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Webinar on Covid-19 and Fair Practices conducted at ICAR-IISR

The ICAR- Indian Institute of Soybean Research has conducted a Webinar on "Covid-19 and Fair Practices" today on 23 December 2020 under the "Swachhta Pakhwada (Cleanliness Fortnight) 2020" being observed during 16 - 31 December 2020. The guest speaker Dr. B.U. Dupare, Principal Scientist of the institute has presented the importance and achievements of the cleanliness work carried out by the institute staff which could prevent the infection of the current Covid-19 disease. He further explained that, this virus is spread from the infected person through the droplets emerged during the process of coughing or sneezing with our breath or by touching the contaminated surfaces on which the virus survives normally from few hours to several days. Therefore, we need to keep our home, workplace and premises clean and infection free. Through this webinar, Dr. Dupare has explained 4 simple steps to protect against Covid-19 i.e. following the practices of personal hygiene (washing hands with soap), social distance, use of masks and cleanliness of contact surfaces, usually in the home and workplace particularly doors, handles, tables, chairs, bathrooms, taps, toilets, light switches, mobiles, laptops, remotes, etc. should be kept clean and tidy. In addition, Dr. Dupare also said that if it is very necessary in government offices, that the meetings should be organized or virtual / online meetings whenever needed.

Director Dr. Nita Khandekar in her presidential address on this occasion said that all of us should pay personal attention to keep not only our workplace clean and tidy, but also all the public places around us so that cleanliness can be sustained continuously. She also said that following the guidelines of Covid-19 is the need of the day. This webinar program was conducted by Shri Shyam Kishore Verma of the institute while Shri Vikas Keshari proposed vote of thanks.

