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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It is with great pleasure that we are presenting the Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute (VPCI) Newsletter to you for the period July - December 2021.

The VPCI celebrated the 75th Independence Day, Vigilance Awareness Week, Constitution day during this period.

Inauguration of the National Reference Laboratory of Antimicrobial resistance in Fungal Pathogen, CME on Pharmacovigilance, National Workshop on Biomedical Research Methods, were some of the academic events organized.



The Institute celebrated the 75th Independence Day, Vigilance Awareness Week and Constitution day.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director congratulates the VPCI faculty, staff and students on their achievements and wishes them all the very best in all their future endeavors.

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Independence Day Celebration- 15th August, 2021



Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute celebrated the 75th Independence Day on 15th August 2021 at VPCI premises. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director of the institute hoisted the flag. VPCI staff and students were present at the occasion. The program ended with the distribution of sweets among the people present.

Felicitation of Housekeeping staff & Ward Boys- 2nd September, 2021



On 2nd September, 2021 Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute felicitated all Housekeeping staff and Ward Boys of the Institute for rendering meritorious service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mementoes & certificates of appreciation were distributed to them.



National Workshop on Biomedical Research Methods - 2nd to 5th September, 2021

The National Workshop on Biomedical Research Methods was organized in Virtual Mode by Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute (VPCI), University of Delhi, Delhi from September 2nd to 5th, 2021. It covered important topics pertaining to Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Research Methodology. Eminent faculty from reputed institutions were invited to deliver the sessions. Dr Ravi Shankar N. was the organizing Secretary of the event.

Meeting with VPCI staff involved in COVID-19 duty-10th September 2021



Prof. Raj Kumar, Director, conducted a meeting with VPCI staff involved in conducting sample collection and RTPCR testing related to COVID – 19 patients on 10th September, 2021 at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium of the Institute. The Director commended the VPCI staff for their sincere and selfless work during the COVID–19 Pandemic.

Inauguration of National Reference Laboratory for Antimicrobial Resistance in Fungal Pathogen- 13th September 2021



The National Reference Laboratory of Antimicrobial Resistance in Fungal Pathogen, under National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (NAP-AMR), GOI, was inaugurated by Prof. V S Chauhan, Chairman GB, VP Chest Institute on 13th September, 2021 in the Medical Mycology Department under the Nodal Officer, Dir.Prof Anuradha Chowdhary. All faculties, Students and Research Scholars attended the programme.

Prize Distribution Ceremony-15th September 2021



VP Chest Institute organized a “Prize Distribution Ceremony” on 15th September, 2021 at 03:00 PM in the Seminar Hall of Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium of the institute to felicitate winners of Painting and Essay writing Competition during observance of Swachhta Pakhwara 2021 from 1st to 15th April, 2021. In Painting competition, First Prize was awarded to Ms. K.S.H Nandita Devi, Ms. Binessaria Benoy, Ms. Sazia Parveen.

CME on Pharmacovigilance - a step towards patients safety- 20th & 21st September, 2021



The CME on Pharmacovigilance- a step towards patients safety was organized by the Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre of Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute on 21st September, 2021 at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium. This was a part of observance of National Pharmacovigilance week under the aegis of Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, NCC, Pharmacovigilance Programme of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India from 17th – 23rd September, 2021. On 20th September 2021, Prof. Kavita Gulati, provided Hands on Training to fill Suspected ADR Form for Nurses at VPCI.

Vigilance Awareness Week- 26th October to 1st November, 2021



The Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute observed Vigilance Awareness week with the theme “Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance With Integrity” during 26th October to 1st November, 2021. The faculty members, students and staff of the institute participated in this event and took the pledge.

Felicitation of Prof. Digambar Behera, on award of Padma Shri- 9 November 2021



The Institute organized a “Felicitation Ceremony” in respect of Prof. (Dr.) Digambar Behera, Chairman, Scientific Advisory Committee, VPCI and Chairman, Institutional Human Ethics Committee, VPCI on 9th November 2021 on award of the Padma Shri by the President of India in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the field of Medicine. The event was held in the Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium of the Institute.

