Executive Summary
National Conference on Tribal Health Research - Issues, Challenges & Opportunities
(19th -21st September 2019)

1) Organizers, Main Sponsor & Cosponsors of the Conference:

National Conference on Tribal Health Research-Issues, Challenges and Opportunities was organized by Centre for Social Medicine (CSM)’s Centre for Research in Tribal health and Services (CRTSHS), PIMS-DU on 19th, 20th and 21st September 2019 at Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences, Loni and Bhandardhra Campus. The main sponsor of the Conference was Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences - Deemed to be University (PIMS-DU), Loni. The knowledge and co-sponsors of the conference are (1) Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, (2) Tribal Research and Training Institute (TRTI), Government of Maharashtra, Pune and (3) WHO, India.

2) Main Theme of the Conference:

Considering the present scenario of tribal health and research in the country, the theme of the conference was aptly chosen as “Tribal Health Research - Issues, Challenges and Opportunities”.

3) Sub Themes of the Conference

The following sub-themes which have direct or indirect impact on health have been chosen as research priorities

a) Tribal Health-Disease burden (CDs & NCDs), Health status and trends
b) Tribal health-Innovative health care technologies
c) Tribal Health-Food and Nutrition security
d) Tribal health in India-Universal health coverage- Policies and directions
e) Tribal health-Traditional Healing Practices and Ethno-medicine
f) Tribal health-Innovative healthcare delivery models
4) **Inaugural Function of the Conference**

The Conference was inaugurated by Dr Abhay Bang, (Padmashree Awardee), Director, SEARCH, Gadchirolias a “Chief Guest”. Dr. Rajendra Vikhe Patil, Pro-Chancellor, PIMS-DU, Loni has presided over the function and delivered presidential address.

Shri Nitin Patil, I.A.S, Managing Director, Maharashtra State Cooperative Tribal Development Corporation Ltd. Nashik, representing the Government of Maharashtra and Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya, WHO India – the two Co-sponsors of the conference and Dr. H. Sudarshan (Padmashree Awardee), Secretary, Secretary, VGKK & Karuna Trust, Bangalure were the “Guests of Honour” for the inaugural function. Dr. Y.M. Jayaraj, Vice Chancellor, Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences – Deemed to be University, Loni has delivered the welcome address, Prof. K.V. Somasundaram, Organizing Chairman has introduced the main theme, sub-themes and scientific program of the three day conference, Dr. Sunil Thitame, Organizing Secretary of the conference presented Vote of thanks.
5) **Keynote Addresses of the Conference**

During three days of conference, many experts in the field of tribal health and research participated in the deliberations and discussions. The Scientific Programme included 5 keynote addresses by eminent personalities of national and international repute.

i. **Dr. Abhay Bang** (Padmashree Awardee), Director, SEARCH, Gadchiroli, Maharashtra, delivered the first keynote address on the main theme of the conference – “Tribal Health Research - Issues, Challenges and Opportunities”. During his speech Dr. Bang has set the agenda for the conference with his vast field experience and knowledge on the subject, provided in depth information on various aspects of tribal health and research and also presented the important findings of the recent Expert Committee on Tribal Health in India of Government of India, which he has chaired.

ii. Followed by the Second keynote address was delivered by **Dr. H Sudarshan** (Padmashree Awardee), Secretary VGKK, and Karuna Trust Bangaluru on “Integrating Tribal Medicine and Primary Health Care”. He highlighted the ground realities of the tribal health and problems the experiences of VGKK and Karuna Trust in Karnataka and other States in overcoming them.

iii. The Third Key note address was delivered by **Shri Nitin Patil**, I.A.S, Managing Director, Maharashtra State Cooperative Tribal Development Corporation Ltd. Nashik. In his speech, he presented detailed information on various government Policies and programmes for empowering tribal people and improving their livelihood, health and wellbeing of tribal population in Maharashtra.
iv. Fourth keynote was delivered by Smt Manisha Verma, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Tribal Development Department, Government of Maharashtra dealt with various “Tribal Health and Nutritional Initiatives of Government of Maharashtra”

v. The fifth Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Deepak Khandekar, I.A.S., Secretary, MOTA, New Delhi on the “Socio-economic, cultural and rehabilitation issues of tribal people in India”

