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**National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research, (ICMR)**

## HALF - YEARLY NEWSLETTER



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### Address from Director, NICPR

Greetings to All for the year 2023!

The year began on a positive note as we celebrated the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of our institute. Over the last few years, NICPR has made significant strides in developing and validating innovative and improved strategies for cervical, oral, and breast cancer screening in the country. Lately, the institute has expanded its research domain to other cancers including esophageal, gall bladder, head and neck, ovarian, endometrial and prostate as well. The institute's health promotion clinic is carrying out screening for risk factors for non-communicable diseases. Tobacco cessation counselling point is another important feature of our Health Promotion Clinic where behavioral and non-behavioral interventions are carried out to assist individuals to quit tobacco.

Community awareness and screening programs are being organized regularly especially among high-risk groups like prisoners and hard-to-reach areas for early diagnosis of lesions and appropriate management. Besides patient service, NICPR has also been working towards building a trained comprehensive workforce all over the country for screening of cancers in the community. Over the last 6 months, NICPR has conducted training for Medical Officers, staff nurses, and pathologists in screening for common cancers.

### Editorial Board

Dr. Shalini Singh  
Dr. Ekta Gupta

The Institute celebrated Republic Day, Women's Day and Yoga Day with full gusto and organized various activities with the participation of young and elders alike. The Staff and faculty also participated enthusiastically to observe and spread the message on the occasion of Oral Cancer Awareness month, World No Tobacco Day, National Statistics Day etc. Workshops and webinars have been organized to improve Quality of Medical Research and protocol Writing. NICPR scientists have been awarded several new research projects and are working enthusiastically towards their goals.

I hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter and we look forward to your feedback.

**INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES (HEALTH DAYS/EVENTS/SEMINARS/TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED**

**January 2023**

**14<sup>th</sup> January 2023: Annual Day Celebrations**

The 44<sup>th</sup> annual day of ICMR-NICPR was organized in the institute with great enthusiasm. The program was initiated by a warm welcome to all the members by the honorable Director ICMR-NICPR followed by insightful talks by our esteemed chief guests; Dr. Jerard M. Selvam and Dr. Shekhar Kashyap on Cancer prevention and Juventology i.e. science of healthy aging. A prize distribution ceremony was held to recognize scientific, administrative and technical staff members for their great achievement throughout the year. The event was marked by a lot of extracurricular activities including sports and cultural activities in which all staff members participated enthusiastically.





## 26<sup>th</sup> January: Republic Day celebrations

NICPR celebrated 73rd Republic Day with traditional gaiety and enthusiasm. The tricolor was unfurled by the Director, NICPR in presence of staff members, and the national anthem was sung.



## February 2023

- Dr. Mausumi Bharadwaj, Scientist-G, Molecular Biology conducted two workshops under DHR funded Project “Basic Molecular Biology Techniques Relevant to Cancer Research – Hands-on Training”. The workshops were held from January 31 - Feb 03, 2023 & February 28- 03 March 2023 in which there were 20 participants in the first workshop and 24 participants in the second workshop.







### World Cancer Day 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023

To mark the World Cancer Day, a lot of community awareness programs were organized by the institute involving youth members of schools and colleges. Dr. Ekta Gupta, Scientist-E delivered a lecture on risk factors and prevention of cancer amongst women in a government girls college. Dr. Prashant Kumar Singh, Scientist-E and Dr. Sudhir Tanwar, Scientist-B interacted with students of a junior high school and spread the message of a healthy lifestyle and preventing non-communicable diseases including cancer.