Celebration of Constitution Day -26th November 2021



The VPCI, Director, staff and students celebrated the Samvidhan Diwas (Constitution Day) on 26th November 2021. This event was organized to commemorate the day of adoption of our Constitution. The Hon’ble President of India led the celebration of Constitution day live from the Central Hall of Parliament and read out the preamble to the Constitution. All the VPCI faculty, staff and students of the Institute participated with ‘Jan Bhagidari’ in Virtual Mode at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium of VPCI as per GOI notification.

Kayakalp Team -27th & 28th December 2021



A team of assessors from National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi visited the VPCI for external assessment under Kayakalp Scheme, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for the year 2021-22 on 27th and 28th December 2021.



Felicitation of Counselors, NTQLS, VPCI



The NTQLS felicitated the three best counselors for the months of August, September and October 2021 for their standing performance, hardwork and dedication at workplace. On 24th September 2021, Dr. V.S. Chauhan, Chairman Governing Body was the Chief Guest, of the felicitation ceremony.

Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre (AMC) of Pharmacovigilance Program of India- GOI at VPCI

The Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre (AMC) at VPCI, under the Pharmacovigilance Program of India (PvPI), MoH & FW, GOI, reported 115 Individual Case Safety Reports (ICSRs) from July to December 2021 to National Coordination Centre (NCC) at Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission which was later submitted to Uppsala Monitoring Centre, Sweden through online software (Vigiflow). Out of the 115 cases, 85 were of Probable category and 30 cases were Possible category as per the WHO-UMC Causality scale.

Research Projects and Fellowships

Presently, 9 Research Projects (funded by ICMR, AYUSH, CCRUM, LSRB-DRDO and DBT), 10 Research Projects funded by MRU-DHR-MoHFW-VPCI, 01 project- funded by NTQLS-MoHFW-VPCI and 07 Research Fellowships (funded by ICMR, CSIR & DHR-MoHFW) are continuing in the institute.

Further, 01 New Project was additionally sanctioned during the period 1st July, 2021 to 31st December, 2021. The details are as follows:

Title of the New Project	Department
National Reference Laboratory for Antimicrobial Resistance in fungal pathogens	Funding Agency: NCDC Division of Medical Mycology, Department of Microbiology Dr. Anuradha Chowdhary, Nodal Officer Grant received: 53 Lakhs Date of Start: 03.09.2021

Multidisciplinary Research Unit

10 research projects are ongoing in VPCI-DHR-ICMR-MRU. 6 new projects were approved in the LRAC meeting held on date 24th September 2021. Details are as follows:

Title of the Research Projects	Department
Comparison of nutritional assessment, work productivity and quality of life in smoker & non-smoker cases of COPD	Funding Agency: VPCI-DHR-ICMR-MRU Department of Pulmonary Medicine Mentor- Dr. Raj Kumar P.I-Dr. Parul Mrigpuri Date of Start: 11 th October 2021
Prevalence of frailty in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and its correlation with disease severity and quality of life	Funding Agency : VPCI-DHR-ICMR-MRU Department of Pulmonary Medicine P.I - Dr. Nitin Goel, Co-PI- Dr. Sharmistha Dutta Date of Start: 11 th October 2021
Normal level or FENO in healthy adult population of Delhi NCR	Funding Agency: VPCI-DHR-ICMR-MRU Department of Pulmonary, Medicine P.I-Dr. Sonam Spalgais Date of Start: 11 th October 2021
Effects of Nitric Oxide Modulators on Airway inflammation, Bronchial Hyper-responsiveness and Oxidative stress in experimental model of bronchial asthma	Funding Agency: VPCI-DHR-ICMR-MRU Department of Pharmacology P.I-Prof. Kavita Gulati Date of Start: 11 th October 2021
Comparative evaluation of antioxidative potential and compositional analysis of extract from Aervalanta (linn.) withania Somnifera and Hibiscuss Rosa-sinensis	Funding Agency: VPCI-DHR-ICMR-MRU Department of Pharmacology P.I- Prof. Kavita Gulati Date of Start: 11 th October 2021
Experimental studies on the effects of UNIM- 52, a polyherbal unani formulation, on pulmonary fibrosis and its mechanisms	Funding Agency: VPCI-DHR-ICMR-MRU Department of Pharmacology P.I-Prof. Kavita Gulati Date of Start: 11 th October 2021

The staff of MRU (Dr. Vikas Kumar, Ms. Dipika Nishchal, Ms. Sanjana Tusham, Mr. Vinay Patel) attended the online workshop on “National workshop on Biomedical Research Methods” at VPCI from 2 to 5th, September 2021. Dr. Nanthini Subbiah with her team visited MRU as Kayakalp assessors on 28th December 2021.

