



**Dr. Sreenivas J**, Scientist E seen explaining the progress of strategies to reduce the malnutrition problems in primitive tribes to the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad (13<sup>th</sup> April).

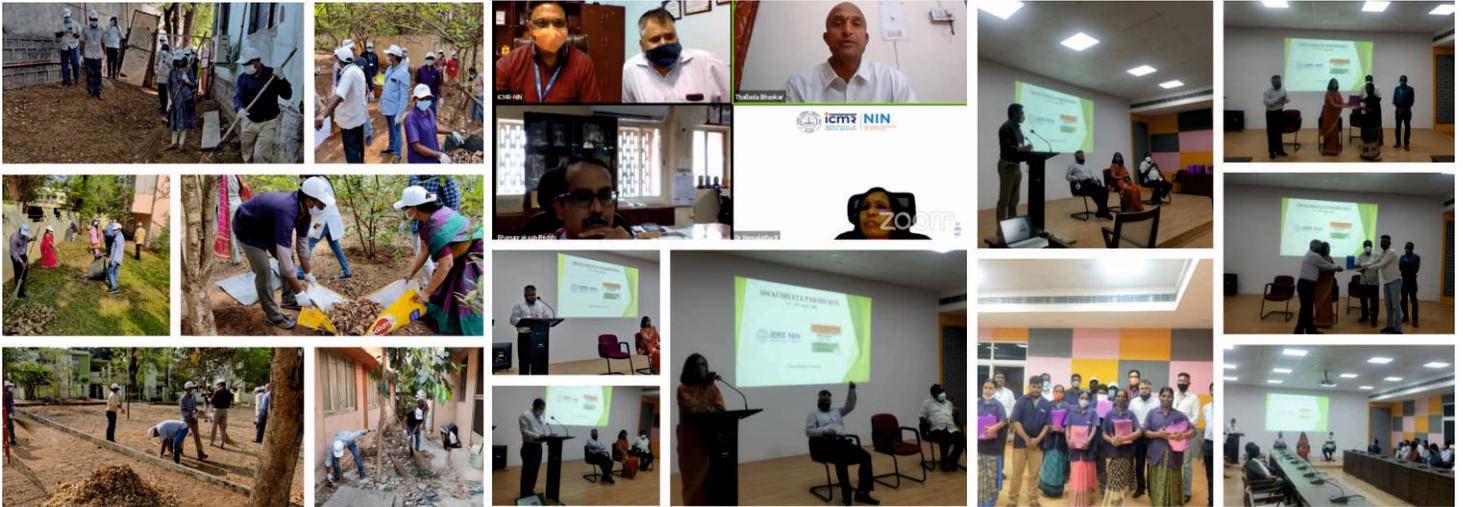
### Presentation of dissertations by the MSc (Applied Nutrition) 2018-20 batch students (6<sup>th</sup> April)

The Dissertation presentation of the M.Sc. (Applied Nutrition) 2018-20 batch students was organized on 6<sup>th</sup> April. Dr. Manjula Bhanoori, Chairperson BOS in Applied Nutrition and Sports Nutrition, Osmania University was invited as the External Examiner to evaluate the presentations. Dr. Bharati Kulkarni, Dr. C. Suresh, Dr. M. Maheshwar, Dr. D. Raghunatha Rao of the Academic Committee, M.Sc. (Applied Nutrition and Sports Nutrition), the Research Supervisors who guided the students and faculty members attended. The presentations were much appreciated and the students were advised to publish their research findings.



## Swachhta Pakhwada : 1<sup>st</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> April

As part of the Swachhta (Cleanliness) Drive, various activities were taken up during this week by the staff and students of the Institute. The Swachhta Pledge was administered to all staff by the respective heads of the Divisions on 9<sup>th</sup> April. Dr Hemalatha R, Director gave away Swachhata Prizes to Safai Karamchaaris of the Institute in recognition of their services. Shram daan (voluntary service) activities were taken up by the staff, students and research scholars of the Institute. The volunteers undertook a cleanliness drive across 17 identified spots across the 30+ acres of campus.



