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## FROM THE EDITORS DESK

It is with great pleasure that we are presenting the VPCI Newsletter to you for the period of January - June 2021.



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The VPCI started the Post covid respiratory management centre and the Home based pulmonary rehabilitation programme for post covid patients during this period.



Many academic programmes were organized at V.P. Chest Institute during this period, such as; Workshop on Bio- statistics, Training Course on Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Guest Lecture on Covid-19 pandemic etc.

The Sports & Cultural Activities of VPCI-2020 Republic Day Celebrations, Swachhta Pakhwada, 7<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day 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.

**72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day 2021- 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**



The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at the VPCI Campus. The ceremony was attended by VPCI staff with their family members and the relatives of the indoor patients. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director, VPCI hoisted the flag. The programme ended with distributing sweets to all the participants as well as in the indoor patients and their relatives.

**Workshop on Biostatistics- 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**



V.P. Chest Institute organised a “Workshop on Biostatistics” under the aegis of Multidisciplinary Research Unit (MRU)-VPCI, on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium of the Institute, Dr. Raj Kumar, was the organizing Chairman and Dr. Parul Mrigpuri and Dr. Ravishankar were the organizing Secretary of the program. A Workshop Manual on 'Workshop on Biostatistics’ was released by Prof. Raj Kumar, Director, VPCI.

**Training Course on Pulmonary Rehabilitation-9<sup>th</sup> –10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**



“Training Course on Pulmonary Rehabilitation” was organised by V.P. Chest Institute under the aegis of Multidisciplinary Research Unit (MRU)-VPCI, on 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium, VPCI. Mr. Balaram Pani, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi, was the Chief guest of the Programme, Dr. Raj Kumar was the organizing chairman, Dr. Vishal Bansal was organizing Secretary & Dr. Sonam Spalgais was co-organizing secretary of the program.

## Workshop-Cum-Training on Proposal Writing and Ethical Issues in Biomedical Sciences- 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2021



Workshop-cum training on 'Proposal Writing and Ethical Issues in Biomedical Sciences' was organised by V.P.C.I under the aegis of Multidisciplinary Research Unit (MRU)-VPCI, on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium, VPCI, Delhi. Prof. R.K.Goyal, Vice Chancellor, DPSRU, New Delhi was the Chief Guest, Prof Rajkumar was Chairman, Prof. Kavita Gulati was organising secretary and Prof Mandira Varma Basil was joint organising secretary of this workshop.

## Guest Lecture on Covid – 19 Pandemic: Vaccines & Mutants- 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021



V.P. Chest Institute organised a guest lecture on “Covid – 19 Pandemic : Vaccines & Mutants” on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, delivered by Prof. V.S. Chauhan, Chairman Governing Body, V.P. Chest Institute at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium.

## Swachhta Pakhwada- 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute observed Swachhta Pakhwada from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 - 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. The observance of Swachhta Pakhwada commenced with, (i) Swachhta pledge taken by Director, Faculties, Staff, Students of Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute. (ii). The cleaning of the residential flats at Mourice Nagar, Dhaka Complex and of Periphery /Other Areas of VPCI & Patel Niwas was done from 2-5<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. (iii) On 6<sup>th</sup> April, a Mock drill for fire safety was carried out in front of Multi storied Building, VPCI, by Delhi fire services. (iv) On 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, VPCI celebrated World Health Day under Swachhta

Pakhwada at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium, VPCI. Dr. Parul Mrigpuri, Dr. Siddharth Raj Yadav, Dr. Tanuja Trivedi & Mrs. Anjali Malik delivered the lectures on; Cough Etiquette and proper use of mask, Bronchial Hygiene, Sleep Hygiene, Donning & Doffing of PPE, during the programme.

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(v) On 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, soaps/Sanitizers/leaflets on Swachhta, were distributed to the public. (vi) On, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, the “Swachhta Pakhwada: Poster making competition” for VPCI employees and their family members was undertaken at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium, VPCI. (vii) On, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, the Outer Area of VPCI was cleaned. (viii) On, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, an essay writing contest was organised for VPCI staff, students and their children.