Awards & Honors

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, was member, Advisory Committee, “Celebrating 75th year of Excellence in Higher Education and Research–Inaugural Ceremony of Platinum Jubilee’ organized by Department of Library and Information Sciences, University of Delhi on 20th July 2021.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, attended the 22nd Workshop of Allergy Testing and Immunotherapy Training Program at National Allergy Centre, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi, on 29th-31st July.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, attended the Short Term Certificate Course on Fitness Management organized by Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences in association with Dept. of Physical Education and Sports Sciences, University of Delhi, Delhi on 7th August 2021.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, attended the Online National programme on Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH) training for all State and District Nodal Officer-Climate Change (SNO-CC & DNO-CC) on 10th-13th August, 2021.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, attended the Online State Level Orientation Workshop to District Trainers of National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) on 26th August, 2021

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, was Examiner, MD (Supplementary) Practical Examination, Respiratory Medicine, SGT University, Gurugram on 15th September, 2021.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, was Member, Scientific Advisory Committee and Management Committee, New Delhi Tuberculosis Center, State TB Training & Demonstration Center, JNU, Delhi on 4th October, 2021.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, attended the Medical Committee BRAC on health awareness organized by Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, University of Delhi, Delhi on 7th October, 2021.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, tenure as Anti-Discrimination Officer, University of Delhi was extended for a period of one year w.e.f. 11th November, 2021.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, attended the World COPD Day 2021 organized by the Union South-East Asia (USEA) at New Delhi on 25th November, 2021.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, attended the 5th National Conference of Respiratory Medicine, Interventional Pulmonology and Sleep Disorders (RESPICON INDIA–2021) at Jaipur Golden Hospital and NDMC Convention Center, Connaught Place, New Delhi on 10th-12th December, 2021.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology is Member of Board of studies in Pharmacology, HIMSR and attended meeting on 14th July 2021

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology is Member for Area Advisory Board (AAB) to review courses of MSc (Nanomedicine) of Amity Centre for Nanomedicine and attended the meeting on 2nd August 2021.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was Member Expert in IHEC of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Center for Biomedical Research on 24th August 2021.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, participated in Workshop Training on Signal Detection and Assessment in Pharmacovigilance, by Regional Training Centre, Dept Clin Pharmacol & Therap, NIMS in collaboration with IPC, MHFW, PvPI (virtual), 3rd September, 2021.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, Participated in National CME Cum Workshop on Advance Course in Pharmacovigilance and Drug Safety organized by Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Ghaziabad on 18th September 2021.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, attended webinar on Patient Safety organized by Regional Training Centre for South Zone-PvPI, Deptt. of Clinical Pharmacy, JSS Medical College & Hospital, Mysuru on 23rd September 2021.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology was External examiner for BDS examination at ESIC Dental College, Guru Gobind Singh IP University, Rohini on 30th September- 1st October 2021.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, participated in AMCs Coordinator Meet on Strategies to enhance ADR reporting (virtual) on 12th November 2021.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, participated in NAMSCON-2021 held at Shatabdi Krishi Preksha Grih, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, 26th-27th November, 2021.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was awarded Fellowship of National Academy of Medical Sciences (FAMS), convocation at BHU, Varanasi on 27th November, 2021.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology was External examiner for Thesis Viva of Ms. Iram Mannan at Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences Research University (DPSRU) on 7th December 2021.



Dr. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, is Member Expert in the Project Evaluation Committee of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) during meetings on 7th July 2021, 9th August 2021 and 10th December 2021.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology was Member Expert during Advisory Committee meeting in DIPAS on 21st December 2021.

