

VIBHA, CSIR-Neeri declare winners of online contests

Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA) and CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI) recently organized online competitions for students, teachers and general public on the theme '**Me and My Environment: A Lockdown Experience**'. The



competitions included write-up, **story, poem**, photographs, **short video**, poster, **drawing** and sketch. More than **10,000 entries** in different categories were received from several countries. The entries were evaluated by eminent juries including **VIBHA** members and **CSIR-Neeri** scientists. Winners were announced in an online awards ceremony held recently in the presence of director-general of CSIR **Shekhar Mande**, national organizing secretary of VIBHA **Jayant Sahasrabudhe**, director of CSIR-Neeri **Rakesh Kumar**, senior principal scientist **Rajesh Biniwale** and VIBHA's Naresh Chafekar. In the function, Mande praised VIBHA and CSIR-Neeri for their efforts to promote science among students and public. Kumar outlined the role of **CSIR-Neeri** in **evaluation of the entries**. Briefing about the competition, Chafekar said, "In all **10,393 entries** were received online including **2,500 videos**. The list of winners is available on the websites of VIBHA and CSIR-Neeri." Biniwale conducted the proceedings while senior scientist **Ankit Gupta** announced the awards.