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(ix) On 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, a lecture by Dr. CM Sachdeva & Mr. Sriram Oberoi on “Fire Fighting & Fire Safety” at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium. (x) On 13<sup>th</sup> April, the Biomedical Waste Management and cleanliness of all the departments of VPCI, was inspected by a team, headed by Prof. Vishal Bansal and the departments of Pathology, Physiology and PFT Lab were judged as cleanliest departments.

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Laboratory Sanitisation Techniques

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(xi) On 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2021- The lectures on Bio Medical Waste Management and Lab Sanitization Techniques were delivered by Prof. Mandira Varma, Dept of Microbiology and Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology, through Virtual Mode. (xii) On 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, the VPCI Staff organized the Community Programme in the residential area of Dhaka, Delhi, where in soaps, pamphlets etc. were distributed to the residents on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. (xiii) Whitewashing of bathrooms in Multi-story building 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, was done from 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

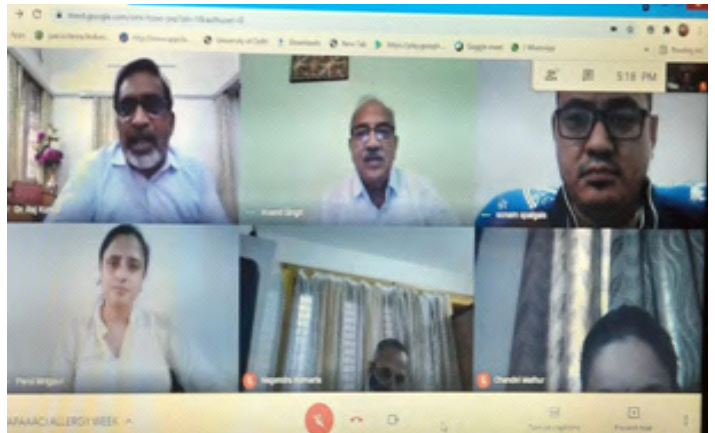
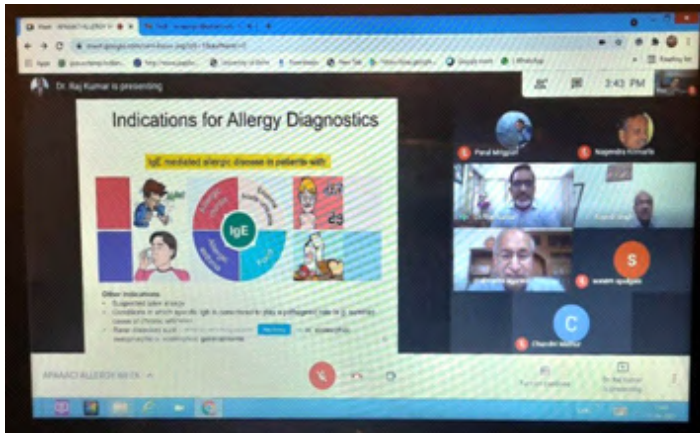
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## APAAACI Allergy Week- 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2021



Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute organized “APAAACI Allergy Week” in association of Indian College of Allergy Asthma & Applied Immunology (ICAAAI) on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 with the theme “Allergy Vaccines and Guidelines on Adverse Reaction”. Prof. Raj Kumar Director, VPCI, Dr. AB Singh, Secretary ICAAI, Dr. Nagendra Prasad, Bangalore, and other eminent faculty delivered the talk during the program.

## Inauguration of Post Covid Respiratory Management Center- 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021



On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Prof. PC Joshi, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi & Prof. Raj Kumar, Director, VPCI inaugurated the Post Covid Respiratory Management Center at Vishwanathan Chest Hospital, V.P Chest Institute (VCH).

