

COVID-19 SERO-SURVEILLANCE



ICMR-NIN teams headed by Dr. A. Laxmaiah, Scientist-G & HoD, Public Health conducted COVID-19 Sero-Surveillance in two phases from 8th-12th & 21st-24th Jan.

72nd REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS (26th Jan)

Dr. Hemalatha, Director unfurled the National Flag and addressed the staff. In recognition of the exemplary services rendered in the fight against COVID19 pandemic, some regular & outsourcing staff were awarded prizes.





Dr. A. Laxmaiah, Scientist-G, and Dr. Sudip Ghosh, Scientist-F received awards from the Director Dr. Hemalatha as a token of appreciation for their services during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Director Dr. Hemalatha released Micronutrient Calendar (Telugu) developed by NICHE Division

The following staff of various divisions of NIN received prizes from the Director as a token of appreciation for the services rendered during COVID-19 pandemic.



Mr.V.Kondiah; Mr.G.Mahendra; Mr.D.Venkatesh; Mr.Danawath Saida; Mr.C.Chandra Mouli; Mr.B.V.Sudershan Babu; Mr.G.Tatanand; Mr.B.Narasimha; Mr. Narsingh Rao; Mr.N.Ashok Kumar; Mr. Ramchander; Mr.S.Naresh Kumar; Mr. Shanti Kumar; Mr.Elaiah; Mr.Ganapathy; Mr.P.Srinivas Rao; Mr. Mahender; Mr. T.Suresh; Mr.P.H. Sudhakar Rao; Mr.B.K Prasad; Mr.P.Srinivas Rao; Mr.A.Ramanarayana; Mr.M.Raja Sekhar; Mr. S.C.Obiahya

Ms. N. Himaja, Mr. Narendra Babu and Ms. L. Bidalakshmi received certificates for completion of their PhDs from the institute.
Ms. Paromita Banerjee received Best Research Scholar Award.



Dr. N. Harishankar, Dr. Uma Chitra, Ms. Richa Pandey received prizes for "Best Speaker" on the topic "Atma Nirbhar Bharat" in a 3-minute speech competition conducted last year.



M.Sc. students of Applied Nutrition and Sports Nutrition Ms. Uma Maheshwari, Ms. M. Krishnaveni and Ms.Zehra Fatima received prizes from the Director as winners of the "Best e-Poster" and "Best Creative Writing" competition conducted during the National Nutrition Week-2020.



CELEBRATION OF NEW YEAR 2021

ICMR-NIN family welcomed the new year with the customary cake cutting and new year message by Dr. Hemalatha R, Director. This was followed by the virtual address by Dr. Balram Bhargava, Secretary, DHR and DG Indian Council of Medical Research.



The New BSL-II/III facility in our Institute inaugurated virtually by Prof. Balram Bhargava, Secretary, DHR and DG, Indian Council of Medical Research. This labs will be useful in conducting challenge studies, cultures of BSL3 microorganisms and to test efficacy of nutrients and new compounds (7th Jan).



WEBINARS ORGANIZED / PARTICIPATED

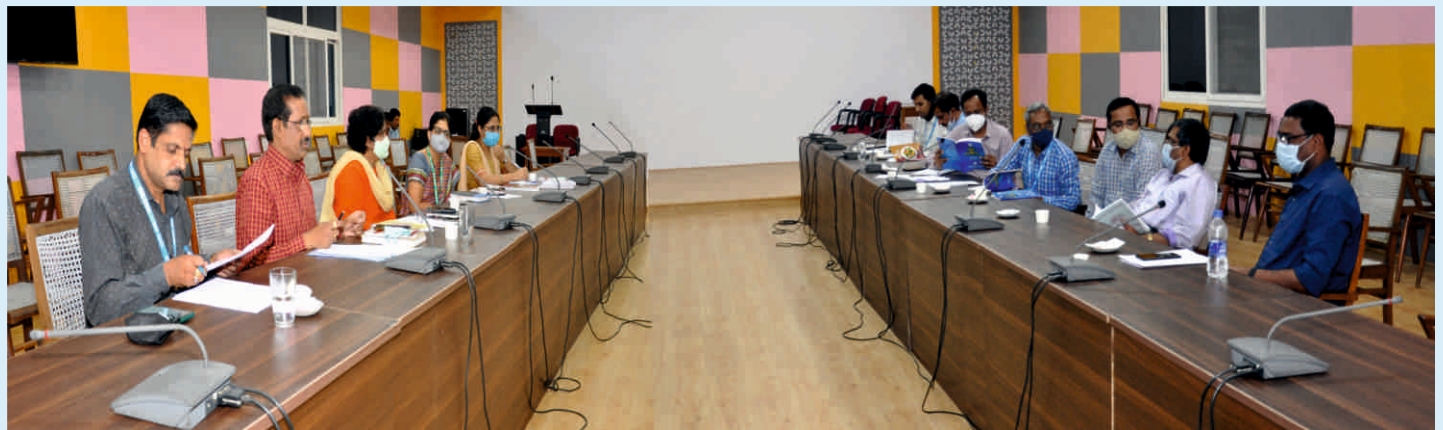
“We Value” – A training workshop on Shared Values Technique under Action Against Stunting Hub project conducted by Clinical and NICHE Divisions (11th-13th Jan).



ICMR-NIN and FOGSI (Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaec. Society of India), in association with UNICEF organizing a monthly, technical webinar series “Maternal Nutrition technical E-dialogues” with the theme “Strengthening maternal nutrition assessment and services in ante-natal care in India”. The first webinar of the series conducted on the topic “Maternal Thinness” (29th Jan).