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**KM. MAYAWATI GOVERNMENT GIRLS P.G. COLLEGE, BADALPUR, G.B. NAGAR**  
WOMEN HEALTH CLUB AND COVID HELP DESK ORGANIZES  
AWARENESS SESSION ON  
**RISK FACTORS & PREVENTIONS OF CANCER WITH SPECIAL  
REFERENCE TO WOMEN'**

DATE: 3-02-2023 TIME : 12:00 P.M. VENUE: M.P.HALL






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**विश्व कैंसर दिवस**

विश्व कैंसर दिवस से एक दिन पूर्व "राष्ट्रीय कैंसर रोकथाम एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान" द्वारा सरकारी जूनियर हाई स्कूल, नोएडा में स्वास्थ्य जागरूकता वार्ता आयोजित की गयी, जिसमें विद्यार्थियों को कैंसर से बचाव योग्य स्वस्थ जीवन शैली के बारे में बताया गया

**"बच्चों में स्वास्थ्य के प्रति जागरूकता फैलाएं  
आओ हम सब मिलकर विश्व कैंसर दिवस मनाएं"**



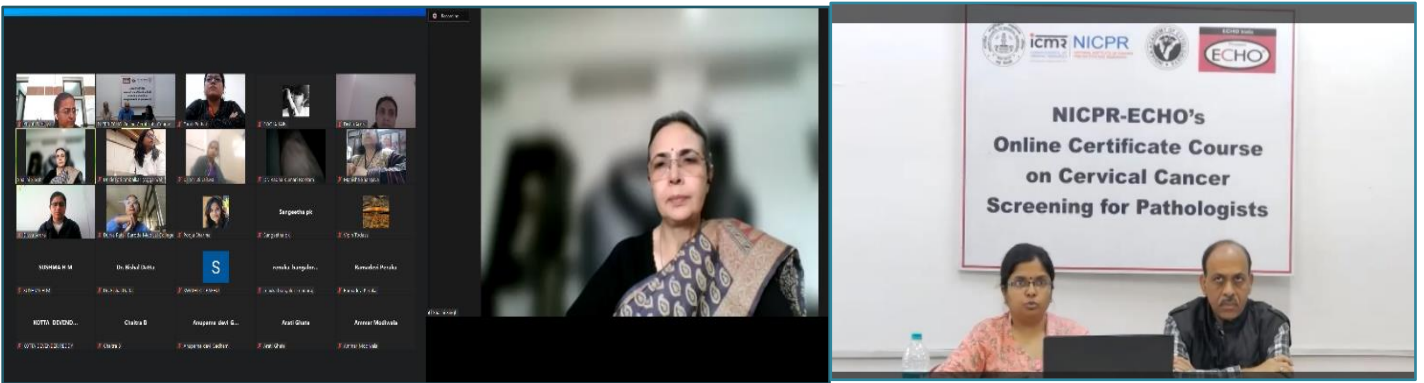
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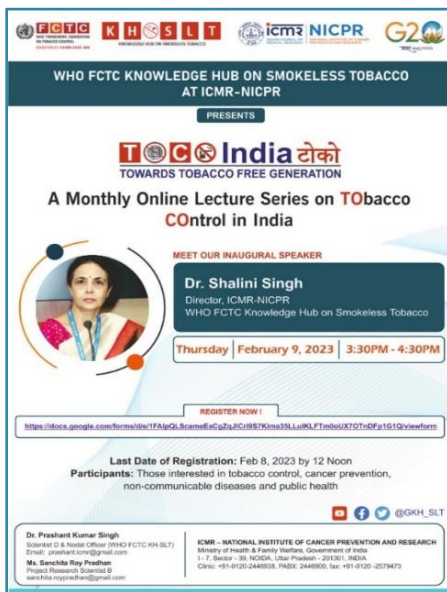
**A Nukkad Natak was organized on the occasion of world cancer Day with the theme of generating cancer Awareness in the community. Students from GPG College, Noida presented the natak with zeal, energy and enthusiasm.**

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- **8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: 3<sup>rd</sup> National NICPR-ECHO Online Certificate Course on Cervical Cancer Screening for Pathologists**  
Number of participants/ trainees: **54**