## 7<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day-21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021



VPCI celebrated “7<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day” in collaboration with Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga in virtual Mode on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021. The participants undertook pledge, “I Pledge to make Yoga an Internal part of my daily life”. The Faculty members, staff & students performed yoga with the theme “Be with Yoga, Be at home” for building immunity and providing relief from stress.

### Home Based Pulmonary Rehabilitation for Post Covid Patients- 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021



Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute started, Home Based Pulmonary Rehabilitation for Management of Post Covid Patients from 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. In this programme patients are counseled online by Prof. Vishal Bansal and his team through (Tel no. 011 27402479, Mob no. 8800845320) on Monday to Friday (11:00 am to 01:00 pm).

### Adverse Drug Monitoring Centre (AMC) of Pharmacovigilance Program of India- Govt. Of India-VPCI.

The Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre (AMC) of Pharmacovigilance Program of India, MoH & FW, GOI, at VPCI, submitted causality assessment of the Individual Case Safety Reports (ICSR), (MAH)-ICSRs CDSCO score and Voluntary Reports by the Non-AMC, through online software (Vigiflow) to National Coordination Centre (NCC) at Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC). AMC disseminated the awareness about reporting Adverse Events Following COVID-19 vaccination among HCPs on 28.01.2021.





## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### Research Projects and Fellowships

Presently, 09 Research Projects (funded by ICMR, AYUSH, CCRUM, MoHFW, LSRB-DRDO and DBT), 01 MRU-DHR-MoHFW- VPCI and 08 Research Fellowships (funded by ICMR & CSIR) are continuing in the institute.

Further, 02 New Research Fellowship was additionally sanctioned during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. The details are as follows:

Title of the Research Projects	Department
"Genomic insights of azole and terbinafine resistance in clonal Trichophyton mentagrophytes/interdigitalis spp. Complex causing alarming difficulty to treat dermatophytosis in north India	Division of Medical Mycology, Department of Microbiology, VPCI Dr. Anuradha Chowdhary, P.I Funding Agency; DST Grant Received: 19.03 (Lakhs) Date of Start: 10.02.2021
"Pharmacological studies on Hedychium spicatum on airway inflammation and remodeling in experimental model of bronchial asthma	Department of Pharmacology, VPCI Dr. Kavita Gulati, P.I. Funding Agency: ICMR Grant Received: 8.70 (Lakhs) Date of Start: 24.03.2021

### Multidisciplinary Research Unit (VPCI-DHR-ICMR-MRU)



The VPCI under the aegis of Multidisciplinary Research Unit (MRU)-VPCI, organised three workshops/training courses on 'Biostatistics', 'Pulmonary rehabilitation', 'Proposal writing and ethical issues' on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 9-10<sup>th</sup> March and 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 respectively. Presently, four research projects are ongoing in the VPCI-DHR-ICMR-MRU; in the Dept. of Pathology, (P.I, Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha), Dept. of Pharmacology (P.I, Prof. Kavita Gulati). New Research staff, including, Dr. Vikas Kumar, (Research Scientist II), Dr. Savita Devi (Research Scientist I) joined the MRU during this period.

