

NCDC celebrated its 108th Annual Day on 31st July 2017. The theme of the ceremony was “**NCDC Connect – One Health Approach**. Dr Jagdish Prasad DGHS, was the Chief Guest for the function and Dr Henk Bekedam WHO Representative for India was the Guest of Honor for the ceremony. In other eminent dignitaries Dr Mahendra Dutta. Former DDG (PH) & Head of Department Epidemiology, NCDC, Dr Shiv Lal, Former Spl DGHS and Director NCDC, Dr LS Chauhan, Former Director, NCDC, Dr Rajesh Bhatia Former Director CDS, WHO-SEAR & Dr PK Sen Director NVBDCP graced the occasion by their presence.

The inaugural ceremony commenced with Saraswati Vandana followed by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries present on the dais. The ceremony started with Dr A C Dhariwal, Director NCDC welcoming all with his welcome address. All the other dignitaries also addressed the gathering.

On the occasion, Dr Jagdish Prasad, Chief Guest released the book “**NCDC 2017: An Introduction**” by NCDC, covering the details about the organization, its branches, functions, highlighting its major achievements, contact information, organization chart etc.

As has been the tradition, every year on this day some of the employees get awarded for their best performance. The Chief Guest awarded to some of the selected best workers at NCDC and its branches. The best branch award was bagged by Kozikode Branch of NCDC.

The inaugural ceremony was concluded with Dr Sunil Gupta, Addl Director & HoD Microbiology, NCDC, expressing the vote of thanks.

The forenoon session had a scientific Symposium on the theme “One Health Approach: Antimicrobial Containment”. During the session, two lectures were facilitated. First by Dr Rajesh Bhatia, Consultant (FAO) and former Director Communicable Diseases, WHO (SEARO) under the chairmanship of Dr Shiv Lal, Former Special DGHS & Dr A.C. Dhariwal, Director NCDC.

Second lecture was facilitated on AMR Containment: Country Response, Challenges and Way forward by Dr Sunil Gupta, Addl Director and HOD (Micro) NCDC under the chairmanship of Dr A.C. Dhariwal, Director NCDC.

The scientific session was concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr Meera Dhuria, Asstt Director NCDC.

A cultural event was too organized in which a skit on AMR containment was played by the students of Rural Health Training Centre, Najafgarh. Other singing & dancing performances were also given by the professional artists from Sahitya Kala Akadamy, Delhi.

The cultural event was concluded by the vote of thanks by Dr. Shikha Vardhan, Asstt. Director NCDC.