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Sub: Introducing the multi-institutional, multi-lingual science communication
initiative - CovidGyan

Dear Prof. Sahasrabudhe,

The torrent of information generated and spread from all corners of the world on Covid-19 and coronavirus has created information overload. It is a challenge to comprehend reliable information while filtering out misinformation. A multi-institutional, multi-lingual science communication initiative, called CovidGyan, has been created to deal with just this challenge. The initiative is the brainchild of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), and the Tata Memorial Centre (TMC). Other prominent partners include Vigyan Prasar, IndiaBioscience, and the Bangalore Life Science Cluster (BLiSC, which comprises InStem and C-CAMP, in addition to NCBS-TIFR). An outcome of this initiative is the launch of the CovidGyan website: <https://covid-gyan.in>. Many of our scientists are contributing to this initiative with passion and professional competence.

The mandate of the CovidGyan initiative is to create, curate and communicate scientifically credible and authentic COVID-19 related content and resources. The main target audience of this content is the general citizenry as well as the scientifically curious who would like to keep abreast of the developments. People from all strata of society should have access to trustworthy information in a language that they understand best, therefore CovidGyan will be making special efforts to make the resources available in as many Indian languages as possible. The topics on the website covers the science, as well as the guidance for health and well-being.

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The CovidGyan website includes short informative videos, posters and infographics, FAQs, mythbusters, and articles, which are being actively translated into multiple Indian languages. We have published the resources in a Creative Commons license so that the resources can be republished in your own website and prominent links can be provided on your platforms and social media pages. You may also reach out to us with your suggestions and comments at contact@covid-gyan.in.

We sincerely believe that the website with authentic and reliable information available in multiple languages would be very valuable for the education community - to students as well as teachers at all levels from school to the university. I request you to kindly send an official communication to the principals, vice-chancellors, heads of institutions and other key persons in your organization informing them of the initiative and the website. Please request them to take benefit of the initiative and to publicize it widely.

The nodal person in TIFR responsible for the Covid-gyan website is Prof. Rajesh Gopakumar, Centre Director ICTS-TIFR (contact details: rajesh.gopakumar@icts.res.in). Please feel free to also contact him for any help or further information you might need.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Sandip Trivedi)