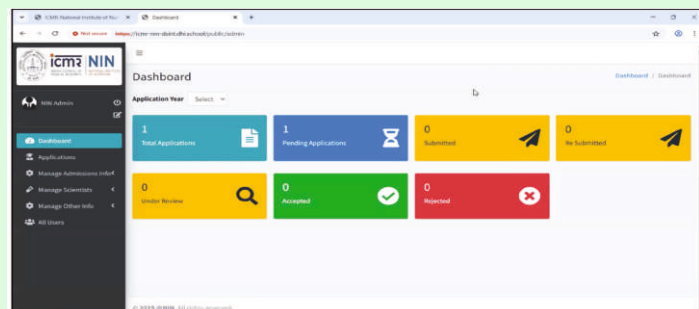


### ICMR-NIN UNVEILS ONLINE PORTAL FOR DISSERTATION AND INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS

The online portal for acceptance of applications for the dissertation/internship programme at ICMR-NIN was formally inaugurated by Dr. Bharati Kulkarni, Director, ICMR-NIN in the presence of the Academic Council Convener and Members (1<sup>st</sup> May).



### E-DIALOGUE SERIES: LET'S FIX OUR FOOD

Another series of e-dialogues under the initiative Let's Fix Our Food – Nutrition Literacy and Improvement of Food Environments (LFOF-NULIFE) was officially launched in collaboration with Resolve to Save Lives. This series continues to build on the momentum of the LFOF consortium's efforts to promote evidence-based policy actions aimed at improving food environments.

The inaugural session of the new series, titled "Salt Reduction – A Key Public Health Priority" began with a welcome address by Dr. Bharati Kulkarni, Director, ICMR-NIN, moderated and conducted by Dr. SubbaRao M. Gavaravarapu, Scientist F & Head of the NICHE Division (13<sup>th</sup> May).



### Ms. ANJUSHA BHASKER

UGC-JRF, Drug Safety Division, ICMR-NIN

- Presented a flash talk and a poster on the "Intricacies of hypothalamic neural signaling involved in food intake and obesity" in the Mini Symposium 'Bridging Neurochemistry & Innovation' organized by SNCI held at CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad. She has been bestowed with the **BEST POSTER AWARD** in the event (24<sup>th</sup> May).

### Ms. G. VENNELA, Ph.D. Scholar, MYAS – Department of Sports Science

- Invited as a speaker at the "Continuing Medical Education 2025" programme held at the Indian Air Force Academy, Dundigal and delivered a lecture on "Diet and Nutrition in Training Among Trainees of the Armed Forces," sharing valuable insights on optimizing nutritional strategies to support physical performance and resilience in military personnel (2<sup>nd</sup> May).



### Dr. K. RAJENDER RAO

- Invited as a Guest of Honour for the valedictory programme of “Internship programme on Research Techniques,” organized by Prof. T. Navaneeth Rao Central Facilities for Research and Development, Osmania University, Hyderabad (20<sup>th</sup> May).



### Dr. SHOBI VELERI

- Delivered an invited lecture on “Molecular trafficking machinery impairment causes retinal WNIN/Ob rat?” in the mini symposium on 'Bridging Neuro-chemistry & Innovation,' organized by the Society for Neuro-chemistry, India (SNCI) held at CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad (24<sup>th</sup> May).



### Dr. PANDURANGI RAGHAVENDRA

- Participated in a live phone-in programme 'Hello Telangana' on DD Yadagiri - Telangana, and responded to callers queries on Adolescent Nutrition & Lifestyles (1<sup>st</sup> May).



## JOURNAL CLUB



**Dr. ALOK CHOUDHARY**, Asst. Prof. Rutgers University, NJ, USA delivered online guest lecture on “Harnessing the Unique Antigenic Features of Urinary Lipoarabinomannan (uLAM) to Develop a Sensitive Diagnostic Assay for Tuberculosis” (16<sup>th</sup> May).



**Dr. AMIT ASTHANA** (NIPER, Hyderabad) delivered a guest lecture on “Various Applications of Paper-Microfluidic Devices in Affordable Diagnostics” (16<sup>th</sup> May).



