

## **AN APPEAL TO THE MEMBERS OF CSIR FAMILY**

Dear all,

As you are aware, our Government is making all out efforts to combat the spread of COVID pandemic in our country and to mitigate the consequent sufferings of our country men. Various institutions, organizations, industry, academia, Government Departments and general public are also actively involved in this task.

You are also aware that our Hon'ble Prime Minister has given a clarion call to our country men to make concerted efforts to combat the spread of COVID pandemic, and our country is responding enthusiastically. CSIR is also a major player in this important task and has been engaging in research work pertaining to development of various activities like testing, diagnosis, drug research, etc.

Members of the CSIR family are active participants in these activities. I would like to earnestly APPEAL to all of you to make a small contribution to the aforementioned national efforts by voluntarily contributing an amount equal to one day's salary to the Prime Minister Citizens' Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situation (PM CARES) Fund to aid the Government's efforts to fight the COVID pandemic. I would request you to kindly give a suitable consent intimation to the concerned Directors of CSIR Labs, Unit Heads, DDOs, etc., for deduction of the aforesaid amount from the salary of April, 2020.

If any Council employee has any objection to the deduction, the same may be conveyed immediately and not later than 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 to the concerned DDOs. If no response is received by then, it will be assumed that there is no objection and deduction will be made from the salary of April, 2020.

I am aware that many of you might have voluntarily directly contributed to the PM CARE Fund or may be contemplating to do so in addition to the aforesaid deduction. I wish to complement you for your efforts in aiding the nation in its fight against COVID.

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