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It is with great pleasure that we are presenting the VPCI Newsletter to you for the period July - December 2020. The Institute and its all of its staff efficiently prepared for and managed the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, during this period.

The post-covid-19-respiratory management: expert panel report was prepared and published in ICDAS 2020. The long overdue faculty promotions were completed during this period. The 74<sup>th</sup> Independence day celebration, vigilance awareness week, inauguration of composter machine, launching of Institute mobile App 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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Set up of flu corner for screening to all suspected cases of Covid-19 of V.P.C.I.

# Preparedness of V.P.Chest Institute for Covid-19 pandemic



**Post-COVID-19 Respiratory Management: Expert Panel Report**

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Covid-19 TEST	Total Tested	Total Positive
RTPCR	149	47
Antigen	65	11
IgG	2363	696



The V.P.Chest Institute and its staff, under the leadership of its Director, Prof Raj kumar, minutely prepared for and managed the patients presenting to VPCI in the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic by; (i) arranging mock drill for emergency response to handle Covid-19 patients, (ii) Setting up of Flu- corner for Screening of all suspected cases, (iii) Equipping all institute gates with infrared forehead temperature thermometer to check the fever of the visitors. (iv) providing hand sanitizers, and liquid soaps at all locations. (v) providing Self Protection Gadgets to All Staff Members and training them for Self Protection. (vi) Educating/Training Patients and Visitors. (v) providing Patients and Visitors with Free Medically -appropriate Masks. (vi) COVID-19 Screening Zone was made next to the Entry of Gate no 4. (vii) The Hospital Established Exclusive Emergency-Isolation Rooms for Covid-19 Suspects. (vii) The Hospital Premises were Well-Labelled with Awareness Posters, Standees and Wall Hoardings to make the Patients Aware about Covid-19. (viii) All Areas of Hospital, Office Areas, Parkings, Hostel and Staff Residential Areas were Sanitized on regular basis to Fight Covid-19. (ix) The Institute constituted Committees to combat Corona virus infection, formulate guidelines and best practices to be followed to protect, control and prevent epidemic of Coronavirus infection in VPCI. (x) establishing covid testing facility by qRT-PCR and rapid antigen testing at microbiology department of the institute. The specialized Teams regarding Covid-19 functioned under the watchful guidance of Our Director Prof. Dr Raj Kumar.





## 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration-15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020



attended by VPCI staff with their family members. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, hoisted the National flag.



## Inauguration of Composter Machine & Institute Mobile App - 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020



A formal inauguration of the, 'V.P. Chest institute mobile App" was done by Mrs. Dr. Vibha Chauhan on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. The formal inauguration of the "Composter Machine: installed in Patel Niwas of the institute was done on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 by Prof. V.S. Chauhan, Chairman of Governing body, VPCI.



**Vigilance Awareness Week -:**  
27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 to 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020



The Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute (VPCI) observed Vigilance Awareness with the theme "Vigilant India, Prosperous India" during 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 to 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020 at Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, University of Delhi, Delhi. The faculty members, students and staff of the institute participated in this event and took the pledge.



## Kayakalp Team



The KAYAKALP assessor team of the Delhi State Health Mission, Department of Health & Family Welfare Govt. of NCT of Delhi visited V.P. Chest institute on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.



## 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, reported the suspected ADR cases in June-December 2020, through online software (vigiflow) to National Coordination Centre (NCC) at Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission. On 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, the AMC celebrated World Patient Safety Day with HCPs on the theme, "Speak up for Patient Safety". In October 2020, the Newsletter Vol 9-10/2019-2020 was distributed among health care professional. In December 2020, awareness was spread

regarding Toll Free Number (1800 180 3024) to report any suspected ADRs by using PvPI Toll free helpline number.

### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES Research Projects and Fellowships

Presently, 08 Research Projects (funded by ICMR, AYUSH, CCRUM, MoHFW, LSRB-DRDO and DBT), 06 projects are undergoing in MRU-DHR-MoHFW- VPCI and 09 Research Fellowships (Funded by ICMR, CSIR & DHR- MoHFW) are continuing in the institute.

