

# Launch of Centre for Research in Tribal Health & Services and Pravara Tribal Health Centre at Bhandardhara

A Historical Milestone in PIMS Social Responsibility

## Inauguration of Tribal Campus of PIMS-DU

Dr. Rajendra Vikhe Patil, CEO of PMT and Pro-Chancellor, PIMS-DU has inaugurated a unique Tribal Campus of PIMS-DU at Bhandardhara which houses (1) Centre for Research in Tribal Health and Services (CRTHS), to facilitate the faculty and students of all the Constituent Units of PIMS to pursue their academic, skill development training, research in tribal health & development and a (2) Tribal Health Centre (THC) for providing 24/7 medical care to the tribal people on the 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day - 26th January 2018.

The Campus has facilities for accommodating the doctors, nurses, para-medical and other staff and also a Guest House for Faculty, students of PIMS-DU, who are engaged in academic and research pursuits. The Campus is developed on the leased out land and buildings from Irrigation department Govt. of Maharashtra.



## Flag Hoisting as mark of 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Celebration at Tribal Campus



Dr. Rajendra Vikhe Patil has celebrated the 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day at the Tribal Campus by hoisting the national tricolor flag and taking Salute of the Security Personnel of PIMS-DU.



## Inauguration of Centre for Research in Tribal Health and Services (CRTHS)

Dr. Rajendra Vikhe Patil, has inaugurated a “**Centre for Research in Tribal Health and Services (CRTHS)**” under **Centre for Social Medicine**, which is one of the dream projects of Late Dr. Balasaheb Vikhe Patil, Founder of PMT & PIMS and Dr. Vijay Kelkar, Hon'ble Chancellor, PIMS-DU. The vision of the Centre is to achieve complete wellness and health equity for tribal communities at regional and national level. It is one of the historical milestones in fulfilling the institutional social responsibility of PMT and PIMS-DU.

The function has been blessed in the gracious presence of Dr. Y.M. Jayaraj, Vice Chancellor (Officiating), PIMS-DU and Heads of all Constituent Units (RMC, RDC, CON, CBT, CSM), Deans of Medical, Dental, Nursing Faculties, Heads of Departments, Faculty, Teaching & Non teaching Staff of all Constituent Units, Faculty and Students of Drake University, USA, Sarpanches of various Gram Panchyats, Social Workers of Akole Tribal Block, representatives from NGOs (BAIF, Jeevdaya Foundation etc), general public and representatives from Print and Electronic Media. Over 1200 people have attended the function.

The Centre aims at developing a “community laboratory” comprising 100 villages in Bhandardhara tribal area where primitive, vulnerable tribal communities (*Mahadeo Kolhi, Thakar, Bhil, and Katkari*) live to identify their health needs develop and test appropriate community health, development and empowerment models through participatory research, training and service to achieve health equity.



## Inauguration of Pravara Tribal Health Centre & Ambulance Services

Dr. Rajendra Vikhe Patil has inaugurated “**Pravara Tribal Health Centre (PRHC)**” at Bhandardhara to serve about 43,000 tribal people living in 36 villages of the tribal area with 24/7 medical care, normal institutional deliveries, neonatal intensive care unit, laboratory services, ambulance services, besides routine general and MCH care.

On this occasion, Dr. Samita Baradwaj, Project Officer, Jeevdaya Foundation, USA donated Non-Pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment (NASG) Kit, Digital BP Apparatus and Fetal Doppler and trained the Doctors, Midwives of Tribal Health Centre. She has also promised to extend further collaboration with PIMS to strengthen its Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services in the tribal area. Dr. Vikhe Patil has also **inaugurated and dedicated a well equipped Ambulance** in the service tribal people for emergency transportation of patients.



## Launch of "Pravara Gram Arogya Banks" in the Tribal Area

On this occasion, Dr. Rajendra Vikhe Patil has launched "Pravara Gram Arogya Banks" at four villages namely Murshet, Manere, Manik Ozar, Warangushi in Bhandardhara area. He distributed the First Aid Kits, Digital Diagnostic Equipment (BP Apparatus, Glucometer, Thermometer, Weighing Machine etc) to the respective Sarpanch of the village.



## Holding Multi-diagnostic and Treatment Camp & Health, Nutrition Exhibition

On this occasion, the Pravara Rural Hospital has organized a **free multi-diagnostic and treatment camp and Health and Nutrition Exhibition** with expert doctors from General Medicine, Gynecology, Pediatrics, General Surgery, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, and Dentistry wherein nearly 650 patients were treated on the spot and 150 patients were referred for further investigations treatment. Emcure has supplied free medicines to the gynecology patients attended the Camp.



All the tribal people who attended the function had witnessed the **Health & Nutrition Exhibition** organized by Dept. of Community Medicine, RMC, Community Nursing, CoN and Centre for Social Medicine.





## Medicinal Tree Plantation as mark of launch of “Ethno Medicine Project”

Medicinal Tree Plantation was done on this occasion at the auspicious hands of Dr. Rajendra Vikhe Patil, Hon'ble Pro-chancellor, Dr. Y.M. Jayaraj, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Mr. Pandurang Khade, Sarpanch, Bandardhara, Mr. Ashok Bangre, Former President of Zillha Parishad, Ahmednagar as a mark of launching of “Ethno Medicine Project”. The aim of the Project is to promote tribal medicine and conservation of rich biodiversity of the Sahyadri Hill Mountain Range. As many as 60 medicinal tree plants were planted on this occasion in the Tribal Campus.



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