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It is with great pleasure, we are presenting the VPCI Newsletter of the Institute for the period January - June 2015. This issue provides an overview of the wide range of activities and achievements of the Institute during the period.

Prof. S.N. Gaur took charge as Director (Actg.) VPCI, on 1st March 2015 from Prof. Rajendra Prasad who superannuated on 28th February 2015.

In continuing with its objectives, the V.P. Chest Institute organised many Symposiums, Workshops, Public Lectures Series, VPCI Honour Lectures Series, CME Programmes, during this period. The ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course was held at VPCI for the

first time. Seven new extramurally funded research projects and two multidisciplinary research projects were sanctioned during this period.

On 6th January 2015, the Prof. A.S. Paintal Memorial Museum was inaugurated on the second floor, of the multistoried building of VPCI by Prof. M.V.S. Valiathan and Prof. P.N. Tandon. On 12th January 2015, the Institute Day was celebrated. Shri Najeeb Jung, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi, was the Chief Guest on this day. The First Prof. H.S. Randhawa Oration was organised to mark this day.

From 1st - 4th January 2015, the Institute conducted the VPCI Sports & Cultural Activity - 2015 programme. All the employees of VPCI and their family members participated in this event.

The 66th VPCI Foundation Day was celebrated on 6th April 2015. The 17th Prof. Raman Viswanathan Oration was held on this day.

The Institute celebrated the World Environment Day on 5th June 2015. The International Yoga Day was celebrated at VPCI on 17th June 2015 in collaboration with Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY).

Prof. S.N. Gaur, Director (Actg.), VPCI congratulates all the VPCI faculty, staff and students on their achievements and wish them all the very best in all their future endeavours.



EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
VPCI Sports & Cultural Activity - 2015



Best All-Round Sportsman



Best All-Round Cultural Performer

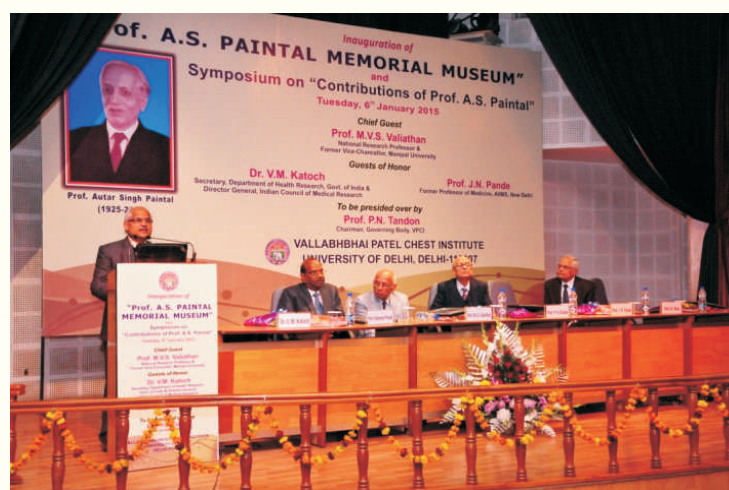


The Institute conducted the VPCI Sports & Cultural Activity - 2015 programme from 1st to 4th January 2015. It was inaugurated by Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI. The sports events included: Musical Chair, Table Tennis, Badminton, Carom and Chess; and the Cultural events included: Play, Dance, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music and Poem Recitation. The Faculty, staff and students of VPCI and their family members participated in this programme. Mr. Satish Sharma, Senior Assistant and In-charge Purchase Section, was awarded as the Best All Round Sportsman and Ms. Baby Neeraja Anup (Daughter of Ms. Jayalakshmi Anup, Staff Nurse) was awarded as the Best Cultural Performer. Prof. A. Ray, Dept. of Pharmacology, VPCI, was the Convener of this programme.

The Institute distributed Trophies and Certificates (First, Second and Third) to the winners. First prize awardees of VPCI Sports Events were - Musical Chair (Women)- Ms. Dessy Benoy, Musical Chair (Men)- Mr. Manoj Kumar, Chess (Men)- Mr. Satish Sharma & Dr. Manu Madan (Jointly), Table Tennis (Singles-Men) - Mr. Satish Sharma, Table Tennis (Doubles-Men)- Mr. Satish Sharma & Mr. Parvinder Kumar, Table Tennis