## AWARDS &amp; HONOURS

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was member, Specialists board in discipline of Respiratory Medicine, National Board of Examination, MoH&FW, GoI, New Delhi on 07<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was awarded the Dr. C. V. Ramakrishnan Oration Award, for contribution in the field of Respiratory Medicine by Indian Chest Society on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, participated in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Joint National Conference of the Indian Chest Society (ICS) and National College of Chest Physicians (NCCP) Virtual NAPCON – 2020 at Delhi from 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Nalanda Dialogue (Online) organised by the Department of Philosophy, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda, Bihar on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was member, 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the University Court at University of Delhi, held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was selected as member, Academic Advisory Committee of the Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education (UGC-HRDC), University of Delhi for a period of two years from 03<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was Chairperson in the, “Public Health in India” organised by Centre for Canadian Studies, University of Delhi in association with Dept. of Finance and Business Economics, DU in association with School of Public Health, Institute of Eminence, DU from 11-12 March, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was speaker on 'Management Modalities' in the “Do you want to Quit Tobacco” organised Virtually by Kirori Mal College National Service Scheme in collaboration with VP Chest Institute NTQL on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was re-appointed as the University representative on the Advisory Committee of Lady Hardinge Medical College for a period of one year by University of Delhi, Delhi w.e.f. 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was speaker on, “The Psychological Impact of CoronaVirus In India” during Online National Conference on COVID-19 and its psychological effects organised by Department of Chemistry, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi, Delhi on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was chairperson in the ICAAI Allergy Asthma Chat in association with BAF Academy through virtual mode on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was speaker in the webinar on, 'Challenges in Tobacco Control during Covid-19 on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was member, Standing Committee (Students) of the Academic Council, University of Delhi, on 03<sup>rd</sup> June, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was expert, selection committee, Dept. of Sports and Physical Sciences, Ramjas College, University of Delhi on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was speaker on, “ Food Allergy' in webinar on 'World Allergy Week' (Virtual) organised by Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine, ERA'S Lucknow Medical College & Hospital, Lucknow under the aegis of ICAAAI (North Zone) on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2021.

**Prof. Anita Kotwani, Dept. of Pharmacology**, was invited as plenary speaker, “Responding to AMR Consequences for Human Health”, Workshop on Developing Community-Led Solutions to Antimicrobial Resistance: Building a One Health Approach in Low- and Middle-Income Countries, One Health Poultry Hub and the CE4AMR, (online), 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Anita Kotwani, Dept. of Pharmacology**, gave invited lecture on, “Pharmaceutical effluent: a critical link in the inter-connected ecosystem promoting antimicrobial resistance”, Challenges in Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistance, National Conference on Pharmacy Practice, SGT University, Gurugram, India on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.



**Dir. Prof. Anita Kotwani, Dept. of Pharmacology**, was invited panelist for webinar on launch of report on, “Infectious diseases of South-East Asia Region”, Centre for Disease Dynamics and Economic Policy, Washington DC & New Delhi, (online), 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Anita Kotwani, Dept. of Pharmacology**, was invited speaker and panelist “Antimicrobial resistance governance: behaviour and blame”, One Health Roadmap Series: Chatham House, London, One Health Poultry Hub, (online), on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in “Training Programme on Pharmacovigilance of COVID-19 Vaccines-cum-CTP Meeting” at IPC, Ghaziabad (online) on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in international webinar on Pharmacovigilance at Berhampur (Odisha) on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, gave invited lecture on “Translational research to validate the efficacy of UNIM-352, a polyherbal Unani formulation for bronchial asthma and elucidate the cellular and molecular mechanisms” during Virtual, 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress on Drug Discovery and Development-2021 organized by BioGenesis Health Cluster, Bangalore from 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, was an expert member for Institute human ethics committee meetings of PGIMER, RML Hospital, New Delhi held during February to June 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, gave a talk in the Plenary Lecture on “Newer insights into the neuromodulatory role of Nitric oxide” during Virtual, Biennial South Asian Association of Physiologists VII and Physiological Society of India Conference, 2021 at HIMSAR, 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in CCRYN Webinar series, IDY 2021 on “Yoga in Respiratory Health and Immunity” on occasion of 7<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga-2021 organized by CCRYN on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, was an Expert member, Selection Committee, Dept. of Pharmacology, ESIC Dental College, Rohini on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in 17<sup>th</sup> Skill Development Programme on Pharmacovigilance of Medical Products at IPC, Ghaziabad (online) on 21<sup>st</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

