COVID-19 Web Portal launched by CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat

CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology (CSIR-NEIST)-Jorhat in its endeavour towards societal responsibilities launched its own web portal to create awareness on COVID-19 and to keep the masses updated on the new developments on this pandemic situation. The portal was formally launched on 06 May, 2020 by the Director CSIR-NEIST Dr G Narahari Sastry which can be accessed as [www.neist.res.in/covid19](http://www.neist.res.in/covid19). The basic focus of this web portal is to disseminate knowledge and create awareness on COVID-19 pandemic in the society at large. The portal has been classified into various sections viz. a home page, dedicated on the background and history on the origin of novel corona virus; therapeutics; CSIR activities; epidemiology, pandemics; MPDS COVID-19; resources; myths and truths and a blogging page. The portal caters to highlight upon the research activities being undertaken by the various CSIR laboratories in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic such as molecular digital surveillance, development of rapid and cheap diagnostic kit, new therapies development and drug repurposing, development of personal protective equipment kit (PPE) and supply chain etc. especially to apprise common people, the research fraternity and the industry as a whole.

It may be mentioned that the sections on popular myths and facts on COVID-19 and blogging platform are added features which can be used to voice ones thoughts, opinions and concerns on the issue. In totality the portal is a window to the global happenings revolving around the novel corona virus pandemic.

It may be mentioned that CSIR-NEIST has been playing a pivotal role in its societal mission under the dynamic leadership of Dr Sastry by preparing and distributing hand sanitizers to various organizations.

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