Prof. Kavita Gulati is Member Expert (Pharmacology) in IHEC of PGIMER, RML Hospital during meetings on 23.07.2021, 26.08.2021, 23.9.2021, 18.11.2021, 23.12.2021.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, was External member in BOS committee meeting of Dept. of Paramedical Sciences under Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, SGT University on 24th July, 2021.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, was Member of Editorial Board for the 98th Annual Report of the University meeting held on 5th August, 2021. In the Council Room, Vice Regal Lodge, University of Delhi.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, was External Member of Specialist Panel on Soldier Health and drug development (SH&DD), Institute of Nuclear Med and Allied Sciences Institute of (INMAS), Delhi on 15th September 2021.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, attended the Fourth DBT-BIRAC Leadership Dialogue Series Lecture titled "Leadership in the Creation of a New Scientific Endeavor: Role of a Visionary and a Missionary" on 16th September 2021.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, was Invited Faculty and gave lecture on, "Etiopathogenesis of Post-Covid fibrosis" in the Webinar organized by Microcosm Association, SGT University in collaboration with Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI) on the occasion of International Microorganism Day on 16th -17th September, 2021.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, attended the 10th Biotech Innovators Meet organized virtually by BIRAC, DBT on 28th September 2021.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, was Invited expert for pathological mechanisms of hypoxia induced ailments at high altitude by DIPAS, DRDO since 28th September 2021.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, was Member of Local Purchase Committee for Laboratory equipment and ICT infrastructure for W.U.S Health centre, University of Delhi on 14th October 2021.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, attended Online Webinar on, "International Pathology Day" organized by ICMR-National Institute of Pathology on 11th November 2021.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, attended Webinar on, "Connect to Science- Maintenance Procedure for Genomics Lab" organized by Thermofisher Scientific on 24th November, 2021

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, attended Webinar, "2021 NanoString Asia Pacific Spatial Biology Summit" organized by NanoString, Illumina on 25th -26th November 2021.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, underwent Online training on Good Clinical Laboratory Practice (GCLP) organized by the Clinical Development Services Agency (CDSA), Translational Health Science & Technology Institute (THSTI), DBT on 9, 16, 23, 30 November 2021.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, was External Committee member, Board of Research Studies meeting SGT University, Gurugram, Delhi-NCR on 23rd December 2021

Prof. Vishal Bansal, Dept. of Physiology, delivered online lecture on ‘overview on pulmonary rehabilitation & setting up of a pulmonary rehab clinic’ in “National E-conference: Chetpulmo Reahabcon-2021”, organized by Department of Respiratory Medicine, Chettinad Hospital & Research Institute, Tamil Nadu on 22nd December, 2021.

Prof. Vishal Bansal, Dept. of Physiology, edited the book and contributed three chapters in “Practical Guide For Pulmonary Rehabilitation” published by Nova Science publishers, New York, USA.



Prof. Vishwajeet Rohil Dept. of Biochemistry participated in the Faculty Enrichment Programme (FEP) on “Cutting Edge Science in Cellular and Molecular Biomedicine” organized by Amity Institute of Molecular Medicine and Stem Cell Research, Amity University, from 27th to 31st July 2021.

Prof Vishwajeet Rohil Dept. of Biochemistry underwent training on Quality Management Systems and Internal Audit as per the standard ISO 15189:2012 - Organized by Medical Education & Learning Point (MELAP), New Delhi on 8th to 11th September, 2021.

Dr. Parul Mrigpuri Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine was Felicited on Doctor’s Day by Vice Chancellor for service during Covid-19 on 1st July 2021.

Dr. Parul Mrigpuri, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine gave invited Faculty lecture on ‘Allergy and climate change’ during Virtual Training programme of State programme officials on priority Climate Sensitive Health issues under the NPCCHH Programme from 10th-13th August 2021.

Dr. Parul Mrigpuri, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine was Special invitee and observer for the online webinar events "International Day of Clean Air for blue skies" under the NPCCHH programme, MoHFW on 6th-7th September 2021.

Dr. Jayeeta Bhadra, Dept. of Biochemistry, attended the webinar, “EQAS: expert panel discussion covering various departments of Laboratory medicine & Blood Bank”; organized by Bio-Rad on 13th August, 2021.

Dr. Jayeeta Bhadra, Dept. of Biochemistry attended the virtual CME on, “Immunofluorescence: Get switched on” organized by AMBI West Bengal chapter on 14th August, 2021.

Dr. Jayeeta Bhadra, Dept. of Biochemistry, took a lecture on topic “Preparation of Research Proposal” in the “National Workshop On Biomedical Research Methods”, organized by Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, on 2nd to 5th September 2021.