6) Plenary Sessions of the Conference

During three days conference, we had six plenary sessions in which seventeen expert researchers on tribal health which include-

Plenary 1: Tribal Health - Disease Burden (Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases), Status and Trends – Chaired and Co-chaired by Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya, NPO, WHO, India & Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Rajvir Bhalwar, Dean, Rural Medical College, Loni.

i. “Tribal Women’s Health Realities and Challenges” Dr. S. Chhabra, Emeritus Prof, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram, Wardha, Maharashtra

ii. “Profile of Communicable Diseases among Tribal Population: Mainstreaming them to achieve UHC” Dr. Dipak Raut, Director, Health and Family Research Centre, GoI, Mumbai

iii. “Tribal Health – Problems, Solutions, Research and Policy recommendations by Dr. Ashish Satav, MAHAN Trust, Melgath, Maharashtra
**Plenary 2:** Tribal Health – Innovative Healthcare Technologies – Chaired and Co-chaired by Prof. K.V. Somasundaram and Dr. S. Chabra.

i. “Technologies to improve access to healthcare in remote tribal areas” *Dr. Prema Nedungadi*, Director, Amrita CREATE, Kochi

ii. “Telemedicine in improving healthcare delivery in tribal areas” *Dr. Shailendra Kumar Hegde*, Piramal Swasthya Management and Research Institute, Waltair, Andhra Pradesh

iii. “CareMother: A Mobile Maternal Care Intervention in a Tribal District In India” *Mr. Shantanu Pathak*, Care NX Innovations, Mumbai

**Plenary 3:** Tribal Health – Food, Nutrition Security & NCDs - Chaired and Co-chaired by Shri Nitin Patil and Dr. T. Sivbalan.


ii. “Traditional Seed Conservation Bank-Documentary Film Smt. Rahibai Popere*, Nari Shakthi Awardee-2018 by President of India

iii. “Profile of Non-communicable Diseases among Tribal Communities” *Dr. Subhojit Dey*, Executive Director, Disha Foundation, Gurugram, Haryana
**Plenary 4**: Tribal Health in India - Universal Health Coverage - Policies and Directions - Chaired by Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya, NPO, WHO, India

i. “Inequities and gaps in attaining UHC: Insights from THETA project in Karnataka, Kerala and Arunachal Pradesh” **Dr. Prashant N Srinivas**, Inst of Public Health, Bangaluru

ii. “Challenges of Health Access by Tribal people in Rajasthan” **Dr. Kuldeep Singh**, Dean-Academics, AIIMS, Jodhpur

iii. “Emerging Need for Universal Access to Health Services for Inter and Intra state Tribal Migrants in India” **Dr. Anjali Borhade**, Director, Disha Foundation, Haryana

**Plenary 5**: Tribal health-Traditional Healing Practices and Ethno-medicine –Chaired by Dr.Kuldeep Singh. Dean, Academics, AIIMS, Jodhpur.

i. “The priority research projects of NIPER on tribal and ethno-medicine” by **Dr. Alok Goyal**, Asso. Prof., National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Chandigarh, Punjab

ii. “Role of Ethno-medicines and Tribal Knowledge in Drug Discovery” by **Dr. Digambar Mokat**, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune

**Plenary Session 6**: Tribal Health – Innovative Healthcare Delivery Models – Chaired & Co-Chaired by Dr. Vidyasagar, Principal, Rural Dental College, Loni and Dr.Supriya Dhakane, Asso. Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, Dr.Vasantarao Pawar Medical College, Nashik respectively.

i. “Comprehensive Rural and Tribal Healthcare Delivery Model of Pravara” by **Prof. K.V. Somasundaram**, Director, CSM, PIMS, Loni

ii. “Effect of Interventional Programs on the health & education of government tribal schools – A Case Study” **Mr. Kadam P.T.**, ITDP, Rajur

iii. “Holistic Approach for Tribal Health Improvement” **Dr.Anand Phatak**, Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishthan, c/o Dr.Hedgewar Hospital , Garkheda Aurangabad.431005

Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya, NPO, WHO-India, Chaired two plenary sessions, explained in detail the concept of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and participated in various sessions and contributed in the discussions that followed.
7) **Scientific Thematic Sessions (Oral and Poster) of the Conference**

There were eight thematic scientific sessions during first and second day of the conference. A total of 39 oral and 17 poster presentations were done by the researchers who had come from 11 states of India.

All scientific sessions were held as per the schedule and facilitated by Chairman and Co-Chairman and largely attended by the delegates. The sessions were interactive and participatory. The discussions were very useful for framing the “Bhandardara Declaration” which could result into a benchmark document that will help perhaps in framing the future policies and programmes for tribal health and research in India. Following are the details of thematic sessions.

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION 1 -**

**THEME:** Tribal Health - Disease Burden Status & Trends.

**Chairman**- Dr.Dhawal Thorat, Dy. Commissionaire, Family Welfare Training & Research Centre; Mumbai - 400 004, Maharashtra, India **Co-Chairman**- Dr.V.B.Bangal, Prof. & Head, Dept. of OBGY, Rural Medical College, Loni

i. Study of fluorosis prevalence in endemic villages of a tribal district of Chhattisgarh state, India By **Ranjana Gaikwad**, Care and Cure Development Welfare And Research Society, Ring road no-1. Kushalpur, Raipur, CG.

ii. Care and cure development welfare and research society, Ring road no-1. Kushalpur, Raipur, CG by **Jose Jom Thomas**, Dept. of Community Medicine, JSS Medical College, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru, Karnataka.

iii. Menstrual hygiene practices and menstrual problem among tribal women of reproductive age group from Akole Taluka of Ahmednagar District by **Shraddha Bhargande**, Centre for Social Medicine, PIMS-DU, Loni

iv. Prevalence Of Water, Sanitation And Hygiene (WASH) Practices, Diarrhoea And Under nutrition In Tribal Regions Of Mokhada, Palghar by **Angeline Jeyakumar Peter**, Interdisciplinary School of Health Sciences, Savitribai Phule Pune University (Formerly University of Pune), Pune, Maharashtra


vi. Tribal livelihood migration and public health implications in INDIA by **Dr Anjali Borhade**, Director, Disha Foundation, Haryana, E44, Florence Villa, Opp HDFC School, Sector 57, Sushant Lok Phase 3, Gurgaon, Haryana, 122 003.
SCIENTIFIC SESSION 2

THEME: Disease Burden Status & Trends

Chairman: Dr. Sudhir Wanje, Joint Director, FWTRC, Mumbai  
Co-Chairman: Dr.D.B.Phalke, Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, Rural Medical College, Loni

i. Effect of tobacco on periodontal health status assessed in a tribal community of Rajasthan, India. By Dr. Anmol Mathur, Dept. of Public Health Dentistry, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pimpri Pune.

ii. Assessment of senior fitness test in elderly population of tribal area of Ahmednagar district: Descriptive study by Dr. Deepali Nivrutti Hande, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam college of Physiotherapy, Pravara institute of medical sciences Loni. Pin code: 413736

iii. Study of Case Finding, Diagnosis & Treatment of Moderate & Severe Acute Malnutrition (MAM and SAM) and TB in Children (<5 years) and reverse contact tracing for Tuberculosis among their family members, in Bhandardara Tribal area of Akole Block in Ahmednagar district, Maharashtra by Dr. (Col) Rama Krishna Sanjeev, RMC, PIMS, Loni(BK).


v. Sociodemographic and clinical profile of Antenatal mothers in tribal valley of Araku, Andhra Pradesh Dr. Md Abdul Wassey, Piramal SwasthyaManagment Research Institute, Hyderabad

vi. Pattern And Prevalence Of Maxillofacial Fractures In Rural Tribal Children: A Retrospective Study by Dr. Saurabh Ramesh Joshi, Dept. of Pedodontics, Rural Dental College, Loni

vii. Strengthening health systems in tribal districts of India, experience from Dantewada by Dr Aman Mohan, WHO, India, Chhattisgarh

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 3

THEME: Tribal Health - Ethnicity, Genetics, Society, Culture, Lifestyles, Migration

Chairman: Dr. Neeraj Hatekar, Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Mumbai.

Co-Chairman: Dr. Balaji Almale, Professor & Head, Dept. of Community Medicine, Dr. Vasantaraao Pawar Medical College, Nashik
I. Contraceptive Behaviour Of Ever Married Women In Tribal Area Of Ahmednagar District Of Maharashtra By Dr. Shrestha Pandey, Centre For Social Medicine, PIMS-DU, Loni

II. A Study of Consanguineous Marriages And Pregnancy Outcome Among Tribal Population in Akole Taluka Of Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra by Lavisha Liyakat Junani, Centre For Social Medicine, PIMS-DU, Loni.

III. Oral Health Related Quality of Life Among Tribals Of Western Ghatin Akole Block of Maharashtra By Dr. Mohammad Afwan Khan, Centre for Social Medicine, PIMS-DU, Loni.

IV. Socio Economic Status, Health Seeking Behaviourand Awareness on Cancer Disease Among Tribal Population By Dr. T. Sivabalan, College Of Nursing, PIMS-DU, Loni

V. A Study on Perception and Pattern of Alcohol Consumptions, Its Impact on Socio-Economic and Health, Especially Mental Health of The Tribal Population of Akole Tribal Block of Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra by Amruta Babu Mathew, Centre For Social Medicine, PIMS-DU, Loni

VI. Genetic Analysis of HLA Polymorphism in Tribal and Non-Tribal Population of Maharashtra, India: A Pilot Study by Dr. Sonali Das, Centre for Biotechnology, PIMS-DU, Loni

VII. Utilization of MCH services in Akole Maharashtra by Dr. Sucharita Dutta, PG student Department of PSM, Rural Medical College, PIMS-DU, Loni.

SCIENTIFIC SESSION 4

THEME- Tribal Health - Hunger, Food and Nutrition Security, Dietary Habits

Chairman: Dr. Pradeep Dwivedi, Asso. Professor, AIIMS, Jodhpur.

Co-Chairman: Dr. Mahendra Shende, Principal, Dr. APJAK College of Physiotherapy, Loni.

i. Inequality between the Paniya and Kurichiya tribal communities in the Wayanad district of Kerala in the ecomposite index of anthropometric failures: A community based cross-sectional study by K. U. Sabu, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences, Trivandrum, Kerala.

ii. Malnutrition among under-five tribal children with special focus on dietary intake in Akole Block of Western Ghat, Maharashtra, India by Sanjay Kumar, Centre for Social Medicine, PIMS- DU, Loni.

iii. Status of Maternal Infant Young Child Nutrition indicators in 19 tribal blocks of Amravati, Gadchiroli, Nashik and Palghar districts of Maharashtra, India by Jitendra Sawkar, Sulochana Thapar Foundation, Pune

v. Infant and Child Feeding Practices among Tribal Population in South India by Nisha K Jose, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences, Trivandrum, Kerala.

vi. Addressing Undernutrition through Community Mobilization among children in tribal areas of Shahapur, Thane by Ms Sangeeta Tribhuvan, AMCHI, Population First, Thane.


**SCIENTIFIC SESSION 5**

**THEME:** Tribal Traditional and Ethno Medicine & Health Policies & Systems

**Chairman:** Dr. John Gaikwad, Consultant, Tribal Training and Research Institute, Pune

**Co-Chairman:** Dr. S. N. Jangle, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Biochemistry, Rural Medical College, Loni.

i. Social Transformation of Maternal Health Services: An exploratory study of the Parhaiya and Korwa Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) in Jharkhand by Veena Vandana, Centre of Social Medicine & Community Health, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi-110 067.

ii. Tribal nutrition fellowships for addressing knowledge and capacity gaps at grassroots: Experience from Maharashtra, India by Lalita Madhukar, Mahajan Sulochana, Thapar Foundation, Pune

iii. Indian Tribal Herbs for Diabetes by Sunayana Rahul Vikhe, Research Scholar, Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences, Loni Bk

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION 6**

**THEME:** Tribal Health Care - Policies & Systems, Implementation, Human Resource, Financing

**Chairman:** Dr. Pradeep Dwivedi, Asso. Professor, AIIMS, Jodhpur.

**Co-Chairman:** Dr. V.D. Phalke, Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, Rural Medical College, Loni.

i. Assessment of the needs, access and utilization of Ambulance Services in Akole Tribal Block of Maharashtra by Shalaka Kokane, Centre for Social Medicine, PIMS-DU, Loni.
ii. Challenges in planning and implementing good quality surveys in tribal areas: Insights from THETA project by **Mahantesh Kamble**, Institute of Public Health, 3009, 2nd A Main, 17th Cross, Siddanna Layout, KR Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560070

iii. School-In-Development: A Case of Student’s Participation and Mobilization for Achieving Better Health Outcomes. By **Mr Fazal Pathan**, Population First, Bunglow No-3, Paramahans CHS, Near New RTO, Next to VITS Sharanam Hotel, Thane – 400604

iv. Overview of nongovernment organizations working in reproductive maternal, neonatal, child health and nutrition domain in tribal India: A Landscape Study by **Ashish Giri**, Piramal Swasthya Management and Research Institute, Plot no. 120, 3rd Floor, 8-3-290, Srinagar Colony, Hyderabad-500073

v. Child Healthcare Scenario Among Tribal Population – An account From Araku Valley of Andhra Pradesh by **Sudheer Kumar Nadipally**, Piramal Swasthya Management and Research Foundation, 3rd Floor, G.K. Classics, #8-3-990, Plot No. 120, Srinagar Colony, Hyderabad – 500073, India.

vi. Efficacy of Saksham: An intervention for improving coverage of MIYCN Indicators among tribal communities in Maharashtra, India by **Jayarajan Tirumittakode**, Sulochana Thapar Foundation, Pune

vii. Delivering comprehensive primary healthcare in tribal areas of Southern Rajasthan: case study of AMRIT Clinics by **Dr. Gargi Ratan Goel**, Primary healthcare physician, Basic healthcare services 39 Krishna colony Bedla Road, Udaipur, Rajasthan - 313001

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION 7**

**THEME:** Tribal Health - Disease Burden, Status &Livelihood,

**Chairman:** Dr.Supriya Dhakane, Asso. Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, Dr.Vasantrao Pawar Medical College, Nashik.

**Co-Chairman:** Dr. J.D. Deshpande, Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, Rural Medical College, Loni.

**Dr.Deepali Hande**, Professor, Dr. APJAK College of Physiotherapy. Loni.

i. Epidemiological study of animal bite cases reported at the ARV clinic of a district hospital surrounded by tribal population in Chhattisgarh, India by **Dr. Narendra Sinha**, Chitkara University, Chandigarh-Patiala National Highway (NH-64), Punjab-140 401, India
ii. Common causes of morbidity among Madia Gond Tribes of Gadchiroli District in Maharashtra by Dr. Lokesh Tamgire, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

iii. A brief study on nutritional status of tribal women in India. by Kondur Delliswararao, Research Scholar, Dept. of Anthropology, Pondicherry Central University, Pondicherry – 14

iv. Evaluation of immunization coverage among children below 5 years of age in tribal community in Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra, India by Dr. Kunal Suresh Modak, District Malaria Officer, Gadchiroli

v. Bridging Gaps of Tribal Health through utilization of AYUSH Professionals by Milind Bharat Bansode, Tata Institute of Medical Research, Mumbai

vi. Socio-economic profile of Afro-Indian's (Siddhi) Tribes migrating within Karnataka State by Mackwin Kenwood D'mello, K.S. Hegde Medical Academy, Nitte (Deemed to be University), Mangalore

vii. The Vitamin D Deficiency (VDD) Pandemic: Morbidity, community perception and attitude of General / Medical Practitionersby Dr. N.G. Toshniwal, Rural Dental College, Loni

viii. Role of Wild Edible Plants in Enhancing Tribal Health by Sachin Dayaram Golait, HPT Arts and RYK Science, Nashik

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION 8**

**THEME:** Tribal Ethnicity, Culture, Food & Nutrition, Health Policies

**Chairman:** Dr.Supriya Dhakane, Asso. Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, Dr.Vasantrao Pawar Medical College, Nashik.

**Co-Chairman:** Dr. J.D. Deshpande, Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, Rural Medical College, Loni.

**Dr.Deepali Hande,** Professor, Dr. APJAK College of Physiotherapy. Loni

i. Exploring role of healthcare experience and scope for healthcare navigation services for improving access to hospital care for Soliga communities by Nityasri S N, Institute of Public Health, 3009, 2nd A Main, 17th Cross, Siddanna Layout, KR Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560070

ii. A comparative study of oral health among school children in rural, urban and tribal areas in Ahmednagar district by Dr. Aishwarya Ajit Kunkulol, Centre for Social Medicine, PIMS-DU, Loni

iii. Comparing health outcomes and socio-demographic variables between scheduled and non-schedule tribe populations around a forest in North-East India by Julee Jerang,
iv. Differences in Behavioural risk factors for Hypertension: A cross-sectional study among Adivasi and non-Adivasi communities in forested regions in Karnataka, Kerala and Arunachal Pradesh by Yogish C B, Institute of Public Health, 3009, 2nd A Main, 17th Cross, Siddanna Layout, KR Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560070

v. Bacteriological Assessment of Drinking Water Samples from Tribal Area of Bhandardara Region, Maharashtra, India By Shivani Shrikant Dhawade, RMC, Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences [DU], Loni, Ahmednagar.

vi. Study of ophthalmic morbidity among secondary school Children in Tribal Area of Ahmednagar District (M.S.) By Sumeet Milindkumar Vaidya, Rural Medical College, Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences [DU], Loni.

vii. Prevalence of Tobacco use among Tribal Population in India by Herman Nadon, K S Hegde Medical Academy, Nitte (Deemed to be University), Mangalore

viii. A study of Body Mass Index in patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus availing Out Patient Services in Tribal Area of Sakwar in Palghar District of Maharashtra by Dr. Mandar Baviskar, Rural Medical College, Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences [DU], Loni

ix. Gender and Tobacco use among Tribal Population of Maharashtra State by Arunesha B.S., K.S. Hegde Medical Academy, Nitte (Deemed to be University), Mangalore

x. To study the correlation between haematological parameters and prognosis in cases of Acute Myocardial Infarction by Dr. Krupa Krishna Kumar, Rural Medical College, PIMS-DU, Loni

xi. Effect of interventional programs on tribal student's health and education in Government Ashram Schools: A study by Mr. Kadam P.T., ITDP Rajur Tal. Akole Dist. Ahmednagar

8) Tribal Exhibition in the Conference

An exhibition of Tribal Culture, Lifestyles, Tribal Medicine, Tribal ways of Food Security and Wild/Forest Food items, Innovative Models of health care delivery were presented in all the three days of conference – both in Loni and Bhandardara. Bhartiya Agro Industrial Foundation (BAIF), Nashik & Bhandardara, The Care NX Innovations Ltd, Mumbai, the Centre for Social Medicine, PIMS-Loni and Traditional Healers from Bhandardara area have demonstrated their innovative tribal health care delivery ethno-medicine and nutritional models in these Exhibitions. All speakers and delegates have witnessed the exhibition with much enthusiasm.
Shri. Deepak Khandekar, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi inaugurated the exhibition in Bhandardhara on 21st September. Dr. Rajendra Vikhe Patil (Pro-chancellor, PIMS-DU, Loni), Dr. Y.M. Jayaraj (Vice Chancellor, PIMS-DU), Miss. Manisha Verma (Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of Maharashtra), Dr. Nitin Patil (Tribal commissioner, Nashik) and other dignitaries, speakers and delegates visited to exhibition stall. Following are the details of exhibition.