(Lucky Doubles-Men)- Mr. Kapil Dev & Mr. Lakshmi Kanth Kotarkonda, Badminton (Singles-Women)- Ms. Astha Giri, Badminton (Singles-Men)- Mr. Vipin Gupta, Badminton (Doubles-Women)- Ms. Astha Giri & Ms. Anshika Narang, Badminton (Lucky Doubles-Men)- Mr. Vipin Gupta & Mr. Rajinder Singh Bisht, Carom (Singles-Women)- Dr. Madhu Khanna, Carom (Singles- Men)- Mr. Tarun Thakur, Carrom (Doubles-Men)- Mr. G. Sundar & Mr. Kumar Karunakar Singh. The first prize awardees of VPCI Cultural Events were - Play- Mr. Rajinder Singh Bisht, Mr. Ajitabh Saxena, Ms. Mamta R. Sadhwani, Ms. Deepika Kaushik, Mr. Ajay Rawat, Mr. Govind Ballabh Joshi, Dance- Baby Neeraja Anup, Vocal Music- Ms. Babita Rawat, Instrumental Music- Mr. Rajat Kumar, Poem Recitation- Dr. Ankit Mittal.

Prof. A.S. Paintal Memorial Museum





Prof. A.S. Paintal Memorial Museum was inaugurated on 6th January 2015 at the 2nd Floor of VPCI multistoried building. The Chief Guest was Prof. M.V.S. Valiathan, Padma Vibhushan awardee and former Vice Chancellor, Manipal University. The Guest of Honour was Prof. J.N. Pande, Senior Consultant at Sitaram Bhartiya Institute of Science & Research, New Delhi and former Professor and Head, Department of Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi. The scientific equipments that Prof. Paintal used, the honours that he received, the books that he possessed, his scientific papers and various photographs are displayed in the museum for inspiration to the students, scientific community and public at large.

A symposium was also held on "Contributions of Prof. A. S. Paintal". Prof. M.V.S. Valiathan, Prof. Balram Bhargava, Head, Cardiology Department, AIIMS, New Delhi and Dr. Hans Raj, New Delhi spoke during the symposium. Prof. K. Ravi, Head, Dept. of Physiology, VPCI, gave a brief sketch of Prof. A.S. Paintal's achievements and thanked the various people involved in setting-up of the museum at VPCI.

Institute Day Celebration



The 62nd VPCI Institute Day was celebrated on 12th January 2015 at the Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium. Shri Najeeb Jung, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi was the Chief Guest and Prof. Ravi Kant, Vice-Chancellor, King George's Medical University, Lucknow was the Guest of Honor for the function. Shri Najeeb Jung paid rich tributes to the Institute for its past glories and achievements. He reminded students that they have a big role to play in the health requirements of the country. Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University in his Presidential address stressed on collaborative research between VPCI and other departments of Delhi University. A book on "Clinical Tuberculosis - Diagnosis and Treatment" authored by Prof. Rajendra Prasad, was released by Shri Najeeb Jung, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi during the function. On this day, former faculty, staff and students of the Institute were felicitated. The Programme ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. A. Ray, Department of Pharmacology, VPCI.

1st Prof. H. S. Randhawa Oration

As a part of the Institute Day celebrations (on 12th January 2015), VPCI initiated an Oration in honor of our former Director, Prof. H. S. Randhawa, an internationally acclaimed Medical Mycologist. Prof. Ziauddin Khan, Chairman, Department of Microbiology, Kuwait University, Kuwait, gave the 1st Prof. H. S. Randhawa Oration [Titled; "Medical Mycology in India: A Transition from 20th to 21st Century {Contributions of Prof. H.S. Randhawa & Mycoses Group of VPCI (1957 to date)}"].

66th Republic Day Celebration



The 66th Republic Day function was celebrated on 26th January 2015 at the VPCI campus. The ceremony was attended by VPCI staff with their family members. The indoor patients of VPCI also attended this function.



An Update on Lung Cancer was held on 28th January 2015. Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI inaugurated the Update and also delivered a lecture on “Current Status in Lung Cancer in India”. Dr. D.C. Doval, Chief of Medical Oncology & Director (Research), Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre, spoke on the topic titled; “Personalised Therapy in Lung Cancer”. Dr B.K. Menon, Associate Professor, Dept. of Respiratory Allergy & Applied Immunology, VPCI, was the Organising Secretary of the Update.