- **February 9, 2023: TOCOIndiaटोको – An online lecture series on tobacco COntrol in India on, ICMR-NICPR (online). Number of participants/ trainees: 125**



- **17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

An invited lecture on the topic “**Early Diagnosis of Childhood Cancer- How does it impact Outcome**” was **organized by ICMR-NICPR** on the occasion of International Childhood Cancer Day where Dr. Nitha Radhakrishnan, Associate Professor, Post Graduate Institute of Child Health, Noida was the speaker. Her talk emphasized that outcome of childhood cancer in low middle-income countries continues to be poor primarily due to late detection and initiation of treatment. She emphasised on increased primary care physician sensitization for quicker referral to specialized centers that may mitigate the delay and improve outcomes.



ICMR-National Institute of Cancer Prevention & Research, Noida is celebrating **International Childhood Cancer Day, 2023**  
A distinguished lecture by Dr Nita Radhakrishnan on *"Early diagnosis of childhood cancer- How does it impact outcome?"*

**Dr. Shalini Singh**  
Director & Scientist G  
ICMR-NICPR  
Noida

**Dr Nita Radhakrishnan**  
Associate Professor & Head  
Postgraduate Institute of  
Child Health (PGICH)  
Noida

**VENUE:**  
ICMR-National Institute of Cancer Prevention & Research, Noida  
I-7, Sector 39, Near Noida City Metro Station, Noida, G.B. Nagar District, UP - 201301

**17TH FEBRUARY, 2023**  
**03:00 PM - 04:00 PM**



- **February 21-22, 2023: 2nd National Consultation on Smokeless Tobacco Control in India.**  
**Number of participants/ trainees: 130**





- February 22-23, 2023: 3rd National Consultation on Emerging Challenges and Opportunities in Tobacco Control

Number of participants/ trainees: 70



## March 2023

International Women's Day, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023



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### International women's Day

digitALL-Innovation and Technology for gender equality

**Women Empowerment: Building the world a better place to live in Gender Equality**











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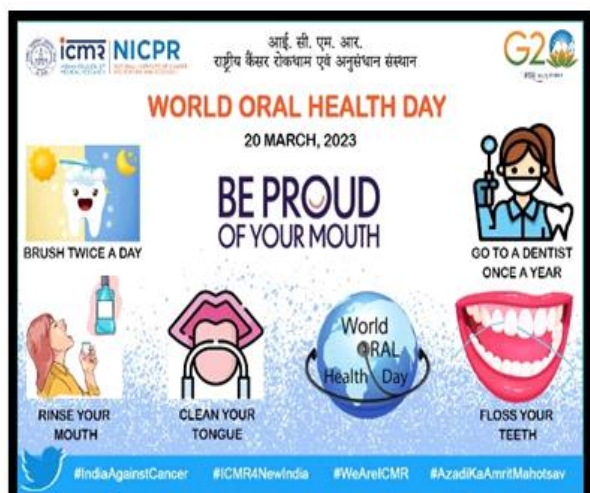
## 15 – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023: Hands-on Workshop “Molecular Docking, Pharmacophore modeling and Machine Learning”

A two-day cloud-based hands-on workshop was organized by the Division of Bioinformatics, in collaboration with Schrodinger Inc. The focus of the workshop was on Molecular Docking, Pharmacophore, Modeling and Machine Learning. A total of 83 students, researchers and faculties took part in this workshop from more than 50 different colleges, universities and research institutions all over India.