**Dir. Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in the Online National Conference on "Drug Targets and Newer Drugs for COVID-19" organized by Dept. of Pharmacology, Chettinad Academy of Research and Education on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, participated in the Web Seminar on, “Managing biomedical waste in India: covid-19 and beyond” hosted by Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, received training on the, “Statistical Data Analysis using SPSS”, Online Training program organized by Science Tech Institute, Lucknow, 21<sup>st</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, presented a paper titled, 'Combination therapy of pirfenidone and bleomycin in lung cancer: prevents EMT of cancer cells and reduces their invasive potential'. Authors-Kulshrestha Ritu, Mahor Pawan, Romani D, Tanveer F, Mishra AK, Dinda AK at the Virtual Keystone eSymposia on Tumour metabolism and microenvironment held at Colorado, USA on 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, participated in the Web Seminar on, “Health Sector and Climate Change' organized by Health Energy Initiative and Climate Trends on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, was the External Examiner for PhD thesis of Mr. Khalid Umar Fakhri, Anticancer assessment of Rhein and phytic acid against colorectal cancer”, Department of Biosciences, Faculty of Natural Science, Jamia Millia Islamia on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, gave the Invited Faculty lecture on, “Pathology of ILD ” at the ICS ILD Course 2021, e-conference organized by Indian Chest Society on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, was external member for faculty selection committee, Dept of Pathology and Dept of Immuno-Hematology, ESIC, Basaidarapur, New Delhi on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, gave the Invited Faculty lecture on, “MDT discussion of ILD ” at the ICS ILD Course 2021, e-conference organized by Indian Chest Society on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, is the External Member of the Scientific Advisory committee for Model Rural Health Research Unit (MRHRU) established by the Dept of Health Research, MOHFW, GOI at Khotpura, Panipat, Haryana in collaboration with the Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College, Karnal under mentorship of ICMR-NICPR, Noida since March 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, participated in the Virtual Expert meeting for review of Annual Progress report in Task Force for Nanomedicine, organized by ICMR on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, participated in the e-Workshop on High-End Characterization of Microalgae: Overcoming the Technological Barriers organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) on 03<sup>rd</sup> - 04<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, New Delhi.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, participated in the Webinar on “An introduction to Biobanking and Biospecimen Science, organized by Research Section, AIIMS, New Delhi on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, participated in the Virtual Training Workshop on, “PD-L1 (SP142) in TNBC – Interpretation” Organised by Roche Diagnostics India Pvt. Ltd on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, gave an invited Faculty lecture on, “Laboratory sanitisation techniques” organised by V.P. Chest Institute for Swachhta Pakhwada, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept of Pathology**, participated in the Virtual, “Flow cytometry training course” organized by Abcam Plc, UK on June 21, 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept of Pathology**, participated in the Webinar on, 'Increased co-factor affinity resulted in improved protein stability and enzyme activity’, part of webinar series – DLS, enzymes and gene therapy - NanoTemper Week 3, organized by NanoTemper Technologies, Germany on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept of Pathology**, participated in the Webinar on, 'DLS easily explained: What it tells you about your protein”, part of webinar series – DLS, enzymes and gene therapy - NanoTemper Week 3, organized by NanoTemper Technologies, Germany on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept of Pathology**, participated in "SGIAP-ASEAN Pathology Webinar Series - Pulmonary". Organised by International Academy of Pathology-Singapore Division on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Prof. Vishal Bansal, Dept. of Physiology**, delivered lecture on, 'Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation in Chronic Respiratory Diseases' in CHETPULMOCON - recent advances in respiratory medicine”, organized by Dept. of Respiratory Medicine, Chettinad Hospital & Research Institute, Tamil Nadu through online mode on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021.

**Prof. Vishal Bansal, Dept. of Physiology**, delivered lecture on, 'Role of Pulmonary Rehabilitation in Chronic Respiratory Diseases' in “an Orientation program organized by Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi through online mode on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

**Prof. Vishwajeet Rohil, Dept. of Biochemistry**, participated in the webinar non-alcoholic fatty liver disease: an under-organized cause with emerging importance organised by Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**Prof. Vishwajeet Rohil, Dept. of Biochemistry**, participated in the webinar "Practical applications of Six sigma in clinical laboratory medicine organized by Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**Prof. Vishwajeet Rohil, Dept. of Biochemistry**, participated in the webinar "Flow cytometry & its application in laboratory diagnostics organized by Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI) on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

**Dr. Ravishankar. N, Dept. of Biostatistics**, was awarded the prestigious John J. Sciarra IJGO Prize Paper Award for the year 2020, for his publication “Diagnostic accuracy of self-collected vaginal samples for HPV DNA detection in women from South India”. The article was published in (IJGO) May 2020.

