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SPECIAL EVENT

74th Independence Day Celebrations - 15th Aug 2020

- Dr. Hemalatha R, Director, ICMR-NIN hoisted tricolor flag and addressed the gathering about [#AtmaNirbharBharath](#), India's contributions to the world of sciences from ancient times.
- She congratulated and appreciated dedication of all the staff involved in various ICMR and NIN initiatives in the fight against the COVID19 pandemic.
- Director has inaugurated the Renovated Conference Hall and a new Passage Way in Gopalan Block.



ICMR-NIN conducted second round of SARS Cov-2 Sero-epidemiological Survey in general population of Telangana (26th Aug).

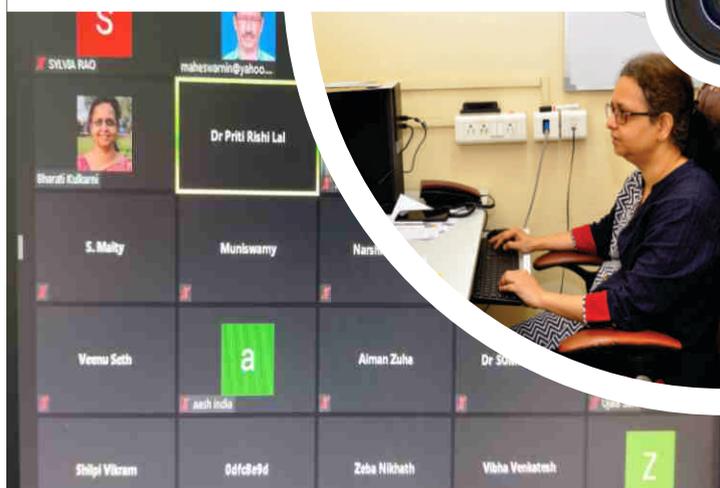
- Second round of SARS Cov-2 sero-epidemiological survey in general population has been completed in Jangaon, KamaReddy and Nalgonda Districts of Telangana. 10 villages/ wards were selected in each of these districts and from each village 16 households (HHs) were selected and all the members over the age of 10 years were covered from each HH. The State Health Department/ district authorities of Telangana Government also participated.
- The population based sero-epidemiological study will help to determine the trend in transmission of SARS-CoV-2 infection and to determine the socio-demographic risk factors for SARS-CoV-2 infection. The findings will be useful to strengthen containment measures.



WEBINARS ORGANIZED / PARTICIPATED

Dr. Hemalatha R, Director

- Spoke in the 1st Plenary of the Webinar series of "2nd International Symposium on Food and Nutrition (ISFAN)" being organised under the auspices of Federation of Asian Nutrition Societies (FANS) and International Union of Nutrition Sciences (7th Aug).
- Delivered Keynote Address on the theme "Thriving in the new normal - Nutrition & Hygiene" for the 12th session of "Lessons In Marketing Excellence (LIME)" Programme by CNBC-TV18 and HUL on CNBC Channel (28th Aug).



Dr. Bharati Kulkarni Scientist F & Chairperson MYAS

ICMR-NIN and MYAS (Sports Nutrition) organized a series of International Webinar titled "Mind body integration for wellness" on 5th, 13th, 19th and 26th August 2020 under the chairmanship of Dr. Bharati Kulkarni, Scientist F & Chairperson MYAS (Sports Nutrition). More than 2000 registrations were received from different countries.

Dr. M. Maheshwar HoD, ET Division

Extension & Training Division of NIN organized a National Webinar on "Exclusive breastfeeding and Complementary Feeding Practices" on 7th August 2020 as part of Breastfeeding promotion week (1-7 August). A total of 462 registrations were received from 21 states of which 150 joined the webinar.

- Participated in ICMR Senior Leadership Seminar 2020 (Webinar) on "Innovation and Technology Commercialization" under ICMR, FICCI, HTAC Program (11th July to 8th Aug).



Dr. G. M. SubbaRao

- Delivered a talk on "Convergence and communication for promoting nutrition during first 1000 days" in the 5-days webinar series on First 1000 days of life organised by Nutrition Society of India (NSI), Bangalore Chapter (7th Aug).
- Invited speaker in the Webinar on nutrition and food safety in COVID times organised by Meridian High School, Hyderabad, (24th Aug).



BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION WEEK

- NIN celebrated the World Breastfeeding promotion week with the theme “Breastfeeding for a healthy planet”, 1st - 7th August 2020, with the objective of raising awareness amongst Indian population, in an attempt to meet the target of increase in exclusive breast feeding by at least 50%.



Dr. R. Sriswan & Dr. Sylvia F. Rao delivered talk in the webinar on Breastfeeding promotion week (1-7 Aug).

COMPETITIONS

- On the occasion of Breastfeeding promotion week online slogan making competition was conducted to the public for promotion of breastfeeding for healthy nation (1-7th Aug). A total of 99 slogans were received from all over India, of which 14 were in Hindi and the rest in English. Four best slogans were selected by a panel of judges and the names of the winners were announced during the webinar. E-Certificates for winners were sent by email.

STAFF NEWS

We Congratulate

- Dr. Uma Chitra** won the prize of the 3 minute power speech competition on “Atmanirbhar Bharat” conducted as part of Independence day celebrations at NIN. The prizes were announced by the Director on Independence day.



Ph.D Awarded

- Mr. Rajesh Kumar K** has been awarded Ph.D in Biochemistry for his thesis titled “Role of Aurora Kinase B in Chronic Tissue Remodeling” (Research Supervisor: Dr. G. Bhanuprakash Reddy).

Retirement

- We bid farewell to **Mr. Manga Narasaiah**, Lab Assistant and he was felicitated on the eve of his retirement on attaining superannuation.



PAPERS PUBLISHED / ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

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