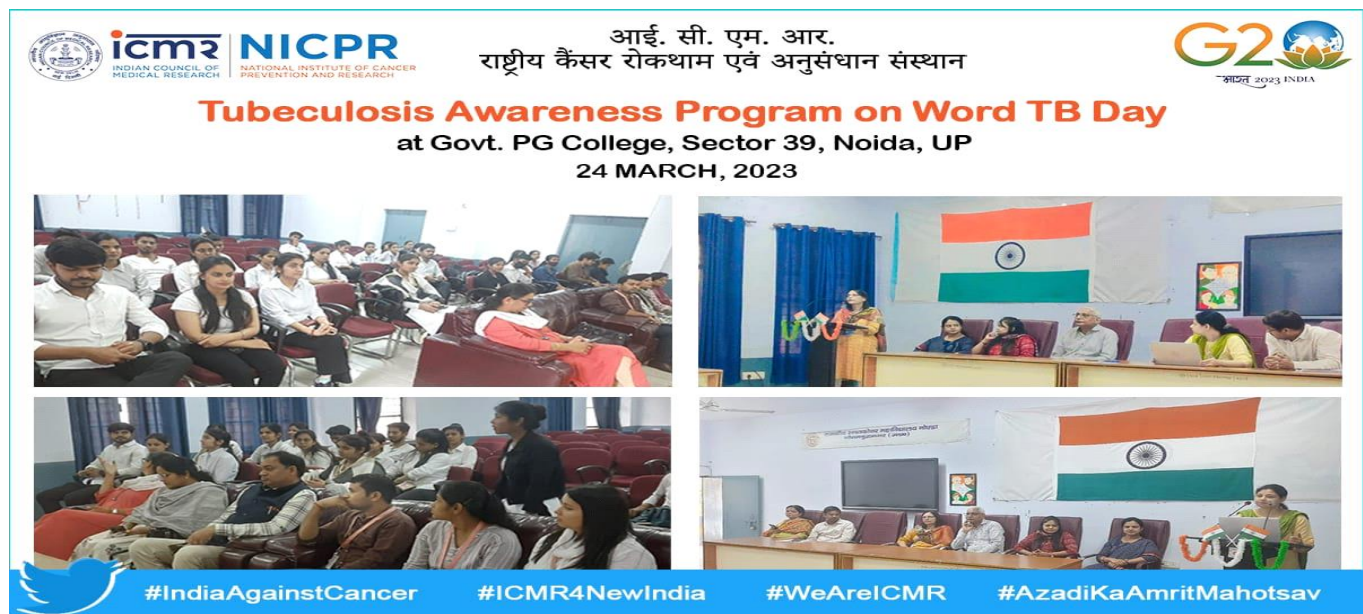
## WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

A seminar on “Basics of Oral Health” was organized in ICMR-NICPR in which Dr. Pravesh Mehra, Director Professor, Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, Lady Hardinge Medical College was the guest. He briefed the participants on basics of oral hygiene and prevention of oral precancers and cancer.





## Tuberculosis Day, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023



An awareness Program about Tuberculosis elimination programme was carried out among students of PG degree college, Noida on the occasion of World TB day on 24th March 2023. Topics covered included early signs and symptoms of TB, diagnostic tests, complications of tuberculosis, the importance of completing the treatment, “TB mukt Bharat”, Nikshay mitra, Nikshay portal etc. Students were also given a chance to clear their doubts regarding TB . They were encouraged to motivate their relatives and neighbors to avail government facilities for free diagnosis and treatment.

## “Cancer Prevention Campaign” at Shivaji College, University of Delhi, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

To spread awareness regarding cancer prevention among youth, a Cancer Prevention Campaign was organized at Shivaji College, University of Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 wherein scientists from ICMR-NICPR interacted with college students and briefed them on different aspects of cancer prevention ranging from dietary modification, vaccination, and screening. A lot of activities including poster competition were organized and students participated enthusiastically.





