

Development and promotion of non-POPs alternatives to DDT

CSIR-NEERI is organising webinars on various topics related to the project “Development and promotion of non-POPs alternatives to DDT”. The objective of the webinar series is to engage the stakeholders, policy makers and public in the project activities. This webinar would help to connect with the state vector control personal, district malaria officers, researchers working in the field of vector control. In this context a webinar was organized on 15/12/2020, 3.30-5.00 PM on the topic on “Alternatives to DDT in Vector Control”.

Dr. A Ramesh Kumar, Sr. Scientist welcomed the participants. Dr. A. N. Vaidya, Scientist and Head, briefed the activities carried out under this project. The main objective of the project to minimize the reliance of DDT for vector control operation by proposing alternatives to DDT. He has pointed out disadvantages and adverse effects of DDT on public health and environment.

Dr. Jitendra Sharma highlighted the role of UNEP in Chemical and waste management, and briefed regarding the ongoing activities of UNEP.

Dr. L. J. Kanhekar, Project consultant delivered the talk on “Alternatives to DDT in Vector Control”. In his address he emphasized that as per Stockholm Convention DDT will be phased out in the near future and vector control measures shall be proposed and applied. In order to achieve this, four training modules on IVPM were developed and submitted to NVBDCP for approval. He elaborated contents regarding available alternatives to DDT in vector control and proposed plan of training and capacity building for all stakeholders.

The webinar was attended by 73 participants all over the country.

