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It is with great pleasure that we are presenting the VPCI Newsletter to you for the period July - December 2018.

The V.P. Chest Institute welcomed Professor Raj Kumar who was appointed as permanent Director of V.P. Chest Institute

on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Many academic programmes were organized at V.P. Chest Institute during this period; ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop, Prof. A.S. Paintal Oration, Dr. V.K. Vijayan Oration, CME programmes and Public lectures, etc. The VCH Kitchen was renovated and inaugurated, Sports & Cultural Activities of VPCI-2018, 72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day Celebration, Special Swachhta Drive, Vigilance Awareness Week were other events held during this period.

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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## EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### Prize Distribution Ceremony of Vpci Sports & Cultural Activity 2017 (13<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2018)





The Institute organised the prize distribution ceremony of VPCI Sports & Cultural Activity - 2017 on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The Institute distributed Trophies and Certificates (First, Second and Third) to the winners. Mr. Tarun Thakur, PhD (Pharmacology) Student was adjudged as the Best All-Round Sportsman and Ms Deepa, Stenographer (Joint Registrar Office) was adjudged as the Best All-Round Sportswoman for the year. Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, VPCI, was the Convener of this Programme.

## 72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day Celebration (15<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2018)



The Institute celebrated its Flag hosting ceremony 72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at the VPCI campus. The ceremony was attended by VPCI staffs with their family members and the relatives of the Indoor patients. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director (Acting), VPCI hoisted the flag. The celebration ended with distributing sweets to all the participants as well as the indoor patients.

## Special Swachhta Drive -Swachhta Hi Sewa (15<sup>th</sup> Sep. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 2018)



The Institute observed Special Swachhta Drive, “Swachhta Hi Sewa” from 15<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018. During the period, the Institute maintained through cleanliness and hygiene in and around the Institute and initiated several activities to bring success to the ‘Swachhta Hi Sewa’ programme. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director (Acting) administered the “Swachhta Pledge” (in Hindi and English) to all the Staff members and Students of the Institute on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The Institute displayed banners, posters on Swachhta elements.

## ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop (19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Sep. 2018)



The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) in collaboration with V.P. Chest Institute conducted a Postgraduate Technical Workshop (Three-day, 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018) on “Antifungal Resistance in *Candida* and *Aspergillus*: from Clinic to Clinical Laboratory” at VPCI. Prof. Cornelia Lass-Flörl, Director, Hygiene and Medical Microbiology, Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria was the Chief Guest and Prof. Rakesh Bhatnagar, Chairman Governing Body, VPCI and Vice Chancellor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, presided the programme. The distinguished faculties were drawn from various European countries, USA and India with participants from Middle East and India.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Prof. Autar Singh Paintal Memorial Oration (24<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2018)



The Institute organised the 14<sup>th</sup> Prof. Autar Singh Paintal Memorial Oration on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The Oration (titled: “Physiology of Stress and its Impact on Health”) was delivered by Dr A.K. Jain, Professor of Excellence, Department of Physiology, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi. Dr Achal Gulati, Director Principal & Director Professor of ENT, Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical College & Hospital, Rohini, Delhi, was the Chief Guest of the function. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director (Acting) delivered the welcome address. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Prof. S.K. Bansal, Head, Dept. of Biochemistry, VPCI.

## Inauguration of Renovated VCH-Kitchen (15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2018)



The Renovated Kitchen of Viswanathan Chest Hospital (VCH) was inaugurated by Prof. Raj Kumar, Director, VPCI on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The VCH-Kitchen is dedicated to the patients admitted at VCH and ensures hygienic meal.



## Scientific Advisory Committee & Ethical Committee Meetings (17<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2018)



The Scientific Advisory Committee and Ethical Committee Meetings were held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the Seminar Room of Director Office, VPCI, Delhi. The meetings were chaired by Dr. V.K. Vijayan, Former Director, VPCI and other members included Prof. Raj Kumar, Director, VPCI, Prof. K. Ravi, Prof. Balakrishan Menon, Prof. S.K. Chhabra and Prof. Kavita Gulati, etc.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Dr. V.K. Vijayan Oration (24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2018)



The Institute organised 4<sup>th</sup> Dr. V.K. Vijayan Oration on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The Oration (titled: “Paediatric Sleep Apnea”) was delivered by Dr J.C. Suri, former Consultant, Professor & Head, Department of Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine, VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi. Prof. Vandana Roy, Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences University of Delhi, Delhi was the Chief Guest and Prof.