Symposium on Bioethics in Medical Research



The Symposium on Bioethics in Medical Research was held on 3rd February 2015. Prof. N.K. Ganguly, Distinguished Biotechnology Research Professor, National Institute of Immunology and former Director General, ICMR, New Delhi, was the Chief Guest of the Symposium. Prof. Y.K. Gupta, Head, Dept. of Pharmacology AIIMS, New Delhi, and Mr. A.K. Pradhan, DDCI, Govt. of India, New Delhi, spoke on the Bioethical Issues in Medical Research. The Symposium was well attended by the Physicians, Scientists and Research Scholars of Delhi & NCR. Prof. S.K. Bansal, Dept. of Biochemistry, VPCI, was the Convener of this Symposium.

Update on Lung Cancer



40th Workshop on Respiratory Allergy: Diagnosis and Management



The 40th Workshop on Respiratory Allergy: Diagnosis and Management was held on 23rd - 27th February 2015 at VPCI. It was jointly organized by the National Center of Respiratory Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (NCRAAI), VPCI and the Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology, Delhi. A training manual book was released during this event. Prof. Raj Kumar, Head, NCRAAI, Dept. of Respiratory Allergy & Applied Immunology, VPCI, was the Organising Secretary of the Workshop.

Public Lectures



A Public Lecture on Allergies: Causes, Diagnosis and Treatment was held on 24th February 2015. Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI, Prof. S.N. Gaur and Prof. Raj Kumar, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine, VPCI, Prof. M.K. Agarwal, former faculty, Dept. of Respiratory Allergy and Applied Immunology, VPCI and Dr. A.B. Singh, Emeritus Scientist, IGIB, Delhi, were the speakers of this Programme.



A Public Lecture on Swine Flu was held on 12th March 2015. Prof. Randeep Guleria, Dept. of Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi and Prof. Shobha Broor, former faculty, Dept. of Microbiology, AIIMS, New Delhi, were the speakers of this Programme. There were extensive interactions of the eminent specialists with patients. They answered a variety of queries from patients. Participants were thankful and expressed happiness about the simple explanations provided about this disease. Prof. A. Ray, Dept. of Pharmacology, VPCI was the Coordinator of this Public Lecture Programme.

VPCI-Honour Lectures

The VPCI-Honour Lecture was held on 26th February 2015. Prof. P.N. Tandon, Chairman Governing Body, VPCI was the Chief Guest. The first lecture was delivered by Prof. Anura Weerasinghe, Professor of Medicine & Immunology, South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine, Malabe, Sri Lanka (topic titled; "Immunology of Asthma: Bench to Bed"). The second lecture was delivered by Prof. P.K. Vedanthan, Global Chest Initiatives, Lakewood, Co, USA (topic titled; "Allergen Immunotherapy: The Backbone of Allergy Management"). Prof. S.K. Bansal, Dept. of Biochemistry, and Convener, Research Cell, VPCI was the Convener of this Programme.

ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course



The Institute organized the ESCMID (European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases) Postgraduate Education Course from 19th - 21st March 2015 at VPCI. The theme of the Course was Diagnosis and Management of Fungal Infections both in the West and the East. Prof. H.S. Randhawa, INSA Hony. Scientist, and Former Director, VPCI was the Guest of Honour. Dr J.F. Meis, Senior Consultant, Dept. of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, CWZ, Netherlands, was the co-organiser of this Programme. Dr. Anuradha Chowdhary, Associate Professor, Dept. of Medical Mycology, VPCI, was the Organising Secretary of this Programme.

66th Foundation Day of VPCI

The 66th Foundation Day of VPCI was celebrated on 6th April 2015. The 17th Prof. Raman Viswanathan - VPCI Oration and a Symposium on Nitric Oxide: From Research to Applications, were organised to mark this occasion.

17th Prof. Raman Viswanathan - VPCI Oration



The 17th Prof. Raman Viswanathan - VPCI Oration was held on 6th April 2015. Prof. K.C. Mohanty, former Director-Professor, Dept. of Chest & TB, K.J. Somaiya Medical College & Hospital, Mumbai, delivered this Oration [Titled; "Are the Anti-tubercular Drugs Enough to Achieve Control of TB"]. Prof. P.N. Tandon, Chairman, Governing Body, VPCI, was the Chief Guest of this Programme.

Symposium on Nitric Oxide: From Research to Applications





The Symposium on Nitric Oxide: From Research to Applications was held on 6th April 2015 as a part of the Foundation Day celebrations of the VPCI. Prof. S.N. Gaur, Director (Actg.), VPCI, inaugurated the function.

Dr. O.P. Agarwal, Emeritus Scientist, ICMR, New Delhi, was the Chief Guest of this Symposium. Distinguished Pharmacologists from across the country participated in this event. Prof. A. Ray, Dept. of Pharmacology, VPCI, was the Convener of this Programme.

