COVID-19 Pandemic

A webinar on Jagrukta Abhiyan for COVID-19 pandemic with special reference to bioresources was jointly organized by Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Imphal and National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), Prayagraj on December 10, 2020. The webinar was part of NASI’s nationwide awareness campaign ‘Jagrukta Abhiyan for COVID appropriate behaviour. It was organized for the first time in northeast of India. The initiative was supervised and chaired by former Secretary of Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt. of India, Prof. (Mrs) Manju Sharma.

The event was organized to spread awareness among the masses and highlight the preventive measures such as social distancing, self-hygiene and use of face masks. Prof. Pulok K. Mukherjee, Director, IBSD delivered the welcome address. The Inaugural address of the virtual event was given by Dr. Renu Swarup, Secretary, DBT, New Delhi. Dr. V.M. Katoch, NASI-ICMR Chair on Public Health Research at RUHS, Jaipur gave a keynote address on “Socio behavioral transformation in the COVID-19 pandemic situation”. Eminent personalities from various institute and university were present and also delivered on their topic of expertise. Prof.
Akhilesh Tyagi, JC Bose National Fellow, Department of Plant Molecular Biology, University of Delhi delivered on the topic “Approaching Bioeconomy through Agri-biotechnology”; Prof. Pulok K. Mukherjee, Director, IBSD delivered a presentation on “Reimagine Ethnopharmacology in COVID 19 pandemic”; Dr. Sanjeev Sinha, Professor of Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi delivered a talk on the “Management of COVID-19”.

Prof. Ch. Debeshwar Singh, Head, Respiratory Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) Hospital, Imphal spoke on “Management of COVID-19”; Dr. Ajay Parida, Director, Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneshwar delivered a talk on “Testing, diagnostics for COVID-19 pandemic”; Prof. S.R. Joshi, Dept of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, NEHU, Shillong delivered on the topic “COVID-NER perspectives”. The webinar ended with a concluding remark by Prof. Paramjit Khurana, Dept of Plant Molecular Biology, Delhi University. Prof. Pulok K. Mukherjee Director, IBSD was the organizing secretary; Dr. Nanaocha Sharma and Dr. S. Indira as joint coordinator of IBSD while Archana Pant as NASI coordinator. The webinar was attended by around 200 participants including students, scientists and research scholars.

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