Surender Kashyap, Director, Kalpana Chawla Govt. Medical College, Karnal, Haryana, was the Guest of Honour of this event.

## Vigilance Awareness Week - 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. (3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 2018)



The Vigilance Awareness Week was observed from 29<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director administered the “Integrity Pledge” (in Hindi and English) to the staff members of the Institute on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at VPCI. Several banners on Vigilance Awareness Week were put at all entry gates, display boards of the Institute.

**CME Programme on Mapping the Footprints of NTM Infection :  
The neglected mycobacterial disease (1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2018)**



The Institute organised a Public Awareness Programme on "Smoking and Lung Health" with Society for Tobacco Control on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018, at the Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium of the Institute. Shri Rajesh Kumar, TV and Film Actor, was the Chief Guest of the Programme. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director, VPCI, in his inaugural address spoke about the harmful effects of various forms of tobaccos which almost covers all parts of the human body. He stressed that celebrity involvement in anti-smoking campaign makes huge impact on society. He also appreciated Shri Rajesh Kumar's role in anti-TB film clips which were shown in the Programme. Shri Rajesh Kumar, Chief Guest of the Programme emphasized that our education system should be less stressed and more interest oriented one. During the programme, a handbook for tobacco quit-line counselor's titled; "Tobacco Cessation Telephone Counseling", Editor, Prof. Raj Kumar, Director, VPCI was also released. Shri Rajesh Kumar, Chief Guest of the Programme also inaugurated the Sports and Cultural Activities of VPCI-2018 on this occasion.



A CME Programme on "Mapping the footprints of NTM infection: The neglected mycobacterial disease" was conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 in collaboration with Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists (IAMM), Delhi Chapter, at the Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium of the Institute. Dr V.M. Katoch, NASI-ICMR Chair on Public Health Research, RUHS, Jaipur, and former Director-General, ICMR was the Chief Guest and Dr L.S. Chauhan, Vice Chairman, TB Association of India was the Guest of Honour. Dr. Mandira-Varma Basil was the Organising Secretary of this CME.

**Public Awareness Programme on  
"Smoking and Lung Health" (6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2018)**

**VPCI Sports & Cultural Activity -  
2018 - (26<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2018 -1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2019)**



The Institute conducted the VPCI Sports & Cultural Activity-2018 Programme from 26<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - 1st January 2019. Shri Rajesh Kumar, TV and Film Actor inaugurated this programme on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018, at the Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium of the Institute. The Sports events include: Musical Chair, Table Tennis, Badminton, Bench Press (Weight Lifting), Carom and Chess; and the Cultural events include: Dance, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music and Poem Recitation.

The Cultural event was held on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Most of the staff members, students and family members of VPCI Staff participated in this



Programme. Mr. Deepak Kumar Mishra, Laboratory Attendant, VCH, adjudged as the Best All-Round Sportsman and Mrs. Uma Tyagi, Librarian, adjudged as the Best All-Round Sportswoman, and Mr. Raghav Gaur (Son of Mr. Arvind Gaur, Assistant, Administration) adjudged Best Cultural Events performer for the year. Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, VPCI, was the Convener of this Programme.

which aims to quit tobacco for a healthier life. National Tobacco Quitline Services (NTQLS) is accessed through a toll free no. 1800-11-2356. The program is



operational six days a week, (Tuesday to Sunday 8am to 8pm) following WHO protocol of Quit-line services. There is a total staff of three Supervisors, 24 Counsellors, One Junior Assistant and Four Attendants.

From 25<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018 to 09<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018, a training program for doctors and M.Phil. students of Psychiatry department of Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi was organized by Dr. Smita Deshpandey, Professor and Head Department of Psychiatry, Dr. RML Hospital & PGIMER in coordination with Prof. Raj Kumar, Director, Vallabhshai Patel Chest Institute at NTQLS. From 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018, training of two supervisors and two counsellors of the new regional center of NTQLS at TATA Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, was done at the NTQLS, VPCI.