## April 2023

**27th – 29th April, 2023: Hands-on workshop for screening of breast, oral and cervical cancer for nursing officers at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Guwahati.**

**Number of participants/ trainees: 40**



**Visit by Delegates of the Global Tobacco Regulators Forum (GTRF), 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023**



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**DELEGATES OF GLOBAL TOBACCO  
REGULATORS FORUM VISITED, ICMR-NICPR**

27 APRIL, 2023











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## Hindi Training program, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023



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**हिंदी राजभाषा प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम**

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विषय: "राजभाषा हिंदी में काम करना आसान, फिर मुश्किल क्यों ?  
डॉ वंदना शर्मा सहायक निदेशक (राजभाषा)  
आई. सी. एम. आर. - एन. आई. एम. आर., नई दिल्ली  
दिनांक : 28 अप्रैल 2023  
समय : 3.00 बजे

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## May 2023

### World Hypertension Day, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

To celebrate World Hypertension Day, a health education talk and screening camp was organized for the staff members and patients attending the health promotion clinic. They were advised on healthy dietary choices and lifestyle modifications to control high blood pressure.



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**WORLD HYPERTENSION DAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2023**

Measure Your BP Accurately, Control it, LIVE LONGER!

**AWARENESS IS THE KEY!**

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**22.05.2023 to 27.05.2023: ICMR funded hands on workshop on “NGS based whole genome sequencing (WGS) of epidemic RNA viruses conducted by Dr. Pramod Kumar. Number of participants: 20**



### 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023: World No Tobacco day

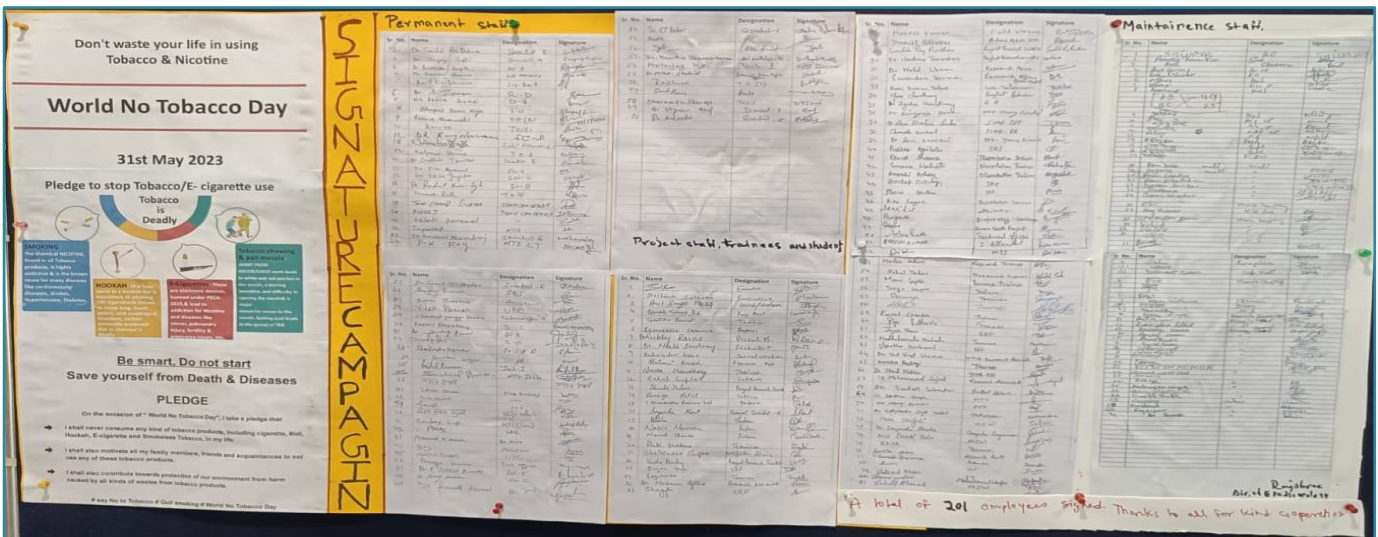
The WHO FCTC Knowledge Hub on Smokeless Tobacco, ICMR-NICPR successfully organized a ‘Sensitization activity of Institute Staffs on Tobacco Free Institute Initiative’ from 17<sup>th</sup> May to 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research (ICMR-NICPR) for all the departments in groups such as housekeeping, maintenance, horticulture, security, accounts, store, administrative and project staff of the institute. With these more than 100 staff have been sensitized within the Institute. Information about Govt. guidelines on Tobacco Free Institute Initiative and supporting guidance on tobacco cessation available at the Institute was provided.







