

## "The nation needs to move ahead with renewed vigor"- Prof Ashutosh Sharma

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**Professor Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST shares his views on the ongoing COVID-19 situation**



"The Indian industry and the start-up ecosystem have responded enthusiastically to the invitation by the Technology Development Board (TDB), a statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), for proposals from Indian companies and enterprises for supporting technologically innovative solutions towards fighting COVID-19. TDB call to support the manufacturing of full spectrum of products and technologies relevant to COVID-19 has rapidly brought to the surface latent capabilities of our startups and MSMEs. The nation needs to offset our losses quickly and fully and move ahead with renewed vigor to meet the challenges of manufacturing indigenous technology. Every step taken in this direction will have a multiplier effect."

**- Professor Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST**