

On 8th August 2015 - the Fifth Annual Scientific Meeting of the ICMR Tribal Health Research Forum was held where the scientists from 17 ICMR partner institutes and four Divisions of ICMR presented the work and progress done by them on tribal health of the country. Dr. V.M. Katoch, Former Secretary DHR and DG ICMR presided the session and Lt. Gen (Retd) D Raghunath, the SAC Chairman of NIRTH also attended the meeting and gave their inputs.

On 9th August 2015, International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples was observed and the function was presided over as Chief Guest by Shri Ravi Thakur, Vice Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), Govt. of India, New Delhi. Shri Santosh Kumar [IAS], Joint Secretary, NCST, New Delhi, Shri Deepak Khandekar [IAS], Jabalpur Divisional Commissioner, Shri Shiv Narayan Rupla [IAS], District Collector Jabalpur, Dr. V M Katoch, Former Secretary, DHR and DG ICMR, Lt. Gen (Retd). D Raghunath, SAC Chairman NIRTH, Dr. Ruplekha Chauhan, Dean, NSCB Medical College, Jabalpur along with other dignitaries of State Government, Directors and Scientists of ICMR partner Institutes/Divisions were present.

The Special issue of IJMR on Tribal Health Research along with Tribal Health Bulletin, Vol. 22 and Book cum Electronic Data base on Haemoglobinopathies & Nutritional Profile of PVTG in India was released on this occasion by the Chief Guest.

The occasion was marked by presentation of the Tribal School Children/ youths from Baigachak area of Dindori district a sensitization IEC programme designed by NIRTH for the prevention of malaria in tribal areas of Dindori. 16 students/ youths from three villages of Baigachak area participated in the programme. The participating tribal children/ youths were provided with gifts as token of encouragement.