**Dr. VENKATESH. K**, Scientist-E delivered his lecture on “Metabolic Flexibility in Health and Disease,” (9<sup>th</sup> May).



**Dr. AJANTA RUDRA**, Scientist-C delivered her lecture on “Cost-Effectiveness of Iron Supplementation Interventions: A Review of Literature” (23<sup>rd</sup> May).

**Ms. PRIYANKA CHOUGULE**, DST-INSPIRE-SRF, delivered her Final Ph.D presentation on “Evaluation of Ethyl Gallate and Propyl Gallate in DSS-Induced Ulcerative Colitis in Mice: Targeting Oxidative Stress and Inflammation” (23<sup>rd</sup> May).

Supervisor: Dr. S. N. Sinha, Scientist-G & HoD, Food Safety Division.



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### Dr. BHARATI KULKARNI, DIRECTOR

- Chaired 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the National Steering Committee of SAMPADA (DABS-1) study under the chairmanship of Prof. Anura V. Kurpad, Dept. of Physiology of Nutrition, SJRI, Bangalore (virtual) (2<sup>nd</sup> May).
- Participated in Leadership Workshop for ICMR Directors at National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), IISc Campus, Bengaluru organized by ICMR-HQ (20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May).
- Invited as an expert to a meeting regarding Research priority setting for Gestational Weight Gain by Division of RCN, ICMR-HQ (Virtual) (26<sup>th</sup> May).

### Dr. SUDIP GHOSH

- Elected as a Committee Member for ISO/TC 34/SC 16/WG 14, International Organization for Standardization.
- Attended 19<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of ISO/TC 34/SC 16 held virtually as part of the Indian delegation (7<sup>th</sup> May).
- Attended a meeting on "The present Covid-2025 variant, its surge and clinical implications on society" organized by the Secretary, Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Telangana at The Secretariat (26<sup>th</sup> May).

### Dr. SUBBARAO M GAVARAVARAPU

- Attended a meeting with visiting scientists from JHPIEGO, a non-profit international health organization affiliated with Johns Hopkins University to explore future collaborations of Research at NIN, Hyderabad (1<sup>st</sup> May).
- Chaired the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Scientific Panel on Labelling & Claims/Advertisements of Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at FDA Bhavan, New Delhi virtually (2<sup>nd</sup> May).
- Invited as a speaker and panellist in the First Stakeholder Engagement Workshop on Food Additives Safety & Toxicity (SEW-FAST) organised by CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (CSIR-IITR), Lucknow (5<sup>th</sup> May).
- Attended the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Committee of FSSAI virtually (15<sup>th</sup> May).
- Nominated by Department of Health Research (DHR), Government of India as the member of the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) for the program- International Travel Grant Support for Non-DHR/ICMR Scientists & Researchers and attended a meeting (22<sup>nd</sup> May).

### Dr. J. SREENIVASA RAO

- Invited as Editorial Member to Editor-Reviewer Conclave, to provide insights on aligning CCRAS publications with global standards and delivered key note addresses to improve indexing and citation metrics, and align with global publishing standards organized by Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under the Ministry of Ayush, Govt India CCRAS-CARI, Guwahati, Assam (23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> May).
- Invited as a Resource person to attend the state level training to cook cum helpers and conduct of cooking competitions as per guidelines of Govt of India for year 2025-26 organized by the School Education Department, Govt of A.P under PM POSHAN Mid-day Meals (MDM) Programme NIDM Sothern Campus, Kondapavuluru, Gannarvaram, A.P (27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> May).

### Dr. R. NAVEEN KUMAR

- Represented BIS in the meeting of the International Organization for Standardization / Technical Committee 34 (Food Products)/Subcommittee 9 (Microbiology)/Ad-Hoc Group 8 on the standard Enumeration of *Pseudomonas spp* (7<sup>th</sup> May).
- Represented BIS in the meeting of the International Organization for Standardization / Technical Committee 34 (Food Products)/ Subcommittee 9 (Microbiology)/Working Group 13 / Document No. 140 on the standard "Coagulase-Positive Staphylococci" (9<sup>th</sup> May).