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### Extramural Research Projects

Presently, 14 Research Projects (funded by ICMR, DST, AYUSH, CCRUM, MoHFW, DIPAS-DRDO, and NIF), 02 MRU-DHR-MoHFW-VPCI and 06 Research Fellowships (funded by ICMR and CSIR) are ongoing in the institute. Two New Research Project & three New Research Fellowships were additionally sanctioned during the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. The details are as follows:-

Title of the Research Project	Department
“Cognitive performance after short duration submaximal exercise in young adults”	Funding Agency : LSRB-DRDO Department of Physiology P.I : Dr. Vishal Bansal Sanctioned Grant : 26.59 (Lakhs)
“Smart regulation of antibiotic use in India : Understanding, innovating and improving compliance”	Funding Agency : DBT Department of Pharmacology P.I. : Prof. Anita Kotwani Sanctioned Grant : 76.35 (Lakhs)

### ■ National Tobacco Quit-line Services



The “National Tobacco Quit-line Services” (NTQLS) was launched and inaugurated by Honorable Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The project is financially supported by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and runs under the aegis of Vallabhshai Patel Chest Institute, University of Delhi,



Title of the Research Fellowships	Department
“Biochemical and immunological studies of pigeons allergens in asthma patients”	Funding Agency : ICMR Department of Pulmonary Medicine Mr. Anil Kumar Mavi, SRF Prof. Raj Kumar, Supervisor Sanctioned Grant : 4.57 (Lakhs)
"Analysis of inflammatory biomarkers in asthmatic children affected with indoor air pollution (IAP) in Delhi-NCR”	Funding Agency : ICMR Department of Pulmonary Medicine Mr. Kamal Singh, SRF Prof. Raj Kumar, Supervisor Sanctioned Grant : 4.57 (Lakhs)
“Characterization of proteins differentially expressed in erythrocyte membrane in bronchial asthma : Identification and purification of one protein & its correlation with severity of the disease”	Funding Agency : ICMR Department of Biochemistry Mr. Manoj Kumar, SRF Prof. S. K. Bansal, Supervisor Sanctioned Grant : 1.78 (Lakhs)

## Awards And Honours

- **Prof. Raj Kumar, Director (Actg.)**, VPCI was the Examiner, Ph.D viva voice examination of Dr. Ajay Kumar Verma at Santosh Medical College and Hospital, Ghaziabad on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- **Prof. Raj Kumar, Director (Actg.)**, VPCI participated as an Expert, Guidelines for COPD/Asthma for their inclusion under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) at Central Seminal Hall, National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018.
- **Prof. Raj Kumar, Director (Actg.)**, VPCI was the External Examiner, MD (TB & Chest), Practical Examination, at ERA's Lucknow Medical College & Hospital, Lucknow on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.
- **Prof. Raj Kumar, Director (Actg.)**, VPCI was the Chairperson of scientific session on 'Patient's Perspective on severe asthma: sufferings expectations and outcomes' at the workshop on "School Course on Severe Asthma" at Metro Hospital, Noida on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- **Prof. Raj Kumar, Director (Actg.)**, VPCI participated as Member, Nasha Mukti Abhiyan Task Force (including Tobacco, Alcohol, and Substance abuse) under National Health Policy-2017 at Nirman Bhawan, Ministry of Health &

Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

- **Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, VPCI participated as Member, Managing Committee Meeting, State TB Training & Demonstration Centre, New Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- **Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, VPCI delivered a Guest Lecture on 'Lung Health' in 50<sup>th</sup> Union World Conference on Lung Health at Kamaladevi Complex, India International Center, Lodi Estate, New Delhi on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018.
- **Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, VPCI was the Chairperson in Symposium on 'Allergy and Aerobiology' and delivered three Guest Lectures on (i) 'Use of smartphone apps for smoking cessation', (ii) 'Food allergy - an overview' and (iii) 'Prevention/prescription/to set Allergy Clinic', in 20<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Pulmonary Disease (NAPCON 2018), at Ahmedabad from 29<sup>th</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- **Prof. Mandira Varma-Basil** delivered Guest lecture on "Role of Efflux pumps in drug resistance in *M. tuberculosis* at World Congress on Antibiotics Meetings International at Rome, Italy on 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- **Prof. Madhu Khanna** presented oral paper on "Profile of antibody responses and duration of protection against seasonal influenza following vaccination of the elderly in India" at 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Virology Congress & Expo Virology on 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Valencia, Spain.
- **Prof. Anita Kotwani** delivered lecture on "Engaging with private providers in low and middle income countries –strengthening quality of care and effective regulations" in the 5<sup>th</sup> Global Symposium on Health Systems Research held in Liverpool, UK from 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018.



