## Webinar on "DDT: Policy Perspective on its Use and Alternatives for Disease Vector Control."

A Webinar was organised by CSIR-NEERI on"DDT: Policy Perspective on its Use and Alternatives for Disease Vector Control"on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Inauguration of the webinar was done by Dr. A Ramesh Kumar, Senior Scientist, CHWMD, CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur. Dr. Jitendra Sharma, Associate Programme Management Officer at UN Environment Programme spoke about capacity building for vector control programme and how UNEP is working in the area of chemical management and other aspects, followed by Dr. Rajpal Singh Yadav's presentation on Vector Control in Veterinary Public Health & Environment Unit. He is having a vast experience related to malaria and arboviral diseases for more than 35 years.

He explained about the policy perspective on DDT, explained how much of the DDT is being used in India. He also explained about vector control in veterinary public health and relation of DDT and neglected tropical diseases. He also briefed us about what neglected tropical diseases are; and how we can contribute towards control of the spread of neglected tropical diseases.

Total 226 people from Central/State vector control officials, Entomologists, People from academic and research institutes registered and 87 participants attended the webinar. Dr. L. J. Kanhekar, Project Consultant CSIR-NEERI proposed the vote of thanks. Participants were awarded with the certificate of participation.