A “No Tobacco” pledge and signature campaign was organized within the institute. A total of 201 staff signed the campaign from different departments.



A poster design competition and online quiz competition was also organized in which total 8 participants from different departments of the institute participated.





All the submitted posters were evaluated by our senior scientists and winners were decided based on the marks obtained on various evaluation parameters.



Total 20 participants from different departments of the Institute participated in the online quiz competition on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 which contained questions on various aspects of tobacco control worldwide





A No Tobacco Awareness Rally was also organized by ICMR-NICPR on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023 with all the institutional staff. Students from Government Post Graduate College, Noida also walked hand-in-hand in the rally with placards and anti-tobacco slogans with ICMR-NICPR.



On 31<sup>st</sup> May on World No Tobacco Day 2023, ICMR-National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research declared Tobacco Free Institute. In the leadership of Dr. Shalini Singh, Director, ICMR-NICPR, all the staff of the Institute participated in No tobacco pledge followed by prize distribution to participants of poster design and online quiz competition.




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# NO TOBACCO AWARENESS RALLY

30 May 2023










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## WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

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Raise Awareness about Alternative Crop Production for Tobacco Farmers

**GROW FOOD**



**NOT Tobacco**

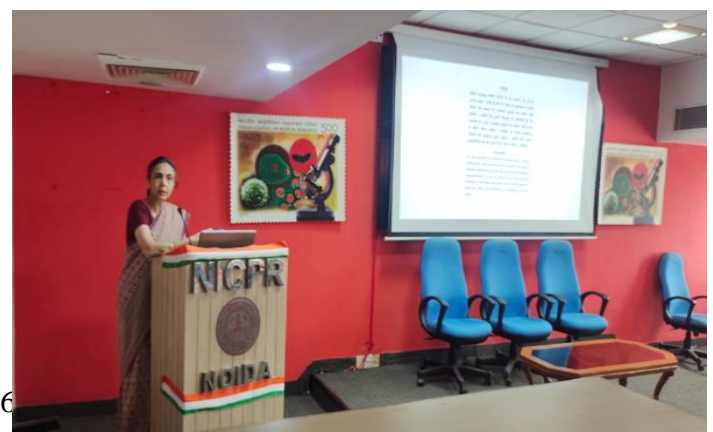


**“Encourage Tobacco Farmers to Grow Sustainable, Nutritious Crops”.**

Improve People’s Health and the Health of the Planet.




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### No Tobacco Pledge



### Prize Distribution to all the winners of Poster Design and Online Quiz Competition



**Staff News****NICPR warmly welcomes the new members to its family.**

S.No.	Name & Designation	D.O.J. in NICPR
1.	Dr. Kakoli Borkotoky, Scientist-C	09.02.2023

**SUPERANNUATED TECHNICAL STAFF**

**Sh. Bhopal Singh**, Technician-C – Jan 2023  
**Sh. Danial Das**, Lab. Assistant – April 2023

**VRS TAKEN BY TECHNICAL STAFF**

**Sh. Deep Kumar**, Sr. Technician (3) – February 2023

**STAFF TRANSFERRED OUT FROM NICPR**

**Sh. Neeraj Dubey**,  
 Technical Assistant – February 2023

**Sh. Yogesh Kumar**,  
 Administrative Officer – April 2023

**Dr. Kavitha Dhanasekharan**,  
 Scientist-E - June, 2023

**STAFF TRANSFERRED IN FROM NICPR**

**Sh. Rajpal Suman**,  
 Technician-1 – March 2023

**Smt. Jyoti**, Assistant – May 2023

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