- **Prof. Anita Kotwani** was invited by the UK Research Innovation for the launch of India-UK Research and Innovation partnership hosted by British High Commissioner to India on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- **Prof. Anita Kotwani** participated in the monthly meeting of Antimicrobial Stewardship program activities organised by the Department of



Pharmacology, PGI, Chandigarh from 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

- **Prof. Anita Kotwani** participated and delivered Guest lecture on “Need for smart regulations in antibiotic use” organised by the Department of Infectious Diseases and Chair of Antimicrobial Stewardship Program, Christian Medical College, Vellore on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018.
- **Prof. Anita Kotwani** delivered Guest lecture on



“Antimicrobial resistance and smart regulation of antibiotic use” at the 70<sup>th</sup> IPC conference to speak during AMR symposium on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

- **Dr. Vishwajeet Rohil** was External Expert for “Project Monitoring and Review Committee Meetings” of 12<sup>th</sup> Five year plan projects, DIPAS, (DRDO), Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 19<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

- **Dr. Vishwajeet Rohil** was External Examiner, Biochemistry, MBBS, first year annual examination at PT. B.D. Sharma, University of Health Sciences, Rohtak from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018.



- **Dr. Vishwajeet Rohil** was the Guest of Honor and delivered talk on, “Emerging trends in non-communicable diseases: road to prevention and cure” at the National Conference “Emerging Trends in Non-Communicable Diseases: Road to Prevention and Cure” held by Institute of Management Studies (IMS) University, Ghaziabad on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- **Dr. Ritu Kulshrestha** was nominated by the DST as a Member to the Facility management committee of, “Sophisticated Analytical Instrument Facility (SAIF)”, AIIMS New Delhi from 10/8/2018 to 9/8/2021.
- **Dr. Ritu Kulshrestha** was the Resource Person on “Interesting cases of Molecular Diagnosis of Lung Cancer” at UP CYTOCON 2018, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of UP Chapter of Indian Academy of Cytologists Organized by Department of



Pathology, Subharti Medical College, Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Meerut on 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.

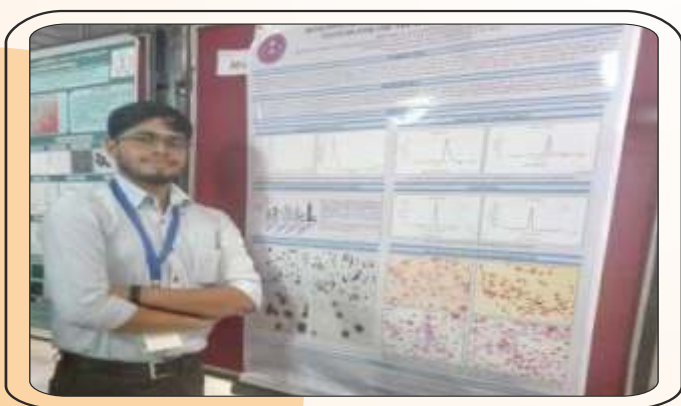
**Dr. Ritu Kulshrestha** was the Resource Person on “Pathologists on Panel for Break-Out Practical Workshop -Clinical Cases” during the Diffuse Lung Disease – Update 2018, held at Hyatt Regency, New Delhi, on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.



**Dr. Ritu Kulshrestha** received training on, “PD-E1 (SP263) Pathologist Training Workshop for Non -Small Cell Lung Carcinoma”, organized by Roche Diagnostics India Pvt. Ltd, in Delhi on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018.