- In exhibition stall near about 93 species of wild edible vegetables, wild fruits and tubers from Akole cluster were included.
- 118 germplasm of indigenous seed exhibited from Kombhalane (Akole cluster) seed bank
- 13 indigenous rice germplasm from Akole cluster
- 213 indigenous germplasm exhibited from Jawhar cluster in that rice, millet, maize and sorghum were included
- Ethanovet. Medicine poster presentation
- Ethano medicine exhibited by four traditional healers

A stall on Finger millet: Crop for Nutritional Security was displayed in the conference by Dr. S. G. Auti, Tahsin Kazi and Dr. S.L. Laware, Department of Botany, H.P.T. Arts and R.Y.K. Science College, Nashik-5. 110 landraces of Finger millet from Maharashtra were put in exhibit for the purpose of awareness and promotion of nutritional importance of Finger millet. Specimens of grain diversity and ear diversity were kept along with different nutritional recipes of Finger millet.

9) Field Visit to witness Innovative Tribal Health, Nutrition, Education and Development Projects

While all the interested delegates have visited the Pravara Tribal Health Centre and Centre for Research in Tribal Health and Services (CRTHS) at Tribal Campus of PIMS-DU at Bhandardara on the 3rd day of the conference, as part of field visit. However, a special field visit was organized to the interested speakers and guests to interior tribal villages namely Manik Ozar and Maveshi to showcase the innovative tribal health care delivery (Arogya Mitra, Gram Arogya Bank, Motorbike-Ambulance-cum-health clinics and Mobile Clinics) and integrated tribal educational models (Adarsh Tribal School Model of Government of Maharashtra – where English Medium School, Marathi Medium School, CBSC School and Eklavya School were brought under one campus with state-of-art infrastructure and equipments for imparting quality education for tribal children) in Maveshi of Akole Block. The students of all the four Tribal Schools have organized a well designed “Nutritional
Exhibition” Exhibition from the locally available wild/forest food items and attracted all the visitors and conference participants.

10) Cultural Programs in the Conference

The Conference delegates have also witnessed Cultural Programs on 19th and 20th evening. On 19th the traditional cultural dances and songs were performed by the students of Rural Medical College, Loni depicting the traditional and modern songs and dance which includes Ganesh Vandana, Ganpati Dance, Mohiniattam, Retro Song, Ye Ishq, Kaisi Paheli, Rajasthani Dance, Umbrella Dance, Duet and Solo performances and Bhangra.

On 20th the cultural event was presented by local tribal cultural groups from Mahadev Kolhi and Thakar Community and the students of Government Ashram School of Maveshi, Tal. Akole. The main attraction of the tribal cultural program was welcome sons, Tipri Dance, Kambad dance, Fugadi Dance and Bohada Dance. The students from Ashram school presented a skit on “Balanced diet and Nutrition for Women, Children and General Public” which was appreciated by all the delegates.
11) **Valedictory Function of the Conference**

The valedictory function of the conference was held at “Community Hall”, Irrigation Colony, Bhandardara, Tal-Akole, Dist-Ahmednagr, Maharashtra. The Tribal Campus of Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences, Deemed to be University is situated in the Irrigation colony. The valedictory function was started with the welcome song by students from Shendi Ashram School. The Chief guest and Guest of Honour paid floral tribute to Dr.Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil and Dr.Balasaheb Vikhe patil, founder fathers of PIMS, DU. Prof. K.V.Somasundaram presented the conference report for three days and Dr.Y.M.Jayaraj read the Bhandardara Declaration. Dr.Deepak Khandekar, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI addressed the valedictory function as chief guest. Dr.Manisha Verma, Principal Secretary, Tribal Development Department, Maharashtra, Dr.Chandrakant Lahariya, NPO, WHO, India, Shri Nitin Patil, IAS, MD, Maharashtra State Tribal Development Corporation, Nashik and Dr. Kiran Kulkarni, Commissioner, TRTI, Pune were the guest of honour for valedictory function.

