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### ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR NEWLY RECRUITED STAFF

ICMR-NIN conducted a 2-days orientation programme for the newly joined permanent employees on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> April. The programme began with speech of the Director Dr. Hemalatha. Scientists, HoDs, Senior Technical Officers and Administration officers addressed the newly joined staff and gave orientation on topics like Good Laboratory Practices, Waste Disposal, Animal Ethics, Fire Safety, Vigilance Awareness, Cyber Awareness, Work Ethics, Code of Conduct, Leaves, CGHS, PoSH Act, etc. This was followed by visits to various labs and divisions of the institute. Dr. M. Maheshwar, Scientist-F, HoD-ET division and Dr. C. Suresh, Scientist-F, HoD-Cell Biology division coordinated the programme.







Glimpses of  
Orientation  
Programme to  
newly recruited  
staff



# Congratulations

## Dr. CHALLA SURESH

Dr. Challa Suresh, Scientist F & HoD, Cell Biology and Coordinator, AcSIR, ICMR-NIN Awarded with **Fellow of Telangana Academy of Sciences (FTAS)** by the premier scientific body Telangana Academy of Sciences (TAS) for the year 2022 (Awarded in the year 2024).



## JOURNAL CLUB

### Dr. Kadiyam Jayachandra,

Scientist B, Dept of Maternal and Child Health Nutrition has delivered a guest lecture on “Disasters and challenges of food security across the world”(26<sup>th</sup> April).



### Ms. Santhoshi Vani Akkenapally

presented her PhD plan-cum-progress work on “Studies of Th2 cytokines and micronutrients in Asthma”.

Guide: Dr. G. Bhanuprakash Reddy (5<sup>th</sup> April).



## SPECIAL EVENT

ICMR-NIN celebrated 133<sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar & 117<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram were on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Guest of Honour Prof. C. Kaseem, Professor, University College of Arts and Social Sciences, Osmania University, Hyderabad and the Director Dr. Hemalatha R, Dr. G. Bhanuprakash Reddy, Scientist G & Head, Division of Biochemistry spoke on the occasion. Dr. N. Arlappa, Scientist G & SC/ST Liaison Officer, Convener Shri. S. Laxman, Co-Conveners Shri. M. Asai Thurai & Mr. G. Satyapaul; General Secretary Shri. K. Harinarayana, SC/ST Association, NIN were also present.





## SPORTS AND GAMES AT NIN

Director Dr. Hemalatha R inaugurated the Table Tennis court room at NIN. Dr. C. Sai Ram, Scientist E & Convenor, Sports Committee, Dr. M. Maheshwar, Scientist-F, HoD-ET division & Convenor, Maintenance, Dr. Raju Naik, Scientist D, Dr. Veerendra Panpatil, Senior Technical Officer & Member, Sports Committee & Co-convenor, Cultural and Art Committee and Dr. M. Satyavani, PTO, participated in the ceremony.



As part of NIN Annual Day Celebrations, the institute conducted various sports and cultural events. Over 20 different activities, ranging from cricket, volleyball, *kabaddi*, badminton, discus throw, javelin throw, and more, to singing, dance, and quizzes. These activities were open to all the permanent and project staff members, research scholars, and students of the institute, with categories for different age groups and genders. Dr. Hemalatha R, Director, seen inaugurating Badminton and Carrom competitions.



NIN Annual Day  
Glimpses of  
Sports/games  
competitions





## WEBINARS/ MEETINGS ORGANIZED/ PARTICIPATED

### Dr. HEMALATHA R, Director

- Attended a meeting to discuss the issues related to anaemia, organized by ICMR and NITI Aayog (2<sup>nd</sup> April).
- Conducted an induction training programme to the newly recruited technical staff (3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April).
- Attended a meeting with ICMR anemia proposal discussion relating to elaboration of the proposal with regard to sampling strategy of DABS-I study, organized by ICMR (12<sup>th</sup> April).
- Participated in a conclave to review and discuss the performance of Model Rural Health Research Units (MHRHUs), organized by Department of Health Research, New Delhi (16<sup>th</sup> April).
- Participated in a meeting on request from Almond Board of California, USA to discuss potential collaborative research opportunities on almond nutrition (18<sup>th</sup> April).
- Attended DABS-I study meeting with State coordinators to discuss the progress of Phases-I, II & III (18<sup>th</sup> April).
- Attended Dr. Ambedkar birthday celebrations at NIN (19<sup>th</sup> April).
- Attended DABS-I meeting with ICMR (26<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April).

### Dr. SUBBARAO M GAVARAVARAPU

- Delivered keynote address virtually in a consultation on "Front-of-Pack Labeling (FOPL): Relevance and Practice" organized by the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) and Resolve to Save Lives (RTSL) held at IEG, New Delhi (4<sup>th</sup> April).
- Participated in the online meeting of the Expert Committee on National Priority Research Project on "Improving population healthcare-seeking and community engagement for prevention and control of Non-Communicable Diseases Care in India", organized by ICMR (4<sup>th</sup> April).
- Chaired the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Panel on Labelling and Claims/Advertisement of Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at FDA Bhavan, New Delhi (5<sup>th</sup> April).
- Participated virtually in the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Food Hygiene, Safety Management and Other Systems Sectional Committee, FAD 15 of Bureau of Indian Standards conducted in Hybrid Mode (15<sup>th</sup> April).
- Attended the International Workshop as a part of the ongoing Indo-German Collaborative Project "NutriAIDE-Building Smart Food Environments" held at the Institute of Human Nutrition, Berlin, Germany (18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> April).
- Invited as a Speaker to deliver a talk on "Sustaining health through regulations in Advertising and Marketing of HFSS Foods in India" as part of SYMHEALTH National Health Conference Organized by Symbiosis International University, Pune on the theme "Stakeholder Engagement Conference on Sustainable Healthcare Systems for Population and Planet Health" (26<sup>th</sup> April).

### Dr. SHOBI VELERI

- Delivered an invited lecture entitled "Role of nutrition in development and performance," in the continuing education program on "Fueling soldier performance: A holistic approach" held on 24-26<sup>th</sup> April, at Defense Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences, DRDO, Ministry of Defense, Timarpur Delhi.

### Dr. VAKDEVI VALIDANDI

- Attended a roundtable meeting on 'Lead Poisoning in Andhra Pradesh -Telangana: Challenges and Way Forward' in Hyderabad on 29<sup>th</sup> April, organized by Pahle India Foundation (PIF).



## PAPER PUBLISHED/ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

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