CME Programme on Clinical Trials: Perspectives and Trends

The Institute celebrated the International Clinical Trials Day by organizing a CME Programme, titled; 'Clinical Trials: Perspectives and Trends' on 14th May 2015 in collaboration with Daichii-Sankyo India Development and Indian Pharmacological Society (Delhi Branch). Prof. A. Ray, Dept. of Pharmacology, VPCI was the Convener of this Programme.

World Environment Day



The World Environment Day was celebrated on 5th June 2015. On this day, Prof. S.N. Gaur, Director (Actg.), VPCI along with the VPCI faculty, staff members and students planted saplings at the lawn of VCH, VPCI.

Yoga Day



The Institute organized the "Yoga Day", as a part of celebration of the 1st International Yoga Day (21st June 2015) in collaboration with Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi, on 17th June 2015 at VPCI Auditorium. The event was inaugurated by Prof. S.N. Gaur, Director (Actg.), VPCI. This was followed by a practical yoga session. The faculty, staff, students, patients of VPCI and general public participated in the yoga session conducted by the trained yoga teachers of MDNIY. The practical session was for 40 minutes and was in accordance with the module prepared by the AYUSH for the International Yoga Day. Dr. B.K. Menon, Associate Professor, Dept. of Respiratory Allergy & Applied Immunology, VPCI, and Dr. Namrata Raj, Yoga Physician, MDNIY and In-charge, Yoga Therapy and Research Centre, VPCI, were the Coordinators of the event.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Multi-disciplinary Research Unit

The Multi-disciplinary Research Unit sanctioned by the Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW), Government of India, under the aegis of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has been established at VPCI on the 7th floor of the Multistoried Building. The civil, electrical and refrigeration work has been completed. The staff selection process is ongoing and equipments sanctioned under this scheme are being procured. Two projects sanctioned under this scheme were approved by the ICMR in its meeting held on 11th March 2015.

Research Cell

The Research cell under the convenorship of Prof. S.K. Bansal actively coordinated the progress of research activities in the Institute. Emphasizing the importance of Bioethics in Medical Research, a symposium was organised on 3rd February 2015, at VPCI.

Research Projects

Presently, 17 Extramurally Funded Research Projects (funded by ICMR, DBT, INSA, DST, DST- FIST, AYUSH, CCRUM, APACI, AAYUSH/CCRAS, WHO, UGC-BSR), two MRU- ICMR- VPCI and 21 Research Fellowships funded by DBT, DST, ICMR, and UGC are ongoing in the Institute. Seven New Extramurally funded Research Projects were additionally sanctioned during the period. The details are as follows;

Title of the Project	Department
Microbiome of human lung in COPD patients attending Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi	Department of Microbiology P.I.: Dr. Malini Shariff
Phenotypic and genotypic indicators of drug resistant tuberculosis:- can they be used as early warning system for MDR and XDR tuberculosis	Department of Microbiology P.I.: Dr. Mandira Varma-Basil
Study of the post transcriptional mechanisms underlying pulmonary fibrosis and their modulation by therapeutic agents	Department of Pathology P.I.: Dr. Ritu Kulshrestha
Study on the possible mechanisms of action of UNIM-352 a poly herbal anti asthmatic preparation in experimental animals	Department of Pharmacology P.I.: Prof. A. Ray
Development of exercise protocol to improve hypoxic tolerance	Department of Physiology P.I.: Dr. Vishal Bansal
Indoor air pollution and asthma in children: A population based study	Dept. of Respiratory Allergy & Applied Immunology P.I.: Prof. Raj Kumar
Bharat Tobacco Quit Line (a pilot service for Delhi)	Dept. of Respiratory Allergy & Applied Immunology P.I.: Prof. Raj Kumar

AWARDS AND HONOURS



Prof. S.N. Gaur, delivered the Dr. D.B. Gupta Oration titled: “Global warming and its effects on respiratory system” at the 21st National Conference of Environmental Science & Pulmonary Diseases, Powai, Mumbai, 26th- 28th June 2015.

Prof. Ashok Shah, gave a Faculty Lecture on “How do I approach a newly diagnosed patient with bronchiectasis?”, at PULMOCRIT 2015, AIIMS, New Delhi. 31st January-1st February 2015.

Prof. S.K. Chhabra, gave a Faculty Lecture on “Home noninvasive ventilation”, at PULMOCRIT 2015, AIIMS, New Delhi, 31st January-1st February 2015.