### Swachhta Pakhwada SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE

A special guest lecture on “Effective Utilization of Polymeric Waste Materials: Waste plastics and biomass” was delivered online by **Dr. Bhaskar Thallada**, Head, Material Resource Efficiency Division, Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research, CSIR- Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun (15<sup>th</sup> April).



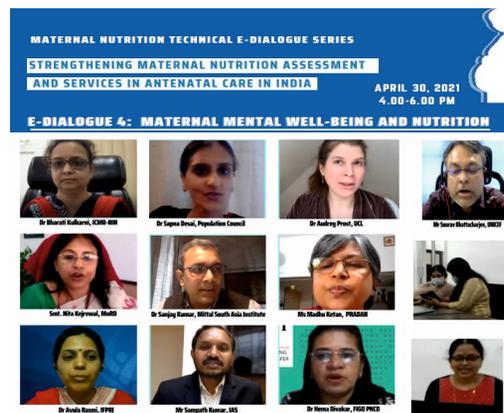
### Visuals of the Swachhta (Cleanliness) pledge by the staff of various division in their respective divisions (9<sup>th</sup> April)



## WEBINARS/ MEETINGS ORGANIZED/ PARTICIPATED

### Dr. Bharati Kulkarni, Scientist F

- The third E-Dialogue of the monthly "Maternal Nutrition Technical E-Dialogue series" on "Women's groups for maternal nutrition" organised by ICMR- NIN, FOGSI and UNICEF was conducted.
- Dr. Bharati Kulkarni, presented an overview of the series. The session was chaired by Smt. Nita Kejrewal, Joint Director, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. Dr. Sapna Desai, Dr. Audrey Prost, Dr. Rasmi Avula, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Ms. Madhu Khetan, Mr. Sourav Bhattacharjee, Mr. Sampath Kumar, IAS and Dr. Hema Divakar participated in the series (5<sup>th</sup> April).



### Dr. Hemalatha R, Director

- Attended the Inauguration and initiation of the meeting of Front of Pack Nutrition Labelling (FoPNL) with the project collaborators (8<sup>th</sup> April).
- Delivered a lecture on 'How Nutrition can help build Immunity and Health in today's world' at International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad as part of World Health Day celebrations 2021, organized by ARCI (9<sup>th</sup> April).
- Delivered a lecture on 'Nutrition, Health and Immunity' held virtually, organized by Citizens Forum India (10<sup>th</sup> April).
- Participated in the National Dialogue as a speaker in the session 'Research Organizations and Experts', organized by Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi (12<sup>th</sup> April).
- Attended the launching of 'Poshan Gyan', a digital repository for the promotion of information on health and nutrition, organized by NITI Aayog (13<sup>th</sup> April).
- Chaired the discussion on the project 'Linking agriculture with nutrition and health, through establishment of nutrition gardens and training women in nutritious diets. Organized by MSSRF, Chennai (20<sup>th</sup> April).
- Chaired the first meeting for collaboration on the different environmental health issues such as heavy metal toxicity, environmental exposure to pesticides, plastic and micro-plastic pollution, air pollution, health effects of climate changes including heat action plan, organized by ICMR-National Institute of Research in Environmental Health, Bhopal (22<sup>nd</sup> April).
- Panelist for the "Campaign on Covid-19 appropriate behaviour and vaccination", organized by CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (28<sup>th</sup> April).

### Dr. Padmaja Jonnalagadda

- Delivered an invited lecture in the webinar on "Food safety in the food production and process" as part of a two day training programme on Food Safety and Quality Control under ICFRE HRD Plan – Indian council of Forestry Research and Education, under Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GoI.
- Took part as an expert member in the 17<sup>th</sup> online meeting of the Food Additives Sectional Committee, FAD 8 conducted through WEBex.
- Participated in the virtual meeting/ video conference organized on "Environmental contaminants and Health effects" held by the ICMR-National Institute for Research in Environmental Health, Bhopal .



