

WEBINARS/ MEETINGS ORGANIZED/ PARTICIPATED

THE FIRST ICMR-NIN TULPULE AWARDS PRESENTED

- **Dr. Bharati Kulkarni**, Scientist-F & HoD, Clinical Division and **Dr. Paras Sharma**, Scientist C, Food Chemistry Division were honored with the First ICMR-NIN Tulpule awards for their contributions to nutrition and health sciences. Dr. Hemalatha R, Director presented "Dr. PG TULPULE ORATION AWARD" to Dr. Bharati Kulkarni and "Smt. MALATI TULPULE AWARD" to Dr. Paras Sharma in an august ceremony attended by Scientists and senior officials of NIN on 22 December, 2022. The awardees received a silver plaque each and a citation along with a cash prize. The Awards were Instituted by ICMR with generous donation from the Pune-based Tulpule family in honour of Dr. PG Tulpule, former Director of NIN (1980-83) & his late wife Mrs. Malati Tulpule to encourage mid and senior level scientists as well as young researchers, scholars and fellows. Dr. Bharati Kulkarni, the winner in the senior category delivered the PG Tulpule oration on the 'Triple burden of malnutrition in India and the critical role of body composition'.



JOURNAL CLUB



Mr. Dinesh Yadav (ICMR-SRF), NIN- Animal Facility, presented a paper titled "Understanding Genetic Obesity via a Comparative Analysis of differences with Diet Induced Obesity in a rat model" (3rd Dec).



Ms. Paromita Banerjee (ICMR-SRF), Bio-chemistry Division, presented a paper titled "Promoting Nutrition and Health of Corporate Employees with Workplace Intervention- A study using Communication for Behavioral Impact (COMBI) approach" (10th Dec).

India International Science Festival (IISF) -2021

- Curtain Raiser Event of the India International Science Festival (IISF) -2021 on "History of Science and Science in History of Telangana" organized in association with Vigyan Bharati Telangana on 6th Dec.



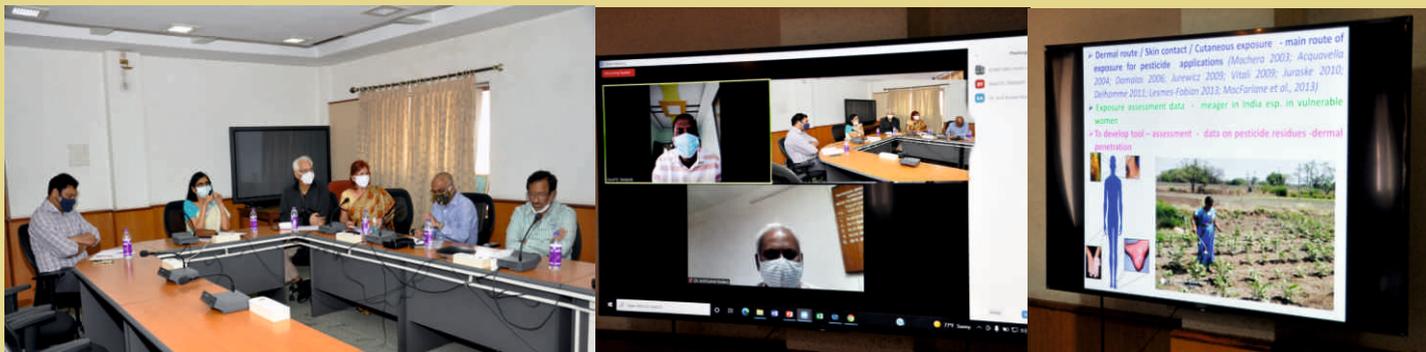
New batch of Post-graduate courses commenced

- Orientation program for fresh batch students of 2-year Post-Graduate course in MSc (Applied Nutrition) and MSc (Sports Nutrition) for the year 2021-23 was held on 3rd Dec. Dr. Hemalatha R, Director welcomed the students. Dr. Bharati Kulkarni, Scientist F & Chairperson MYAS-NIN; Dr. M. Maheshwar, Scientist E & Member Secretary, MYAS-NIN; Dr. JJ Babu, Scientist F & Convener, Students Hostel Committee; Dr. C. Suresh, Scientist F, Member (Academic) and Dr. Sylvia F Rao, Scientist D & Member, Anti-ragging committee briefed the students.



LPAC Meeting held

- Local Programme Advisory Committee (LPAC) of DST-SEED Division and Skill Development Council (SDC) meeting held on 17th Dec under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Avil Kumar, Director of Research, Water Technology Center, Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU), Dr. Hemalatha R, Director, welcomed the experts of the committee.