Prof. S.K. Chhabra, gave a Faculty Lecture on “Overlap syndrome”, at Sleep 2015: 5th National Conference on Sleep Disorders, at Jaipur Golden Hospital, Delhi on 7th- 8th March 2015.

Prof. Raj Kumar, gave a Faculty Lecture on “Drug therapy for smoking cessation”, at AIIMS PULMOCRIT 2015, New Delhi, 31st January-1st February 2015.

Prof. Raj Kumar, gave a Faculty Lecture on “Food allergy in bronchial asthma” and Hands on Practical Training-SPT, at 40th Workshop on Respiratory Allergy: Diagnosis and Management, VPCI, 23rd- 27th February 2015.

Prof. Raj Kumar, gave a Guest Lecture on “Tobacco health hazards” at Art Department, South Campus, University of Delhi on 10th March 2015.

Dr. Madhu Khanna, was awarded AVG Travel Grant to attend an International Conference; 4th ISIRV-AVG Conference -Novel Antiviral Therapies for Influenza and other Respiratory Viruses, University of Texas at Austin on 2nd- 4th June 2015.

Dr. Kavita Gulati, gave a Guest Lecture on “Involvement of nitric oxide in the toxicodynamics of drugs and xenobiotics” IABS, CSIR-IICT Auditorium, Hyderabad, on 9th-11th January 2015.

Dr. Kavita Gulati, gave a Lecture on “Novel concepts in traditional medicine research: a translational approach” during AICTE sponsored Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) at DIPSAR, PushpVihar, Delhi on 27th February 2015.

Dr. Kavita Gulati, gave a Lecture on “Role of nitric oxide

in drug and xenobiotic toxicity” during CME on NO: From Research to Applications, VPCI on 6th April 2015.

Dr. Kavita Gulati, gave a Guest Lecture on “Experimental methods in respiratory research” at the Workshop on Telemetry the Science of Physiological Monitoring in Stress Free Animal, Bombay Coll Pharmacy, Mumbai on 16th April 2015.

Dr. Vishal Bansal, gave a Faculty Lecture on “Exercise training and its applications for improving quality of life in chronic respiratory diseases” at Continuous Education Programme (CEP) entitled, Advance Cardio-Respiratory Physiological Monitoring Devices & Application in Military Physiology, at DIPAS, Delhi on 12th February 2015.

Dr. V. Rohil, was invited as External Expert by DIPAS in the First Executive Board Project Monitoring and Review Committee Meeting to review the progress of XIIFYP projects in DIPAS, DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India on 16th January 2015.

Dr. Ritu Kulshrestha, gave a Faculty Lecture on “Molecular diagnosis of lung cancer”, and was also awarded **First Prize** for a Poster paper presentation on “N-Acetylcysteine modulates apoptosis in bleomycin induced lung fibrosis” (Authors: Kulshrestha R, Kotarkonda L, Pandey A, Singh H, Soundarya D, Manaswita S, Dinda AK, Ravi K), An Update in Pulmonary Pathology held at TN Medical College and BYL Nair Hospital, Mumbai on 23rd January 2015.

MEDIA REPORTS

During the period, the Institute played a significant role in the media and publicity front. The Institute conducted several Symposiums, Public Lectures, Honour Lectures and those events were well covered by all the leading newspapers of Delhi. Besides that, the faculty members of the Institute participated in various media activities (Print and Electronic) and disseminated their knowledge and experiences to the general public. A brief detail of these activities are given below:-

Prof. Raj Kumar, gave an interview to Indian Express News Bureau, which was quoted in an article, titled, “Allergies the deceptive epidemic”, in the E-paper of The New Indian Express, on 31st January 2015.

Prof. S.N. Gaur, gave an interview to the Hindustan Times which was quoted in an article, titled, “India faces worst swine flu outbreak in five years, but death rate down”, in the E-paper of The Hindustan Times, Delhi Edition, on 18th February 2015.

Prof. Raj Kumar, gave an interview to the Hindustan (Hindi) which was quoted in an article form, titled, “एक चौथाई दिल्ली बासी एलर्जी से परेशान”, Hindustan (Hindi), Delhi Edition, on 16th March 2015.

Prof. Ashok Shah, participated in a Panel Discussion on Doordarshan News channel (Total Health episode) on the topic “Tuberculosis” on 29th March 2015.

Prof. S.K. Chhabra, gave an interview to the Indian Express which was quoted in an article titled; “Leave

Delhi: That's what doctors are prescribing to patients with serious respiratory ailments”(a part of Death by Breath series of articles) on 2nd April 2015, Indian Express (Delhi Edition). The complete news story along with the video is available in the following web link: <https://youtube/yC2eyL3-9jk>.