Dr. Jayeeta Bhadra, Dept. of Biochemistry attended the webinar “Un-conventional QC: Implementing Appropriate QC Design Strategies in Your Lab”; organized by Labroots on 18th November, 2021.

Dr. Jayeeta Bhadra, Dept. of Biochemistry presented a scientific paper titled “Directed Remodeling of the mouse gut microbiome inhibits development of atherosclerosis” during ACBICON 2021 held virtually on 12th-15th December 2021.

Dr. Ravishankar N, Dept of Biostatistics, attended an online “Training Course on Demographic Data Analysis for Health Personnel” organized by the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi during 23rd to 25th August, 2021.

Dr. Ravishankar N, Dept of Biostatistics, completed an NPTEL Online Certification course on “Introduction to R Software” conducted by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur during July to September, 2021 (8-week course).

Dr. Ravishankar N, Dept of Biostatistics, delivered a lecture on “Hypothesis Testing and Statistical Tests” at the online workshop on “Research Methodology and Biostatistics” organized by Department of Epidemiology, The TamilNadu Dr.M.G.R Medical University during 14th to 16th September, 2021.

Dr. Ravishankar N, Dept of Biostatistics, delivered a lecture on “Meta-analysis and use of Review Manager software” at the virtual Indo-UK workshop on Systematic Review and Meta-analysis organized by Manipal college of Nursing (MCON) and IOE Social Research Institute, UCL Institute of Education, University College London, UK during 22nd to 26th September, 2021.

Dr Uma Tyagi, Librarian participated in the National Webinar on Problems & Challenges of Plagiarism Detection in Non-Unicode Fonts/Maitreyi College Library, DU on 9th August 2021.

Dr Uma Tyagi, Librarian was External Examiner/ Classification and Cataloging (Online viva-voce examination in r/o BLIE-227) IGNOU Regional Center Ranchi on 18th-19th September 2021

Dr Uma Tyagi, librarian was External Examiner-Classification and Cataloging (Online viva-voce examination in r/o BLIE-227) IGNOU Regional Center Delhi on 25th-26th September 2021.

Dr. Neha Sharma, Patient safety Pharmacovigilance Associate in AMC, VPCI attended the Online Workshop on “Signal Detection and Assessment” organized by NIMS Hyderabad under PvPI on 3rd September, 2021.

Dr. Neha Sharma, Patient safety Pharmacovigilance Associate in AMC, VPCI Attended National online workshop on “Pharmacovigilance: Demonstration of various drug safety databases” organized by NIPER Guwahati on 20th & 21st September 2021.

Dr. Neha Sharma, Patient safety Pharmacovigilance Associate in AMC, VPCI Webinar attended on topic “Patient Safety” organized by JSS Medical college & hospital Mysuru on 23rd September 2021.

Dr. Neha Sharma, Patient safety Pharmacovigilance Associate in AMC, participated in NAMSCON-2021 by National Academy of Medical sciences (NAMS) held at Shatabdi Krishi Preksha Grih, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, during 26th-27th November 2021.

Dr. Neha Sharma, Patient safety Pharmacovigilance Associate in AMC, VPCI attended the Virtual Advanced level Pharmacovigilance programme with the theme “Redefining Pharmacovigilance Research” organized by IPGMER-Kolkata under PvPI on 13th December 2021.

Dr. Neha Sharma, Patient safety Pharmacovigilance Associate in AMC, VPCI attended Webinar on basic of “Good Pharmacovigilance practices” with reference to module VI organized by Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission on 29th December 2021.

NEW APPOINTMENTS :

Sh. Omkar Nath Pandit, joined as Deputy Registrar, Administration, VPCI on 28th October, 2021.



PROMOTIONS :

Mrs. Uma Tyagi Librarian was promoted to stage-IV, Librarian w.e.f. 25th July 2015 on 13th September 2021.



SUPERANNUATION AND FAREWELL :

Sh. P.R. Santhanam Joint Registrar, Administration, retired on 31st March 2020 and was relieved from services on 27th October 2021

OBITUARY

Mr. Mahesh Chander, Havaladar, expired on 8th July 2021. He was to superannuate from his services on 31st July 2021 after completion of almost 34 years of service in VPCI.



