Symposium SUMMARY:

Department of Microbiology, PGIMER & Dr. RML Hospital organized "An introductory symposium on Real Time PCR" on 10th May 2018 at Auditorium PGIMER, New Delhi. The following dignitaries along with many others were present to grace the occasion:

- 1. Prof. Dr. A.K. Gadpayle, Additional DGHS
- 2. Prof. Dr. V.K. Tiwari, Director, PGIMER
- 3. Prof. Dr. Poonam Kapoor, Additional M.S.
- 4. Prof. Dr.P.K. Das, Additional M.S.
- 5. Shri Arvind kumar, Registrar
- 6. Prof. Dr. Nandini Duggal, Head, Department of Microbiology

The Symposium was attended by HODs of various departments .Residents doctors participated with full interest. Lamp lighting ceremony was performed by dignitaries and Microbiology faculty. Warm welcome note was delivered by Prof. & Head, Dr. Nandini Duggal, Department of Microbiology .Our director and M.S., Dr.V.K. Tiwari , gave invaluable remarks and congratulated the Dept. of Microbiology for taking initiative to start this facility. He gave his blessings to further extend the diagnostic parameters. Dr A.K.Gadpayle, Addl. DGHS emphasised the role of molecular diagnostics in the present arena.

The topic was covered under three scientific sessions during which lectures were taken by the faculty from Dept. of Microbiology and Medicine, on the importance of Real time Polymerase Chain Reaction test in the diagnosis and progression of diseases caused by CMV, HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, H1N1 & M. tuberculosis. The sessions were chaired by honourable faculty from Medicine, Nephrology, Obs. & Gynaecology in addition to Microbiology. Each session was followed by an enthusiastic round of discussion with the audience. The program concluded with a visit to the newly functional state of the art molecular laboratory on 6th floor of PGIMER.

The symposium was attended by more than seventy registered delegates and other faculty members of PGIMER & Dr. RML hospital from various departments. Participants were delighted to be enlightened on the application of PCR which would definitely help in delivery of better patient care. Certificates of participation were awarded to the delegates. This event was also covered in Drug Today Medical Times on-line journal. The department is delighted and encouraged to host more such scientific programme in future.

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