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Sir/ Madam,

The Director and staff of ICMR-NICED cordially invite you to join the program for celebrating the auspicious occasion of "59th Foundation Day of ICMR-NICED" on February 18, 2021. **Prof. (Dr.) Balram Bhargava**, Padma Shri, MD, DM, FRCP (Glasg.), FRCP (Edin.) FACC, FAHA, FAMS, FNAsc, FAsc, FNA, DSc, Secretary DHR and DG, ICMR has kindly agreed to grace the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

Traditionally, ICMR-NICED Foundation Day Oration 2021 is held on this day. We are pleased to have Prof. Partha P. Majumder, PhD, FNA, FASc, FNAsc, FTWAS, Distinguished Professor and founder, National Institute of Biomedical Genomics, Kalyani as the Chief Guest who will deliver the ICMR-NICED Foundation Day Oration 2021.

Topic of the oration: "Geographical sprint of an altered SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, but with some limps."

Please find the agenda of the program overleaf.

Your participation will be highly motivating for us. You can join the programme digitally by clicking the link below.

With warm regards,

Dr. Shanta Dutta

Director

(On behalf of all staff of ICMR-NICED)

Date: February 10, 2021

Venue:

ICMR-NICED II Building
ICMR-National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (ICMR-NICED)
Indian Council of Medical Research
P-33, C.I.T. Road, Scheme XM
Beliaghata, Kolkata - 700010

Link for joining the programme:



<http://echo.zoom.us/j/9133700010>

About ICMR-NICED

The ICMR-National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (ICMR-NICED) started its journey 59 years back as the "Cholera Research Centre" in Calcutta in 1962. Following the outstanding studies on cholera phages, the centre was given the status of "WHO Collaborative Centre for Reference and Research on Vibrios" in 1978. In 1979 in view of the scientific contribution of the Centre, ICMR recognized it as the "National Institute".

Since its inception the Institute has been actively involved in multi-dimensional research which includes basic research, clinical and behavioral studies with a primary focus on enteric diseases. The Institute has always geared up to meet the demands of national priority through research. Research activities on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has been recognized by ICMR through establishment of the "National Repository of AMR Bacteria" and "National AMR Hub" at NICED. Translational research has always remained a top priority of NICED. In the year 2018, NICED has transferred the technology to an International agency for the commercial scaling up of *anti-Shigella* vaccine. NICED's unflinching response to national needs is reflected through the involvement of Regional Virus Research Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) during public health emergencies in India. During COVID 19 epidemic in 2020, NICED-VRDL played a pivotal role in containment of the disease by testing large number of clinical samples. NICED has been designated as one of the ten "Covid Bio repository Centre" by ICMR. Other COVID 19 related research included participation in the whole genome sequencing of SARS CoV2 virus, developing rapid diagnostic assays, national serosurvey of COVID 19, rBCG and Covaxin Phase III vaccine trial etc.

This institute will continue to serve humanity in future through various research endeavors.



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PROGRAMME

10:30 - 10:45	Opening Song
10:45 - 10:55	Lighting of Ceremonial lamp
10:55 - 11:05	Welcome address by the Director, ICMR-NICED
11:05 - 11:25	Inaugural address by Prof. Balram Bhargava as Guest of Honour



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Secretary, Department of Health Research &
Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research

11:25 - 11:30	Orator's Citation & Felicitations
11:30 - 12:30	ICMR-NICED Foundation Day Oration, 2021 by Prof. Partha P. Majumder as Chief Guest.



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12:30 - 12:40	Felicitations of permanent employees of ICMR-NICED who completed 25 years of service
12:40 - 12:45	Vote of Thanks
12:45 - 14:00	Refreshments