

## CSIR launches 200 tech solutions to contain COVID-19

■ AOP Nagpur conducts a unique webinar with DG, CSIR

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“COLLABORATING with various institutions in its compendium, Council of Scientific and Industry Research (CSIR) has been able to launch over 200 Tech solutions to fight against coronavirus pandemic in India,” informed Dr Shekhar Mande, Director General of CSIR, New Delhi.

Dr Mande was speaking at a

unique webinar organised by Academy of Paediatrics (AOP) as a part of its public outreach programme, recently.

In a wide ranging interview conducted by Dr Shubhada Khirwadkar, President of AOP, Nagpur, Dr Mande briefed the audience about the efforts being taken by various Science-based institutions (Centre for Molecular Biology, National Chemical Laboratory, Department of Bio-technology



Dr Shekhar Mande

and others) for easy, time-saving and cost-effective innovative initiatives for data collection, surveillance, repurposing of drugs, testing kits, vaccine trials and hospital equipment needed to contain the pandemic. These research-based solutions are implemented in collaboration with pharma and other industries so that the solutions can be used for the benefit of the common man.

Dr Mande informed about the

initiatives taken for involving youths of India in Science, like ‘Drug Discovery Hackathon’ and ‘Kawach’ an App development contest for tracking of cases and safety of citizens.

The members of the Academy as well as others from various fields present in the audience highly appreciated the deliberations, which proved to be of great help to understand the latest updates in science behind fighting COVID-19 in India.

Secretary Dr Mustafa Ali proposed a vote of thanks.