Prof. Raj Kumar, gave an interview to Indo-Asian News Service (IANS), which was quoted in an article, titled, “Allergy to wheat, bajra sign of gluten intolerance”, in the Business Standard, Delhi Edition, on 6th April 2015.

Prof. S.K. Chhabra, gave an interview to The Times of India, which was quoted in an article titled, “City's Air Toxic in Summer Too”, in The Times of India, Delhi Edition, on 21st April 2015.

Dr. B.K. Menon, participated in a Panel Discussion on Doordarshan Lok Sabha channel (Healthy India episode) on the topic “Asthma” on 2nd May 2015.

Prof. Raj Kumar's Lecture on Asthma and allied topics, delivered at World Asthma Day organised by Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) in collaboration with healthcare groups, was quoted in almost all the Delhi dialies (both English and Hindi Editions) of 5th May 2015.

Prof. S.N. Gaur, gave an interview to Rajasthan Patrika which was quoted in an article titled, “कमज़ोर फेफड़े = जल्दी बुढ़ापा”, Rajasthan Patrika, on 7th May 2015.

Prof. Raj Kumar, gave an interview to Mail Today which was quoted in an article, titled, “Vehicular pollution reason behind rise of ozone gas in Delhi”, in the Mail Today, Delhi Edition, on 1st June 2015.

Prof. S.K. Chhabra, gave an interview to The Times of India, which was quoted in an article titled, “Foul air hems in people with breathing problems”, in The Times of India, Delhi Edition, on 3rd June 2015.

Prof. Raj Kumar, gave interviews to Hindustan Times which were quoted in articles titled, “Deadly air: 40% children in Delhi have weak lungs, finds survey” and “Pollution continues to hunt Delhi's children even in indoors” (a part of Killing Young Lungs [Part II] series of articles), in The Hindustan Times, Delhi Edition, on 4th and 5th June 2015.

Prof. S.N. Gaur, gave an interview to Hindustan Times which was quoted in an article titled, “Rich or poor, Delhi kids have the weakest lungs”(a part of Killing Young Lungs [Part IV] series of articles) in The Hindustan Times, Delhi Edition, on 7th June 2015.

Prof. S.K. Chhabra, gave an interview to Times of India which was quoted in an article titled, “Masks won't work against Delhi's pollution: Experts”, The Times of India, Delhi Edition, on 8th June 2015.

PROMOTIONS AND NEW RECRUITMENT



Prof. S.N. Gaur was appointed as Acting Director of VPCI on 1st March 2015. Earlier he has served as Acting Director of this Institute from 01/07/2011 to 20/11/2012. He is the Head of the Department of Pulmonary Medicine of VPCI since 1994.



A farewell party was organised for Mr. C.K. Arora, Senior Assistant, Store and Sh. Ram Niwas, Security Guard who superannuated from their services on 30th April 2015 after their successful completion of almost 35 years and 25 years of service respectively at VPCI.

SUPERANNUATION AND FAREWELL



A farewell party was organised for Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Director, VPCI, as a token of gratitude, on 3rd March 2015 at the VPCI auditorium.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- The New Ward B-1 at second floor of Viswanathan Chest Hospital (VCH), VPCI was completed.
- The Institute started two new major lift works: one for providing a new patient bed lift at VCH, VPCI and second for providing a new passenger lift for the Main and Multistoried Building of VPCI.
- The Modernization of sound and lighting system at 300 seated Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium has been started.
- The construction of new Indoor Games building was started during this period.
- The equipments for facilitating patient care and research activities worth Rs. 2.09 (Appox.) crores were processed for purchase, in the period, by Purchase Section. Some of these included Fully Automated Immunohistochemistry Analyser, Chemi Doc MP Imaging System, Subcell Model 96 System, Nitric Oxide Analyser, Multiwash + Microplate Washer, Motorized Micromanipulator, etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT VPCI

- 6th July 2015: “**Workshop on Sleep Study**” will be organised by VPCI in association with the National College of Chest Physicians (India) and Society for Tobacco Control, Delhi.
- 24th September 2015: “**11th Prof. A.S. Paintal Memorial Oration**” will be organised at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium.
- 18th November 2015: “**Seminar on Smoking Cessation cum Contact Programme of Certificate Course in Tobacco Cessation**” will be organized by Society for Tobacco Control in association with VPCI and National College of Chest Physicians (India).

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