### Dr. GM SubbaRao

- Invited to attend the virtual meeting of the Executive Committee and Chapter Conveners of the Nutrition Society of India (NSI) (19<sup>th</sup> April).
- Participated virtually in the 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Panel on Food Labelling and Advertisements of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) (23<sup>rd</sup> April).
- Chaired the meeting of the Nodal Communication Officers of the ICMR Institutes in the South Zone Regional Hub (20<sup>th</sup> April).
- Invited for a meeting on "Understanding of political & policy landscape and stakeholder outreach on Nutrition Literacy in India" by APCO Worldwide-an Advocacy Communications Consultancy (28<sup>th</sup> April).

## Dr. Sreenivas J

- Attended the "Tribal Public Health Conference-2021" (Virtual) and presented a paper titled "Role of indigenous foods in tribal health and nutrition" organised by Southern Plain Tribes Health Board-USA (21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April).
- Attended a virtual review meeting as an Expert committee member on Menu preparation as per RDA for Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge and Technology (RGUKT-AP) students (29<sup>th</sup> April).

## JOURNAL CLUB

**Dr. Hari Krishna B**, Scientist D, Dept. of Sports Science presented a paper on "Neuro-Psycho endocrine basis of meditation to increase productivity at work place -A systematic review" (23<sup>rd</sup> April).



**Ms. Julia Sebastian**- UGC Fellow presented plan and progress on "Physico chemical and bioactive properties of bamboo rice (*Bambusa Arundinaceae*) consumed in the South Western Ghats- (9<sup>th</sup> April).



**Ms. Nikita Agarwal & Ms. Piyali Akuli**- M.Sc (AN) spoke about "Nutriacers"- their National Award winning presentation at REVA IDEATHON 2.0 conducted by Reva University, Bengaluru for which they received a joint cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- (9<sup>th</sup> April).



## SPECIAL EVENT

- **Bharat Ratna Dr. BR Ambedkar's 130<sup>th</sup> & Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram's 114<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations** was organized virtually on 16<sup>th</sup> April. The Chief Guest Sri. K. Venkata Rao IDAS, Controller of Defense Accounts, Secunderabad, and the Guest of Honour Dr. Hemalatha R, Director ICMR-NIN spoke on the occasion. Dr. Kotesch, Independent Social Service Researcher, Hyderabad, Dr. J Sreenivas, Scientist E, ICMR-NIN and Dr. N. Arlappa, Scientist F, Division of Community Studies, ICMR-NIN & SC/ST Liaison Officer conducted the proceedings. Mr. S. Laxman, Convener and Mr. G. Janardhan, Co-convener were also present.



## MEDIA COVERAGE

- An article written by Dr. A Laxmaiah, Scientist G and Head, Division of Public Health Nutrition on Non-communicable Diseases in India was published as the cover story in April issue of the magazine "Health Action".
- Two articles on Nutrition and Immunity based on interviews with Dr. A Laxmaiah, Scientist G & Head, Public Health Division were featured in Eenadu and Namaste Telangana dailies (30<sup>th</sup> April).

### COVER STORY

Magnitude, Monitoring & Preventive Strategies of Non-communicable Diseases in India  
Dr. Anila Laxmaiah



## PAPERS PUBLISHED/ ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

- SubbaRao M Gavaravarapu and Ananya Seal. Nutrition Communication – Experiments, Experiences and Exasperation. In: Kaushik A, Suchiang A and Servaes J (Eds). Narratives and New Voices from India: Cases of Community Development for Social Change. 2021. Singapore: Springer.
- Sumi Mekkara Nikarthil Sudhakaran and Devindra Shekappa Bukkan A review on nutritional composition, anti-nutritional components and health benefits of green gram (*Vigna radiate* (L.) Wilczek) J Food Biochem.

## STAFF NEWS

### Retirement

We bid farewell to **Ms. P. Sailaja**, Technical Officer C, Department of Clinical Epidemiology on the eve of her retirement voluntarily.

