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During this pandemic period of COVID -19, from the early 2020, ICMR and all its Institutes and Centres have immensely contributed in the National Public Health System and the services of ICMR are being applauded by the Government and fellow Citizens.

All ICMR Institutes / Centres and HQ are expected to maintain the same pace of dedication and handhold the public health system, during the forthcoming phase of Omicron variant, expected to surge rapidly during Jan-Feb 2022. All Institutes / Centres are requested to be in readiness for more number of testing and also scientifically study the variant.

The Directors / Director-Incharges of ICMR Institutes / Centre and the Heads of the Divisions / Sections of ICMR HQ are requested to advise their staff to strictly observe the Covid-19 appropriate behaviour and protocol, when they are at the Campus as well as in public places. The use of Biometric Attendance System may be discontinued till further orders and the Attendance Registers may be operated. Any staff having the symptoms of Covid may be advised to remain at Home in isolation and undergo COVID self-test. Asymptomatic household contacts need not be tested for COVID.

On behalf of the Secretary, DHR and DG, ICMR, I convey best wishes to all ICMR officials on the occasion of New Year 2022.

Dr. Samiran Panda

Additional Director General

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