REVIEW MEETING ON REVISION OF NIN PUBLICATIONS



Dr. M. Maheshwar, Scientist-E & HoD, Extension & Training conducted a review meeting with the Experts/ Scientists of the institute for updating the existing publications of NIN (28th Jan).

Dr. Hemalatha R, Director

- Attended launch of Hyderabad Cluster by Hon'ble Minister, K. T. Rama Rao (8th Jan).
- Provided inputs as a Member for devising strategy for targeted approach for Vitamin A supplementation in under-five children (12th Jan).
- Participated as an Expert committee member, reviewed the work under the study, “Establishment of Nutrition Surveillance System in selected States in India” (13th Jan).
- Attended First Technical Expert Group Meeting to examine State-wise findings from NFHS-5 pertaining to C-Section, Anaemia, Stunting and malnutrition related indicators (14th Jan).
- Participated in 2nd meeting on 'In-depth analyses on prevalence, incidence and risk factors of wasting among under five children in India' (15th Jan).
- Participated in the discussion regarding UNICEF supported projects with Dr. Kyati, UNICEF (18th Jan).
- Attended 2nd meeting of National Steering Committee under NetSCoFAN (Network for Scientific Co-operation for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition), organized by Food and Safety, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (20th Jan).

- Participated in the first Meeting of Nutrition Survey committee on Nutrition surveys in India as Chairperson, organized by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (20th Jan).
- Attended 9th Meeting of Executive Committee of POSHAN Abhiyaan organized by Ministry of Women and Child Development, New Delhi (22nd Jan).
- Chaired the session on 'Dietary Diversity, Nutrition and Food Safety' in the “National Dialogue on Indian Agriculture towards 2030: Pathways for Enhancing Farmers, Income, Nutritional Security and Sustainable Food Systems”, organized by Food and Agriculture Organization (22nd Jan).
- Attended Fourth meeting of the Scientific Sub-Committee under the National Technical Board on Nutrition (SSC-NTBN), organized by Department of Biotechnology (27th Jan).
- Participated in the meeting to discuss on NFHS-V findings and nutrition interventions to address malnutrition issues among children, women and adolescent girls, organized by Department of Women Development and Child Welfare, Hyderabad (28th Jan).
- Delivered opening remarks at the “Strengthening Maternal Nutrition Assessment and services in antenatal care in India” organized by The Federation of Obstetric & Gynecological Societies of India (29th Jan).
- Participated in the announcement of Glenmark Nutrition Awards organized by Glenmark Foundation in association with UN World Food Programme as Knowledge partners and RISE Infinity Foundation as Process Partners (29th Jan).

Dr. M. Maheshwar, Scientist E

- Participated as a coordinating committee member in a webinar on “Rural Primary Health” organized by Council for Green Revolution & Family Planning Association of India, Hyderabad (19th Jan).

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- Participated in monthly technical webinar on "Maternal Nutrition Technical E-dialogues" with the theme "Strengthening Maternal Nutrition Assessment and Antenatal Care Services in India" organized by NIN in partnership with UNICEF and other organizations (29th Jan).

Dr. Uma Chitra, Consultant (M.Sc. AN)

- Presented in a webinar on “COVID-19: Importance of nutrition in supporting immunity” organized by the AP Human Resource Development Institute (APHRDI) (7th Jan).

SPECIAL EVENT

Dr. YELLAPRAGADA SUBBAROW BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS (12th Jan)



Scientists and staff of Extension & Training and NIN-MYAS paid floral tributes to the statue of Dr. Yellapragada SubbaRow, the *Wizard of Wonder Drugs*, on the occasion of his 126th Birth Anniversary on 12th January.

STAFF NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Dr. SubbaRao GM**, Scientist E & Head, NICHE Division on being elected as the Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) in the Social Sciences Section.

PAPERS PUBLISHED / ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

- P Amruth Rao, Sreevennela Rao, Kavanashri NP and Devi CH V R. Effect of probiotic curd (Indian *dahi*) supplementation in delaying the progression of pre-diabetes *diabetes mellites-A* pilot study. International Journal of diabetes & Metabolic Disorders. Published: 21 Jan 2021, vol 6, issue 1, pp 136-139. www. opastonline. Com.
- Adivitiya, Manish Singh Kaushik , Soura Chakraborty, Shobi Veleri and Suneel Kateriya, Mucociliary Respiratory Epithelium Integrity in Molecular Defense and Susceptibility to Pulmonary Viral Infections. Biology 2021, 10, 95. <https://doi.org/10.3390/biology10020095>.

JOURNAL CLUB

Ms. Yvette Wilda Jyrwa of Biochemistry Division presented paper titled "Studies on the bioavailability of iron from fortified foods" (29 Jan).



RETIREMENT

- We bid farewell to the following staff members on the eve of their retirement on attaining superannuation.



Dr. Vijayalaxmi Venkatesan
Scientist G



Dr. S. Hemalatha
Senior Technical Officer

A few English words and their Hindi equivalents

Breach of agreement	करार भंग	Breach of confidence	विश्वास भंग
Breach of contract	संविदा भंग	Breach of discipline	अनुशासन भंग
Breach of law	विधि भंग	Breach of peace	शांति भंग
Breach of privilege	विशेषाधिकार भंग	Breach of promise	वचन भंग
Breach of Rule	नियम भंग	Breach of trust	विश्वास भंग

- सफाई अपनाएं - बीमारी हटाएं
- सभी रोगों की एक दवाई - घर घर में रखो सफाई
- Clean India Beautiful India
- Cleanliness should not be foreseen for it brings hygiene