Further, 02 New Research Fellowship was additionally sanctioned during the period 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020. The details are as follows:

Title of the Research Projects	Department
Exploration of azole resistance in <i>Candida tropicalis</i> : Detection of ERG11 gene mutations and azole resistant genotypes	Funding Agency : ICMR Division of Medical Mycology, Department of Microbiology Dr. Anuradha Chowdhary, P.I Grant Received : 20.21 (Lakhs) Date of Start: 27/10/2020
Triple targeting engineered virus: A tool to counter influenza infection	Funding Agency: ICMR Division of Virology, Department of Microbiology Dr. Madhu Khanna, P.I. Grant Received: 13.28 (Lakhs) Date of Start: 20/12/2020

## Multidisciplinary Research Unit:



Presently 06 research projects on chronic respiratory diseases from the various departments V.P.Chest Institute (Pathology, Pharmacology, Pulmonary Medicine) are being carried out in MRU-DHR-MoHFW-VPCI. The progress of VPCI-MRU in key performance indicators was submitted on the DARPAN Dashboard and output outcome monitoring framework (OOMF) of DHR & NITI Ayog in the months of September and December 2020.

## Awards & Honours

**Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, tenure as Anti-Discrimination Officer of the University of Delhi was extended tenure for a period of Six Months w.e.f. 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.

**Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was expert Member of Selection Committee meeting for selection of Assistant Professor and Associate Professor at Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, UP on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

**Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was expert Project review committee meeting to review the 1<sup>st</sup> annual report of work done for the project 'Centre for advance Research and Excellence in Exhaled Breathing Condensate' under Dr. Anant Mohan, AIIMS, New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

**Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was member of Interim Committee on Healthcare for the management of WUS Health Centers, University of Delhi, Delhi on 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

**Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was selected as member of Academic Council, Pondicherry University, Kalapet, Puducherry on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

**Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was member of Peer review of New Delhi TB Center (NDTBC), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (CCD Section), Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi on 04<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 07<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

**Prof. Raj Kumar, Director**, was expert selection committee for the appointment of the Principal, SV College, New Delhi on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.



**Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in webinar on "Advanced Pharmacovigilance", theme: Research in Pharmacovigilance in the age of COVID-19, organized by Research Training Centre for South Zone, Dept. of Clinical Pharmacy, JSS Medical College & Hospital, Mysuru in association with Pharmacovigilance Program of India, Ghaziabad on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

**Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, was subject expert for selection of Asst. Professor (Ad-hoc) in Dr. Ambedkar Center for Biomedical Research (ACBR), Delhi on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

**Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in a "Webinar on the Response of the DBT's Autonomous Institutes to COVID-19 (Part-1)" on 21<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

**Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in "Webinar on COVID-19", organized by Indian Journal of Pharmacology (IJP) and Indian Pharmacological Society (IPS) on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020.

**Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in Webinar organized by Delhi Pharmacological Society and Society for Promotion and Research of Cardiovascular Sciences on "Challenges in Diagnosis and Pharmacotherapy of COVID-19" on 05<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in IPS organized Pharmacology Webinar- Research methodology & Research quality assessment, Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in a "Webinar on the Response of the DBT's Autonomous Institutes to COVID-19 (Part-II)" on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in IPS organized Pharmacology Webinar- Animal care & Handling (CPCSEA) & regulatory Pharmacology and Toxicology, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in IPS organized Pharmacology Webinar Series- Drug Development: Newer Technologies, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**Prof. Kavita Gulati & Dr. Neha Sharma, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in the Webinar on "Vaccine Safety: Basics to Advanced" on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

**Prof. Vishal Bansal, Dept. of Physiology**, delivered lecture on, "Role of Exercise Training in Management of Chronic Respiratory Diseases" in "Refresher Course in Health