**Dr. Ritu Kulshrestha** and Mr. Amit Singh presented paper presentation on “Designing of polymeric nanoparticle drug delivery systems for



the treatment of lung fibrosis” at Nanobiotek-2018, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Society of Nanomedicine, organized by AIIMS New Delhi in partner with IIT Delhi and Department of Biotechnology, Govt of India, at AIIMS, New Delhi 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

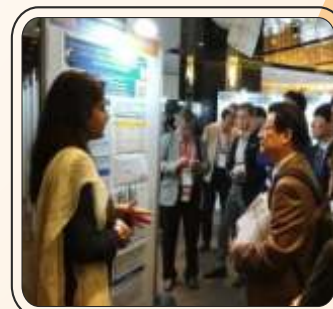
**Dr. Ritu Kulshrestha** was the Resource Person on, “Interpreting Pathology in ILD: What Every Physician Should Know” and as ‘Pannelist in the MDD Session’ during the 20<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Pulmonary Diseases (NAPCON 2018) workshop on Interstitial lung disease at Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.



**Dr. Lovika Lakhtakia** (MD student), Awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize for oral presentation titled “Spectrum of pulmonary asergillosis in treated patients of pulmonary tuberculosis”, at “NAPCON - 2018”, Ahmedabad from 29<sup>th</sup> November-2nd December 2018.



**Dr. Neha Kaushik** (MD Student) received the Third prize from Prof. R. Guleria, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi and Prof. J.C. Suri, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi during Quiz programme conducted in PULMOCON-2018, at Leela Ambience Hotel, New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018.



**Dr. Neha Kaushik** (MD Student) presented a poster entitled; “Prevalence of anxiety and depression as well as its impact on quality of life in

patient with interstitial lung disease”, in 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology 2018 (APSR 2018) held at Taipei International Convention Center (TICC), Taipei, Taiwan, from 29<sup>th</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.

- **Dr. Neha Kaushik** received first prize in NCCP quiz held on 21-01-2018 at Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- **Dr. Naveen Vennilavan. R** (MD Student), presented a poster entitled; “Lung carcinoma masquerading as amoebic lung abscess”, at “NAPCON - 2018” at



Ahmedabad from 29<sup>th</sup> November-2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.

- **Dr. Naveen Vennilavan. R** (MD Student), received the third prize in poster presentation entitled, “COPD: Chronic Pulmonary Aspergilosis” in the Conference- Obstructive Airway Disease and on NIV on February, 2017 at PGIMS, Rohtak, Haryana.
- **Mr. Anil Kumar Mavi** (Ph.D Student) presented two posters entitled: ‘Atmospheric pollen count level and its impact on respiratory health in Delhi NCR’ and ‘Relationship of specific IgE, total IgE and skin



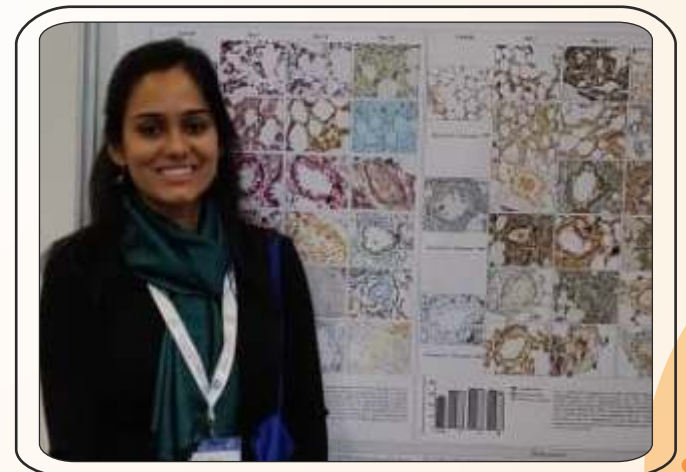
test sensitivity to pigeon allergens in asthma patients’, at “NAPCON - 2018” at Ahmedabad from 29<sup>th</sup> November- 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.

- **Mr. Anil Kumar Mavi** (Ph.D Student), presented oral presentation titled; ‘Immunological analysis of pigeon allergens in asthma patients exposed to pigeons: a case and control study’, in WAO International Scientific Conference (WISC 2018) at Florence, Italy from 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> December 2018.
- **Mr. Kamal Singh** (Ph.D Student), presented three



posters entitled; *i.* ‘Prevalence of COPD in adults and associated risks factors in rural regions of Delhi’, *ii.* ‘Household air pollution and its effects on the respiratory health of children in Delhi- NCR’ and *iii.* ‘Effect of indoor particulate matter on C-reactive protein for systemic inflammation in asthmatic children’, at “NAPCON - 2018” at Ahmedabad from 29<sup>th</sup> November-2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.