**Dr. Ravishankar.N, Dept. of Biostatistics**, participated and delivered a lecture on Introduction to Meta-analysis and RevMan” in the online workshop on organised by Public Health Evidence South Asia, (MAHE), Manipal on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

**Dr. Ravishankar. N, Dept. of Biostatistics**, participated and delivered a lecture on “Quantitative Nursing Research” in the online webinar on “Sample Size Estimation” organised by Manipal College of Nursing, (MAHE), Manipal on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

PRESS AND MEDIA REPORT

Articles were published in National and regional Newspapers:

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**सान्ध्य टाइम्स**  
संकायें बहुत सख्तमय टैलिंग

पोस्ट कोविड में घर बैठे ठीक होगी लंग्स से जुड़ी परेशानी

वल्लभ भाई पटेल वेस्ट इंस्टिट्यूट ने शुरू किया होम बेस्ड पल्मोनरी रिहिबिलिटेशन

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कोविड के बाद लंग्स से जुड़ी परेशानी में घर बैठे ठीक होगी।

**मरीजों को कई तरह की सहायता मिलेगी।**

डॉ. वल्लभ भाई पटेल ने कहा है कि कोविड के बाद लंग्स से जुड़ी परेशानी में घर बैठे ठीक होगी। उन्होंने कहा कि कोविड के बाद लंग्स से जुड़ी परेशानी में घर बैठे ठीक होगी।

**मरीजों को कई तरह की सहायता मिलेगी।**

डॉ. वल्लभ भाई पटेल ने कहा है कि कोविड के बाद लंग्स से जुड़ी परेशानी में घर बैठे ठीक होगी। उन्होंने कहा कि कोविड के बाद लंग्स से जुड़ी परेशानी में घर बैठे ठीक होगी।

(26<sup>th</sup> June, 2021)

## New Appointments & Promotions

During this period, new faculty joined in various departments of VPCI: Dr. Jayeeta Bhadra, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry; Dr. Ravishankar N., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biostatistics; Dr. Siddharth Raj Yadav, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine, Dr. Ajita Kapur, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology Dr. Rajnish Kaushik, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine. Mrs. Uma Tyagi Librarian was promoted to Librarian Stage- II & Stage-III w.e.f. 25.07.2007 & 25.07.2012 in interviews held in January & June, 2021.

## Superannuation and Farewell



**Mr. V.P. Mani**, Lift Operator, superannuated from his services after completion of almost 37 years of service in VPCI on 31.01.2021.



**Mr. Gaya Baksh Singh**, Office Attendant, superannuated from his services after completion of almost 27 years of service in VPCI on 28.02.2021.



**Sh. Rakesh K. Gupta**, Senior Technical Assistant, superannuated from his services after completion of almost 34 years of service in VPCI on 31.03.2021.



**Mr. Dharendra Pal**, Technical Assistant, superannuated from his services after completion of almost 36 years of service in VPCI on 31.05.2021.



**Mr. Gyan Bahadur**, Assistant Pump Operator, superannuated from his services after completion of almost 34 years of service in VPCI on 31.05.2021.

## OBITUARY



**Late Sh. Deepak Upreti**

**Late Sh. Deepak Upreti**, Ward Attendant, a sincere and dedicated worker, with a pleasant persona expired on 03.05.2021 due to ill-health. He had joined the institute on 01.02.2006.



**Late Sh. Ramesh**

**Late Sh. Ramesh**, Laboratory Assistant, Dept. of Microbiology expired on 05.05.2021 due to ill-health. He had joined the institute on 03.03.1993.

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