

## A Legacy of Excellence in Infectious Disease Research

ICMR National Institute for Research in Bacterial Infections, a legacy of excellence in infectious disease research founded in 1962 as the Cholera Research Institute, this institute has transformed over the years into a leading center for infectious disease research in India. Previously known as ICMR-NICED, it has been at the forefront of significant studies on cholera & diarrhoeal diseases alongwith bacterial & viral infections, antimicrobial resistance, and public health initiatives. In 2024, the institute was renamed the ICMR National Institute for Research in Bacterial Infections to better reflect its broadened mission—serving as a cutting-edge research hub dedicated to bacterial infections and antimicrobial resistance in India.

## PROGRAM : FOUNDATION DAY 2025

**7th March 2025**

**Venue: NIRBI II Seminar Room**

10.30 – 10.40 am : Inaugural song  
10.40 – 10.50 am : Welcome address by the Director, ICMR-NIRBI  
10.50 – 11.00 am : Inauguration and lamp lighting  
11.00 – 11.25 am : Address by the Guest of Honors  
11.25 – 11.35 am : Address by the Chief Guest  
11.35 – 12.20 pm : Citation and Oration by Dr. Samiran Panda  
12.20 – 12.30 pm : Felicitation of the staff completing 25 years  
01.30 – 02.15 pm : Lunch

## Cultural Program

2.30 pm- 3.20 pm : Music, dance & other program by the NIRBI employees, students & fellows  
3.30 pm – 4.20 pm : Mime show  
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm : Drama by NIRBI employees, students & fellows  
5.00 pm – 5.10 pm : Valedictory  
5.10 pm – 5.15 pm : National anthem

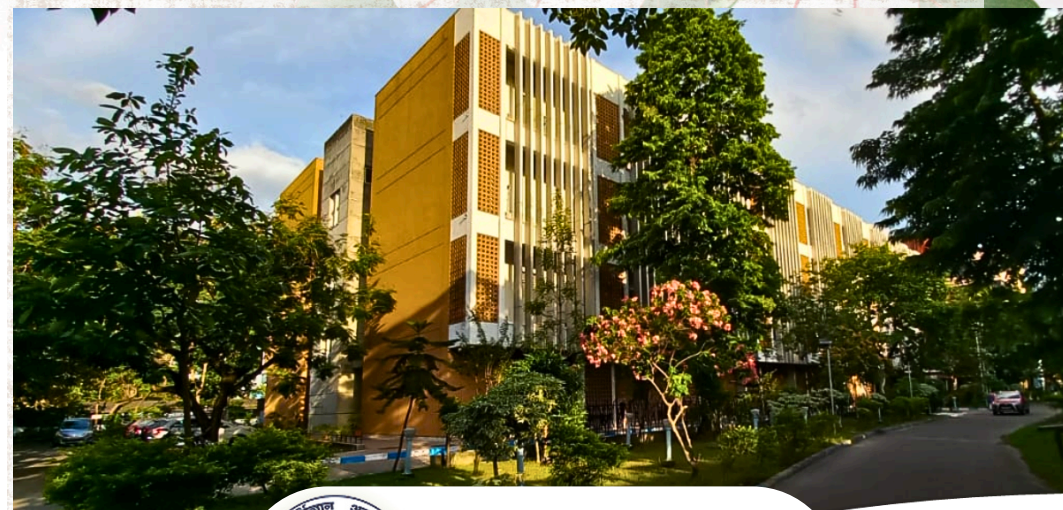
# ICMR - NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN BACTERIAL INFECTIONS

Formerly

ICMR - National Institute of Cholera And Enteric Diseases

Cordially welcomes you in the celebration of

*63rd  
Foundation Day*



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**7 March, 2025**

**ICMR-NIRBI**

**Kolkata**



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# Invitation



Sir/Madam,

The Director and Staff of ICMR-NIRBI cordially invite you to join the program for celebrating the auspicious occasion of "63rd Foundation Day Celebration" of ICMR-NIRBI on the 7th of March, 2025. This is our first foundation day after being renamed from 'ICMR National Institute of Cholera And Enteric Diseases (ICMR-NICED)' to 'ICMR- National Institute for Research in Bacterial Infections (ICMR-NIRBI)' and assuming newer responsibilities.

We are pleased to have Dr Samiran Panda, MBBS, DTM&H, MD, FRSPH, Former ADG, Indian Council of Medical Research as the 'Guest of Honour' who will deliver the "ICMR-NIRBI Foundation Day Oration 2025".

The title of the Oration will be "Treading The Path Of Uncertainty: A Journey That Started With Vayudoot & HIV". Please find the agenda of the program overleaf.

Your participation will be highly motivating for us. You can also join the program virtually through the link to be circulated soon.

With warm regards,

Dr. Santasabuj Das  
Director & Scientist 'G'  
(On behalf of all Staff of ICMR-NIRBI)

# ICMR-NIRBI ORATION 2025

**"Treading The Path Of Uncertainty: A Journey That Started With Vayudoot & HIV"**

By

**DR. SAMIRAN PANDA** FNASc

**ICMR-Dr AS Paintal Distinguished Scientist & Editor-In-Chief, IJMR**



Dr Samiran Panda, a clinician-researcher with over 30 years of experience, has made significant contributions to infectious disease research spanning two pandemics - HIV and COVID-19.

After joining the ICMR National Institute for Research in Bacterial Infections (erstwhile NICED) in the early 1990s, he led HIV/AIDS research in northeast India. As a Senior Scientist of NICED, Kolkata, and later as Director of ICMR-NARI, Pune, he spearheaded critical studies on diarrheal disease outbreaks, rotavirus incidence, evidence synthesis for cholera and rotavirus vaccines, HCV and HIV epidemics in Punjab and HIV/HCV outbreaks in Uttar Pradesh, tuberculosis and HIV self-testing.

During COVID-19 (2020-2022), Dr. Panda was pivotal in India's pandemic response as the Additional Director General of the ICMR, New Delhi. He also worked with WHO, UNODC, UNESCO, and other international development organisations to inform the implementation of interventions for marginalised populations in Bangladesh, Myanmar, Bhutan, Nepal, Cambodia and the West Indies. His work in harm reduction, evidence-driven policy advocacy, and stigma reduction reflects his commitment to translating research into action. It has made him a globally acknowledged key figure in public health.