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International Women's Day 2023

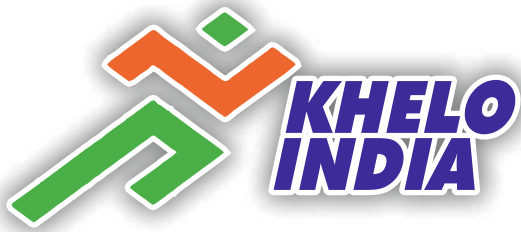
On the occasion of International Women's Day 2023, Prof. Beena Chintalapuri, Former Registrar of Osmania University shared her experiences in reforming prisoners as part of *Unnati* Programme of Telangana Government & Ms. Rachana Waddepalli, Advocate, Telangana High Court elucidated services to village of widows & case studies in Embracing Equity. Dr. Hemalatha R, Director, NIN felicitated these women achievers and change makers. Dr. Sylvia F Rao, Scientist E, ET Division presided the function (8th March).



ACADEMIC

Extension & Training Division successfully conducted 59th batch of annual certificate program PG Certificate Course in Nutrition (PGCCN)-2023 and the valedictory function was held on 24th March. Yet another group of nutrition ambassadors trained in this annual programme. Group photo of the trained candidates along with Director Dr.Hemalatha R and the faculty.





Extension & Training Division organized a series of sports activities as a part of the *KheLoIndia* proposed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GoI. The celebrations of International Women's Day are extended to include sports events to empower women through sports programme, a walkathon was flagged-off by Dr. Hemalatha, Director. Also women employees and students participated in various sports namely Shot put, Yoga & Meditation, Throw ball, Badminton, Relay run and Zumba dance programme (16th to 24th March).



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



Dr. Hemalata R, Director, ICMR-NIN and Prof. Jagannatha Rao, Pro-Chancellor, KLU seen with signed MoU between two organisations for collaboration of research and academic activities, at NIN. Dr.M.Maheshwar, HoD, ET Division & Dr.C.Suresh, Convener, Academic Curriculum committee are also seen (9th March).



An MoU was signed with FQRNutritech, Pune a start-up developing software platform to bring benefits of nutrition science in the hands of every citizen. NIN would be to provide evidence based inputs on food and nutrition (4th March).

WEBINARS/ MEETINGS ORGANIZED/ PARTICIPATED

An E-dialogue series on “Lets Fix Our Food” was held with an aim to Advance India's Young People's Right to Healthy Foods and Healthy Food Environments on 31st March. The 6th E-dialogue in the series was on 'Priorities in Nutrition Education for School Children'. Organized by ICMR-NIN in collaboration with UNICEF India, NITI Aayog, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), Deakin University, Global Health Advocacy Incubator, World Food Programme, International Food Policy Research Institute, YuWaah and World Health Organization (WHO).



Dr. HEMALATA R, Director

- Presented the current report on Front of Pack Nutrition Labelling (FoPNL) to CEO, FSSAI, organized by FSSAI, New Delhi (2nd March).
- Attended Post Budget Webinar on Medical Research, organized by Department of Health Research, New Delhi (6th March).
- Special Address as Chief Guest on the occasion of International Women's Day Celebrations, as part of 'One Week One Lab' campaign, organized by CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad (8th March).
- Attended 4th meeting of Senior Management Team (SMT) of ICMR, organized by DGs Office, ICMR (15th March).
- Attended virtual meeting to discuss the concept proposal “Evaluation of effectiveness of iron fortified rice supplied through the public distribution system to reduce the burden of anemia in India” with DG, ICMR, organized at ICMR (18th March).
- Attended as Member, the meeting of Search-cum-Selection Committee under National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NHACP) Act, 2021 to recommend names for appointment of Chairperson, Vice-chairperson and the Secretary of NHACP, organized by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (20th March).
- Attended the National Consultation on Anaemia, organized by NITI Aayog (17th, 20th and 21st March).
- Attended a virtual meeting with Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) to discuss the action plan and tentative agenda for National Seminar on Rice Fortification, organized by DFPD, New Delhi (24th March).
- Delivered a welcome address at the 6th E-dialogue Series “Priorities in Nutrition Education for School Age Children”, organized by ICMR-NIN and UNICEF (31st March).

Dr. G. BHANUPRAKASH REDDY

- As a member of Scientific Panel, attended the 21st meeting of FSSAI Scientific Panel on Nutrition and Fortification (23rd March).

Dr. PADMAJA JONNALAGADDA

- Attended the 76th meeting of the FSSAI panel on Pesticide Residues after its reconstitution at FDA Bhavan, FSSAI, New Delhi (22nd March).

Dr. SUDIP GHOSH

- Attended symposium on "Opportunities for frontier research collaborations by the Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP)" held at CDFD, Hyderabad.
- Attended Eleventh meeting of Medical Biotechnology and Nanotechnology Sectional Committee, MHD 20 virtually held at BIS, New Delhi (29th March).