Among the other guest Shri Laxmikant Dhole, Deputy Secretary, Tribal Development Dept, Mumbai, Shri Girish Sarode, Addl Tribal Commissioner, Nashik, Smt Nandini Awade, Joint Director, TRTI and Mr. Santosh Thube, Project Officer, ITDP, Rajur, Dist. Ahmednagar were present for valedictory function.
Dr. Rajendra Vikhe Patil, Pro-Chancellor, PIMS-DU, Loni has presided over the function and delivered presidential address. Dr. Sunil Thitame, Asst. Professor, CSM and Organizing Secretary presented the vote of thanks. The conference was declared over followed by national anthem.

12) Delegates (Representation of Stakeholders) of the Conference

As many as 333 delegates participated in the conference which represents various stakeholders - private and public sector organizations, Policy makers to Field level workers across 20 States of the Country. The medical, non medical doctors, researchers, social workers, social scientists, Community organizers working in the field of tribal health and research.

State wise Distribution of Delegates and Speakers Participated TRIBECON 2019

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13) **Representation of the Researchers from Cosponsors in the Conference**

The conference was fully represented by the three Knowledge Partners and Co-sponsors. Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India and Government of Maharashtra was represented by Shri Deepak Kandhekar, IAS, Secretary, MoTA, Government of India, Smt Maninisha Verma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Tribal Development Department, Government of Maharashtra, Dr. Kiran Kulkarni, IAS, Commissioner, Tribal Development Department, Nashik Division, Shri Nitin Patil, IAS, MD, Maharashtra State Cooperative Tribal Dev. Corp Ltd, Nashik, Shri Dhoke, Deputy Secretary, Tribal Development Dept, Mumbai, Shri Sarode, Addl Tribal Commissioner, Nashik, Mr. Santosh Thube, Project Officer, ITDP, Rajur, Dist. Ahmednagar along with six researchers. The Tribal Research and Training Institute (TRTI), Pune was represented by Dr. Kiran Kulkarni, Commissioner, TRTI, Smt Nandini Awade, Joint Director, TRTI along with six member research team and five official media persons. The WHO, India was represented by Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya, National Professional Officer, Delhi.
14) **Deliverable Outcome of the Conference - Draft “Bhandardara Declaration”**.

The major recommendations of the proceedings of the conference are documented and presented in the Valedictory Function as draft “Bhandardara Declaration” (draft enclosed). The draft is being circulated to all cosponsors and participants of the conference for their comments by 15th October 2019. Subsequently the final “Bhandardara Declaration” will be ready for presentation to all the delegates, co-sponsors, stakeholders and policy makers.

15) **Documentation of the Conference – Audio, Video & Photography.**

All the conference proceedings including inaugural, valedictory functions, all scientific sessions (keynote, plenary, thematic), field visits, exhibition, and cultural programs were documented through audio, video and photography recording. The soft copies (Photos & Videos) of the Proceedings are being submitted to the co-sponsors of the conference for their records.

16) **Dissemination of the Conference Proceedings – Media Coverage.**

All the proceedings of the conference were covered by the regional and national press - both print and electronic media, including Doordarshan Sahyadri Channel and a number freelance journalist.
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लोकी : आदिवासी समाजात राजस्थानी आयुर्वेदी साधु आडणे किंवा प्रवाह करणे किंवा काढायचे, त्यात आदिवासी मार्गारी वागते, त्यांच्यावर अनुभव असलेल्या आदिवासींनी मुख्य प्रवाहात येऊय. त्यांनी साधु आडणारे प्रवाह या विषयात बोलतात, ज्याने त्यांनी अनुभव असलेल्या साधु आडणाराची राखी हे समाजात वागतात. आदिवासी साधुंनी समाजात आढळायला त्यांच्याकडून आदिवासी साधुंनी राखी हे समाजात वागते.

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