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ANNOUNCEMENT

A NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON

"INDIGENOUS BIOMEDICAL HEALTH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SARS-COV2"

The Indian Social Science Academy is organizing its 44th Indian Social Science Congress at the Samrat Ashok Technological Institute, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh from 15th to 19th March, 2021. A symposium on "Indigenous Biomedical Health Science and Technology for SARs-CoV2" will be organized during the congress to highlight India's efforts in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to its large population India ranks amongst the top five countries which includes USA, Brazil, Mexico and United Kingdom, accounting for more than 50% of the total death due to the Covid-19 in the world which has just crossed 2.2 million (Johns Hopkins Corona Virus Resource Center). But, India has the lowest number of deaths per 100,000 people in this group. Using masks, social distancing and hand washing and strict isolation of infected individuals in India, the first wave of the virus has been flattened and responding to the need for preventing the disease, Indian Scientists have developed two promising anti-SARs-CoV2 vaccines in just 10 months. Indian biotech companies have scaled up the production of these vaccines to millions of doses for catering to the needs of Indian people and those in neighboring countries. Government has been vaccinating our population on a massive scale and more than 4 million citizens have been vaccinated in the first phase till now. Although the vaccines raise hope for defeating the disease, questions do trail the drive. One big question is whether the vaccination with priming and booster doses will enable us to prevent the second and the third waves of the virus if and when it will come and whether it will be effective against the more virulent mutant virus that is spreading from United Kingdom, South Africa and Brazil. Further, the efficacy and safety features of some of the vaccines for the Indian Population are not yet available in public domain via published research. We also do not know about the long term safety aspects of these vaccines in our elderly population above 65 years in age but we are going to start immunizing them soon in the second phase.

As one of its mandates, the Indian Social Science Academy has been promoting discussions about socially relevant topics and has been trying to educate our people about diverse social issues of which health of a society in this pandemic situation is of paramount importance. The upcoming symposium aims to bring together people working on various aspects of Covid19- infection ranging from pathogenesis to Post-Covid clinical and psycho-social symptoms to therapies including products arising out of Indigenous Traditional System of Medicine and development of vaccines using different platforms. We would give opportunity to people who are working on developing vaccines and drugs as well as products under Indigenous Biomedical Health Science Research for presenting their work. The Social Science Academy will provide an open forum for all those who wish to participate and discuss about the social and health implications of vaccination and products developed by using Indigenous Biomedical Health Science Research with special reference to the SARs-CoV2 strains that are causing the current pandemic. We would bring in our think-tanks for their suggestions to contain the pandemic.

Participants can register by sending an e-mail to Prof. Santosh K. Kar, the Symposium Chairman on santoshkariis@rediffmail.com, M: 9937085111 stating their affiliation and submitting an abstract/write-up of not more than 500 words latest by 21-02-2021.

Also one copy of abstract of paper may be sent to;

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