Dr. SUBBARAO MGAVARAVARAPU

- Attended a virtual meeting with CEO of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India to present the results of the study titled 'Assessing Effectiveness of Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labels (FOPNL) for Pre-Packaged Processed Foods in India - A study on Formats, Acceptability and Potential Use' (2nd March).
- Attended First meeting of the Expert Committee to review comments received and other matters related to FOPNL held virtually (2nd March).
- Chaired the 45th Meeting of the Scientific Panel on "Labelling and Claims/ Advertisements (SP-08) at FSSAI, New Delhi (24th March).
- Organised special guest lecture on "Challenges and opportunities for policy actions to improve population diets globally" on World Obesity Day (4th March).
- Attended 'Assessing drivers of food choice at the individual and household levels in South Asia: A methods' organised under "Transforming Agrifood Systems in South Asia" (TAFSSA), the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and University of South Carolina (USC) at Dhaka, Bangladesh (14-16th March).
- Invited as an expert member in the virtual workshop on "Content Preparation for Annual Training Calendar for the year 2023-24" by the Extension Education Institute, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt of India, Hyderabad (27th March).
- Organised and moderated the Sixth E-dialogue under Let'sFixOurFood initiative on 'Priorities in Nutrition Education for School Age Children' (31st March).

Dr. DEVRAJ. JP

- Attended "Media and Advocacy Training" organized by ICMR- National Institute of Traditional Medicine, Belagavi & Division of Research Management, Policy, Planning and Coordination (RMPPC), ICMR, New Delhi in collaboration with Global Health strategies, New Delhi held at NITM, Belagavi (20th - 21st March).
- Invited as a speaker to talk on Health Benefits of Millets during "Millets Conference -2023, The Future Super food for the World" Hyderabad. organized ASSOCHAM, Novatel Hyderabad (24th March).

Dr. RAJA SRISWAN MAMIDI

- Gave an invited talk on "Nutrition challenges in North-East India" and participated as a panel member on "Health & Well-being theme" in Bodoland International Festival, organized by Bodoland University, Assam (1st March).
- Invited as study collaborator and chairperson to participate in a two days COE Network meeting organized by NCOE, Kalawati Saran Children Hospital, New Delhi (16th & 17th March).
- Participated in a virtual RAC meeting as ICMR mentor for MDRU, Gandhi Medical College, Hyderabad (18th March).

Dr. HEMANT MAHAJAN

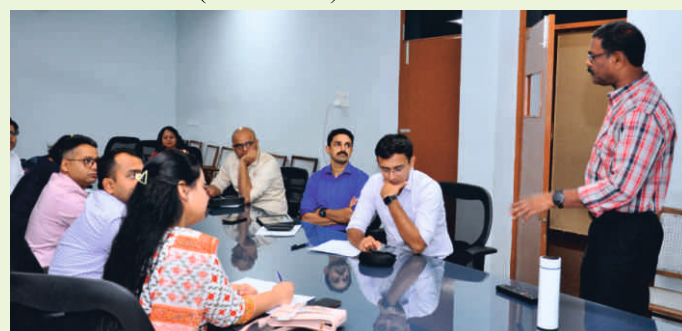
- Delivered a guest lecture on 'Nutrition Support in Tuberculosis' at Continuing Professional Development (CPD/CME) and the theme of the CPD/CME: Tuberculosis-Recent Advances' held at Kakatiya Medical College, Hanamakonda (17th March).

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

An interactive session with Para Athletes from the Aditya Mehta Foundation, Hyderabad, and M.Sc Sports Nutrition students was conducted in YSR Academic Block, ET Division. Dr. K. Venkatesh, Scientist E coordinated the event (29th March).



Dr. Arlappa, Scientist F & HoD, Division of Public Health delivered a talk on "Current Nutrition Scenario in India" in a One-day interactive session with a team of 12 MD Post-Graduate Community Medicine Students from the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune. The "Triple Burden of Malnutrition in India" was explained using NNMB and NNMS datasets (31st March).



CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. PADMAJA JONNALAGADDA

Selected as a member of Scientific Panel on “Pesticides Residues (SP-02) of Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)” for a 3-year term 2023-26.



Dr. SUBBARAO M. GAVARAVARAPU

Elected as the Chairperson of the Scientific Panel on Labelling and Claims/ Advertisements (SP-08) of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), New Delhi for a period of 3 years 2023-26.



JOURNAL CLUB



Dr. KATHRYN BACKHOLER, Prof and Co-Director, Global Centre for Preventive Health and Nutrition (GLOBE) Institute for Health Transformation, School of Health and Social Development, Public Health Association of Australia and **Mr. OLIVER HUSE**, PhD student, Global centre for Preventive Health and Nutrition (GLOBE) Deakin University's in Victoria, Australia delivered guest lectures on “Challenges and opportunities for policy action to improve population diets globally” (3rd March).



Ms. Paromita Banerjee (ICMR-SRF) delivered her PhD final presentation “Promoting nutrition and health of corporate employees with workplace intervention - A study using communication for behavioral impact (COMBI) approach” (31st March).

Ms. Ankita Mondal

(UGC-SRF) delivered her PhD final presentation on “An integrated intervention using house-hold food preservation technology and nutrition education to improve dietary intakes across seasons in rural women” (31st March).



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STAFF NEWS

Retirement

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



Mr. R. SAHADEVA
Senior Technician-2
Transport Department



Mr. T. GOVIND
Laboratory Assistant
Srikantia Guest House