- **Ms. Apoorva Pandey** (Ph.D student) presented poster on “Bosentan therapy modulates miR-21-TGF-β1-bFGF-Let-7d axis and attenuates the



development of pulmonary artery hypertension after bleomycin injury” at 5<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Immunology, Amsterdam, the Netherlands from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

- **Mr. Shyam Mani Dubey** (Supervisor, NTQLS), presented three posters entitled, “Prevalence and patterns of tobacco use among the NTQLS callers”,



“National Tobacco Quit Line Services: Two years experience” and “Zonal and State wise analysis of callers availing services of NTQLS” at NAPCON-2018 from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2018 at Gujarat University Convention & Exhibition Centre Ahmadabad.

- **Mr. Shashi Dhar Mehta (STA, VCH Pathology Lab)** received Vidyavachaspati award for outstanding contribution and recognition in the field of Hindi from Vikramashila Hindi Vidyapeeth, Bihar on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

### ■ DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

**Mrs. Riva Ganguly Das, Director General, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)** hosted lunch in the honour of **Prof. Address Malata, Vice Chancellor, Malawi University of Science and Technology** at “Aravali Hotel The Oberoi” on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.. After the lunch, Prof Address Malata visited the V.P Chest Institute and interacted with all faculty members of VPCI.



• **Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Actor and Prof. Manoj Khanna, Principal, Ramjas College, University of Delhi, Delhi,** visited the National Centre of Respiratory Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (NCRAAI) and National Tobacco Quit Line (NTQL) service interacted with respective staff members on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018.



## Media Reports

- Prof. Raj Kumar interview was quoted in an article **“Tobacco quit-line to be scaled with new warning on packets”**, in the Hindustan Times (Delhi Edition) on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

- **Prof. Raj Kumar** participated in a Panel Discussion of Doordarshan on the topic **“Jan leba he tobacco”** which was telecasted on Doordarshan Lok Sabha channel (Healthy India episode) on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.



- A news story on **National Tobacco Quit Line** service was quoted in an article **“India only SAARC nation to have quit-line number for tobacco users”**, in the Hindu (Delhi Edition) on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

- **Prof. Raj Kumar** interview was quoted in an article **“Zindagi par bhari padh rahi hai saanshe”**, in the Amar Ujala (Delhi Edition) on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018.



- **Prof. Raj Kumar** gave an interview to the Doordarshan Urdu Channel's Health Show programme on Sehat ki Baat, the theme of the programme was on **“Air pollution and its effect on health”** on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018.

## Promotions And New Recruitment



**Prof. Raj Kumar**, Director (Actg.), VPCI was appointed as Permanent Director of Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

## Superannuation And Farewell



**Smt. Neelam Batham**, Ward boy, superannuated from her services after a completion of almost 31 Years 01 Month of service in VPCI.

**Sh. R.K. Sharma**, Senior Assistant, superannuated from his services after a completion of almost 24 years 06 months of service in VPCI.

**Sh. Vijay Pal**, Assistant Pump Operator, superannuated from his services after a completion of almost 39 years 03 months of service in VPCI.

## ■ UPCOMING EVENTS AT VPCI

- **11<sup>th</sup> January 2019:** Institute Day Celebration and 5<sup>th</sup> Prof. H.S. Randhawa Oration
- **25<sup>th</sup> January 2019:** Pre-Republic Day Celebration cum Prize Distribution Ceremony of VPCI Sports & Cultural Activities - 2018
- **28<sup>th</sup> February 2019:** Workshop to Develop Capacity of Pharmacists for Optimal Use of Antibiotics
- **5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019:** 1<sup>st</sup> Update on Allergen Immunotherapy
- **1<sup>st</sup> April - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019:** Short Term Training Programme (STTP) for Technicians on Pulmonary Function
- **5<sup>th</sup> April 2019:** Foundation Day Celebration and 21<sup>st</sup> Raman Viswanathan Oration
- **17<sup>th</sup> April 2019:** Mini Symposium in Tackling Antimicrobial Drug Resistance in Tuberculosis - A Novel Approaches
- **6<sup>th</sup> May - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019:** 44<sup>th</sup> Allergy Workshop on Respiratory Allergy: Diagnosis & Management” will be organised by V.P. Chest Institute in collaboration with CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, Delhi.

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