Dr. Hemalatha R, Director

- Delivered welcome and inaugural address at the 'Curtain Raiser Event' of India International Science Festival-2021 on 'History of Science' & 'Science in History' of Telangana, organized by ICMR-NIN in association with Vijnana Bharati, Telangana (6th Dec).
- Virtual meeting with Commissioner, WD&CWD, Telangana and Principal Secretary to Govt. WCD, Andhra Pradesh to discuss 'Modification of Balamrutham and Balamrutham plus recipes' (10th Dec).
- Participated online in the ISHTA 2021 'International Symposium on Health Technology Assessment' (10th Dec).
- Attended the first meeting of Task Force for Nutra Sector, organized by Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to Govt and CSIR (10th Dec).
- Attended WHO consultation on the Integrated Implementation of effective interventions to prevent LBW outcomes within programs, organized by WHO (13th-15th Dec).
- Meeting with FAO officials to discuss further continuation of the project "Strengthening Capacities for Nutrition – Sensitive Agriculture and Food Systems" including piloting of the ENACT course in some of the universities of our country (15th Dec).
- Attended a meeting on Anaemia Estimation method for NFHS-6, organized by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi (15th Dec).
- Invited as Guest Speaker on "National Nutrition Programmes and Policies" at the 2nd Annual Edition of the Economic Times Delivering Nutrition Summit, organized by Times of India (16th Dec).
- Attended pre-budget consultation meeting in 'Social Sector' with Hon'ble Finance Minister to solicit ideas and suggestions for the Union Budget 2022-23 (18th Dec).
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting of the 'Nutrition Society of India (NSI)' held at the Director's Chamber, ICMR-NIN, Hyderabad (20th Dec).

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- Participated as an observer in the Delivering for Nutrition in South Asia: Implementation Research in the Context of COVID-19 organised by the International Food Policy Research Centre (IFPRI), (1-2nd Dec).
- Took part in the meeting of the Consultative Council of the Akshaya Patra Foundation (3rd Dec).
- Participated as a scientific panel member in the 38th meeting of the Scientific Panel on Labelling & Claims/ Advertisements held virtually (6th Dec).
- Invited as a special guest to deliver a talk on Nutrition Communication and Informatics in the webinar on Relevance and Scope of Nutrition Informatics in India organised by Foundation of Healthcare Technologies Society, New Delhi (11th Dec).

- Participated in the Meeting of the Nodal Communication Officers in All Regional Communication Hubs meeting of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) (14th Dec).
- Participated as a Scientific panel member in the 39th meeting of the Scientific Panel on Labelling & Claims/ Advertisements scheduled to be held virtually (16th Dec).
- Invited to speak on “Making Nutrition Communication LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment) Sensitive” in the Webinar on Food and Nutrition Security for LIFE organised by the Dept. of Food Science and Nutrition, Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore in association with Nutrition Society of India (23rd Dec).
- Invited for an online discussion on the project titled “Strengthening Capacities for Nutrition-sensitive Agriculture and Food Systems” to provide oversight as an expert member in the project related activities in ICMAR-Manage, ICMR-NIN and NIRD (14th Dec).
- Invited to the online consultation on Devising the Agri-Nutrition Roadmap for the Government of India organised by Transforming Rural India Foundation (TIRF), Price Waterhouse Coopers and ICMAR (24th Dec).

Dr. B. Santosh Kumar

- Nominated by the Director and attended as a part of Indian Delegation at 42nd session of Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU42) (19th Nov to 1st Dec).

Dr. K. Rajender Rao

- Invited to deliver a talk on “Genome analysis and DNA markers” during a one-day National Seminar (WEBINAR) on Cutting Edge Tools in Biotechnology (CETB), organized by Departments of Biotechnology, Telangana University, Telangana, India (3rd Dec).

PAPERS PUBLISHED/ ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

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STAFF NEWS

Retirement

We bid farewell to **Mr. Rajagopala Chary** Accounts Officer on the eve of his retirement on attaining superannuation.



Hearty congratulations to the students of MSc for winning the short video film contest on Nutrition & Health as part of National Nutrition month celebrations, September 2021. The winners are Ms. K. Prashanthi, Ms. Prerana B, Ms. Anjali Singh, Ms. Harshada Khare, Ms. Pehlari Noorjahan Munir Ahmed, Ms. Kanishka Upadhyay, Ms. Akankshya Satapathy, Ms. Priyanka, Ms. Vishnupriya Vida, Ms. Madhuri Madhunala, Ms. Uma Maheshwari, Ms. Hiranya Sri, Ms. Aparna Chaudhary, Ms. G Sangeetha Sree & Ms. J Lavanya.