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MEET ON COVID-19

- Dr. Hemalatha R, Director chaired a meeting of the COVID19 Rapid Response Team at the Institute (14th April). NIN have been extending support to our parent organisation ICMR, New Delhi in the fight against COVID 19 as the nodal centre in Telangana for receiving COVID19 test kits and reagents from ICMR and National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune and distributing them to various test centres.



Dr. Hemalatha, Director, ICMR-NIN inspects National Health facilities

Dr. Hemalatha R as part of the five member Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT), visited COVID-19 hospitals to assess their preparedness in dealing with Covid-19 cases and interacted with state officials during the team's 9-day visit to Telangana State. The team, headed by Arun Baroka, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti, and comprising senior public health expert Chandra Sekhar Gadem; Director, Ministry of Consumer Affairs S.S. Thakur; and Asso. Prof. National



Institute of Disaster Management Shekhar Chaturvedi, visited major corona virus infection treatment facilities from 25th April onwards. They have inspected Gandhi Hospital, Sarojini Devi eye Hospital, Humayun Nagar containment zone in Khairatabad, Malakpet, 1500-bedded COVID-19 hospital set up by the state Government in the sport-facility premises at Gachibowli and other places. The IMCT also inspected the sanitation, paramedics and security arrangements, no. of beds, isolation wards, ICU & equipment, quality of PPE kits & their disposal, supply of medicines and other facilities at the hospital and safety measures for doctors and staff.

The team ensured that various committees have been formed as per the guidelines of the Union Health Ministry and appreciated initiatives taken by the state Government, as presented by Telangana chief secretary, Mr. Somesh Kumar, on steps taken by the state Government to contain the spread of COVID-19. The team also met Dr. Mahender Reddy, DGP to review the quarantine arrangements for COVID-19 positive cases and associated contacts. The kitchen of Akshaya Patra Foundation where food served to the migrant workers and the poor in the city, is prepared for further dispensing through the "Annapurna" canteens of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), was also inspected for food safety and hygiene. Vegetable vendors were interacted with at several places. The team visited the control room, at the GHMC head-quarters, inspecting the flow of work from there. Facilities to migrant workers in shelter homes, distribution of food to the needy and response to the suspected COVID-19 calls. Facilities and arrangements at Telangana State, were in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Centre and were lauded by the team members.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

A) Valedictory function of the 57th Post-Graduate Certificate Course in Nutrition (PGCCN)

- Annual training program of 57th PGCCN was successfully conducted at NIN between 6th Jan - 16th March 2020. About 30 participants, drawn from diverse backgrounds like Medicine, Nutrition, Home Science, Pharmacology, Ayurveda, Homeo, Unani, Naturopathy and Social Sciences have successfully completed this 10-week annual PG Certificate Course in Nutrition (PGCCN). Dr. Hemalatha R, Director presented certificates and delivered the valedictory address (16th March). Dr. M. Maheshwar, Scientist E & Head, Extension & Training Division presented the report of the programme. These alumni of ICMR-NIN will now be the nutrition ambassadors in different parts of the country.



B. Training for prevention & Control of Fluorosis

- Three days Training programme for Trainers under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Fluorosis held at the Institute. Thirteen candidates from all over India were participated in the program (4 - 6th March).



LIVE PHONE-IN PROGRAMME ON DOORDARSHAN

- As part of the ongoing NIN-Doordarshan collaborative series, live interactive phone-in programmes were telecasted on DD Yadagiri. Dr. G. Bhanuprakash Reddy, Scientist G, spoke and answered viewers' queries on 'Health Issues due to Diabetes and Obesity: Dietary Precautions (10th March).



SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE

Awareness Session on Covid-19

- Dr. P. Vishnu Rao, Infectious Diseases Consultant, Apollo Hospitals was invited to conduct a session on 'COVID 19 - An Update'. The session was interactive and he practically demonstrated some of the preventive measures to be taken in this hour of crisis (12th March).



CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Vijayalakshmi Venkatesan

- Appointed as Adjunct Faculty in the Center for Environmental Nuclear Research, Directorate of Research, SRM Instt. of Science and Technology, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu.

Dr. SubbaRao M Gavaravarapu

- On receiving the Silver Author Recognition Award from the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior (an Elsevier Journal with IF - 2.869) for the third consecutive time.

SPECIAL EVENT

- Dr. Hemalatha presented NIN@100 memento and commemorative stamp of the Institute to Dr. M Vishnu Vardhana Rao, Director, ICMR- National Institute of Medical Statistics (NIMS), New Delhi, during his visit to the institute on 2nd March.



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