Management", organized by UGC- Human Resource Development Centre, Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh from 16 November, 2020 to 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 through online mode.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, presented poster paper, titled, " KRAS gene mutation in bronchoscopy samples of non small cell carcinoma lung: Relation with smoking status and KRAS oncoprotein expression" Authors- Kulshrestha R, Pawan K, Nupur K, Nair D, Spalgias S, Mrigpuri P, Menon B, Rajkumar. e- Poster paper presented at ATS 2020 Virtual International Conference, 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, participated in the, CeNSE DBT Nanobiotechnology Alliance Familiarization Workshop, Organised by the The Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE), Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru on 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, participated in the, Webinar on, "Response of the DBTs Autonomous institutes to Covid-19 (Part –II), organised by DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, participated in the, The Virtual Conference on Lung Cancer (Virtual-LC 2020), organised by Bioevents Ltd. 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, was Member, Board of Studies, Dept. of Paramedical sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, SGT University, Gurgaon since November, 2020.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, was selected as Associate Member- of DBT – TDNBC – Deakin – Research Network across Continents for Learning and Innovation (DTD-RNA) since November, 2020.

**Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Dept. of Pathology**, participated in the, "Joint Virtual Workshop on Regenerative and Nano Medicine", organised by AIIMS, Delhi and Indiana University School of Medicine on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

**Dr. Neha Sharma, PsPva, AMC, Dept. of Pharmacology**, participated in Social Medical Campaign "Med Safety Week" 2020 organized by Uppasala Monitoring Centre between 02<sup>nd</sup> to 08<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

**Dr. Neha Sharma, PsPva, AMC, Dept. of Pharmacology**, was successfully completed five days online skill Development Programme on Pharmacovigilance for Medical Products from 09<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.



# Press and Media Report:

Articles published in National and regional Newspapers are:

**जस्ट बिदगी**  
**कोरोना टेस्ट की ABC**  
**कितनी तरह के टेस्ट**  
**1 Quick Antigen**  
**2 RT-PCR**  
**3 Antibody Test**  
**उलझे सवारों के सुलझे जवाब**

Navbharat Times (2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020)

**जस्ट बिदगी**  
**कोरोना से ठीक होने के बाद...**  
**खुद अभी करवा रहे हैं इलाज**  
**दो महीने लगे पूरी तरह ठीक होने में**  
**रिपोर्ट नेगेटिव आने के बाद करे ये काम**  
**अब भी जरूरी है ऐहतियात**  
**कोरोना से उबरने के बाद कुछ ऐसा हो हमारा रूटीन**

Navbharat Times (20<sup>th</sup> September, 2020)

## PROMOTION



Dr. Malini Shariff, Dr. Mandira Varma-Basil, Dr. Madhu Khanna, Dr. Balakrishnan, Dr. Anuradha Chowdhary, Dr. Anita Kotwani, Dr. Kavita Gulati were promoted to Director Professor and Dr. Vishal Bansal, Dr. Vishwajeet Rohil and Dr. Ritu Kulshrestha were promoted to Professor vide interviews held at Vice Chancellor Office on 07.12.2020 and 09.12.2020.



## SUPERANNUATION & FAREWELL



**Mr. Bhagat Singh**, Safai Karamchari, superannuated from his services on 31.08.2020 after completion of almost 33 years of service in VPCI.



**Mr. Rajender Singh**, Driver, superannuated from his services on 31.08.2020 after completion of almost 27 years of service in VPCI.



**Mr. Gopal Dutt**, Havaldar, superannuated from his services on 31.08.2020 after completion of almost 33 years of service in VPCI.



**Dr. Rajender Bajaj**, Veterinarian, superannuated from his services on 31.10.2020 after completion of almost 18 years of service in VPCI.

## OBITUARY

### Former Director, V.P. Chest Institute, University of Delhi, Delhi.



**Dr. H.S. Randhawa**  
(1933 - 2020)

Prof. Harbans Singh Randhawa, was the Former Director, V.P. Chest Institute, (1991-1998). He was the former Professor and Head, Medical Mycology Unit, Department of Microbiology, VPCI, and INSA Emeritus Scientist. He passed away on November 11, 2020. Prof. H.S. Radhawa, was born on October 5, 1933 in, village Bhangali Kalan, District Amritsar, Punjab. He was globally known for the discovery of *Candida Viswanathi* and several other fungi of clinical interest.

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