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## ANNOUNCEMENT

# International Conference on Kaleidoscopic Insights into Reproductive and Child Health

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**CME**

## Genetic Testing and Counseling in Medical Practice



### Dr Shanta S Rao Centenary Celebrations

January 23-25, 2023

#### Convenor

**Dr Geetanjali Sachdeva**

Director

ICMR - National Institute for Research in  
Reproductive and Child Health (ICMR-NIRRH)  
Mumbai

#### Organizing Secretaries

**Dr Srabani Mukherjee**  
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[Link for registration and abstract submission](#)

**International Conference on Kaleidoscopic Insights into  
Reproductive and Child Health  
January 23-25, 2023**

**Speakers**

Dr Anamika Gambhir, DBT, New Delhi  
Dr Asgi T Fazleabas, Michigan State University, USA  
Dr Ashish Satav, MAHAN Trust, Melghat  
Dr Ashutosh Haldar, AIIMS, New Delhi  
Dr Bharati Kulkarni, ICMR, New Delhi  
Prof Chandana Haldar, BHU, Varanasi  
Dr Hitt Sharma, Serum Institute of India, Pune  
Dr Ira Shah, Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital, Mumbai  
Dr Madhulika Kabra, AIIMS, New Delhi  
Dr Neena Malhotra, AIIMS, New Delhi  
Dr Neerja Bhatla, AIIMS, New Delhi  
Dr Padmini Kashyap, MoHFW, New Delhi  
Dr Ragini Kulkarni, ICMR-NIRRCH, Mumbai  
Dr Rani Bang, SEARCH, Gadchiroli  
Dr Rupasri Ain, CSIR-IICB, Kolkata  
Dr Rupin Shah, Mumbai  
Dr Sanjay Mehendale, Mumbai  
Dr Satish Kumar Adiga, MAHE, Manipal  
Dr Seema Kapoor, MAMC, New Delhi  
Dr Shalini Singh, ICMR-NICPR, NOIDA  
Dr Sharmila Pimple, TMC, Mumbai  
Dr Srabani Mukherjee, ICMR-NIRRCH, Mumbai  
Dr Sumita Ghosh, MoHFW, New Delhi  
Dr Usha Saraiya, Mumbai  
Dr Vaman Khadilkar, Jehangir Hospital, Pune

## Submission of Abstracts for the Conference

Abstracts are invited on emerging concepts in various areas of relevance in reproductive and child health. Investigators working in these areas can submit their abstracts online, through our portal: <https://ickir.nirrch.res.in/>. The word limit is 250 words only. Any difficulties in accessing the portal, kindly contact us at [ickir@nirrch.res.in](mailto:ickir@nirrch.res.in). The screening committee would select the abstracts for poster presentations and short communications (oral). Awards will be presented for the best oral and poster presentations.

**Abstract submission last date is December 31, 2022.**

**Application for MMC credit points is under process.**

### Language

The official language of the symposium and CME will be English.

### Weather

In January, the weather in Mumbai is usually pleasant with the minimum temperature of 17°- 20°C and maximum of 29°-31°C.

### Accommodation

Limited number of rooms will be made available for participants on payment basis. Early intimation of the requirement would be appreciated through the portal <https://ickir.nirrch.res.in/>.

### Poster Presentations

Poster presentations would be exhibited and judged. Poster stands to accommodate a poster of 4' (height) × 3' (width) will be made available at the venue. Research scholars / young investigators are encouraged to participate and the best poster would be awarded.

### Registration

Registration fees can be paid online through the portal <https://ickir.nirrch.res.in/>.

Category	Before December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2022	After December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2022
Indian Delegates	₹ 6000	₹ 7000
Overseas Delegates	\$ 450	\$ 500
Students	₹ 3500	₹ 4500
Group Registration of Students	10 Students - ₹ 2000/Student More than 10 students - ₹ 1800/Student	

*\* CME is complimentary to those registering for the conference*

### Venue

Swatantrya Veer Savarkar Auditorium  
Dadar (W), Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

### Further Information and Correspondence

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**CME**  
**Genetic Testing and Counseling in Medical Practice**  
January 23, 2023, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

**Coordinator: Dr Shailesh Pande, ICMR-NIRRCH**

**Speakers**

Dr Anup Rawool, SRL Diagnostics, Mumbai

Dr Ashwin Dalal, CDFD, Hyderabad

Dr Girish KM, KMC, Manipal

Dr Prajnya Ranganath, NIMS, Hyderabad

Dr Shailesh Pande, ICMR-NIRRCH, Mumbai

Dr Shankar VH, GMC, Thiruvananthapuram

Dr Shubha Phadke, SGPGIMS, Lucknow

**Registration**

- Registration fees of ₹1000 can be paid online at <https://ickir.nirrch.res.in/>.
- Last date for registration is January 15, 2023.
- CME is complimentary for those registering for the conference.

**Who can apply**

- Medical undergraduates, graduates and post-graduates
- Science graduates and above
- Genetic counsellors

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## **Dr Shanta S Rao**

(Founder Director, ICMR-NIRRCH)



*“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.”*

*– John C. Maxwell*

All that NIRRCH has achieved so far, would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of visionary and founder Director, Dr Shanta S Rao. The Institute owes its existence to Dr Rao’s endeavours towards laying down the foundation for carrying out research in the area of reproductive health in India.

Dr Shanta Srinivas Savur Rao was born on January 23, 1923. She graduated from Maharani’s College of Bangalore in 1943 and did her Masters from National Medical Research Council, Toronto University, Canada in 1949. She earned her PhD degree from Haffkine Institute, Bombay for her work on diphtheria and tetanus toxoids. She joined the Indian Cancer Research Centre, as a biochemist in the Contraceptive Testing Unit (CTU) in 1956, which under her mentorship flourished and came into being as Institute for Research in Reproduction (IRR), a permanent institute of ICMR, on February 21, 1970. She was the Officer-in-Charge and was appointed as a Director on March 4, 1977. As a researcher, she contributed to the area of reproductive immunology and had many publications to her credit.

In 2002, the Institute was accorded national status in recognition of its scientific contributions made since its inception and was rechristened as ‘National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health’ (NIRRH). The Institute was renamed as ICMR - National Institute for Research in Reproductive and Child Health (ICMR-NIRRCH) on December 9, 2021 to include the expanded mandate of child health research. Today, we are a team of 38 scientists with expertise in basic, clinical, operational and socio-behavioural research. Our PhD scholars and supporting staff are working together to address a wide range of issues related to reproductive and child health such as infertility and associated reproductive dysfunctions, reproductive tract infections / sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy related disorders, paediatric genetic disorders, precocious puberty, reproductive cancers, bone health, health technology assessment, nutritional issues, etc.

To celebrate Dr Rao’s birth centenary and her legacy, ICMR-NIRRCH is organizing this international conference that would provide a platform for researchers and stake holders to interact and share their perspectives on various reproductive and child health issues. We are happy to invite you to join us at the conference and be a part of our celebrations.

**Dr Geetanjali Sachdeva**  
Director, ICMR-NIRRCH