**Release of Special Edition of Indian Journal of Medical Research (IJMR) and Symposium on Gandhi and Health@150 at ICMR Hqrs, New Delhi on 25th and 26th March, 2019**

To commemorate the 150th birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi a 2 day symposium ‘***Gandhi and Health@150’*** was organized at ICMR Hqrs on 25th and 26th March, 2019 and a special issue of IJMR on ***‘Gandhi& Health@150’*** was also unveiled which was released by His Holiness the Dalai Lama on 20th March, 2019 at Dharamshala. The collector’s edition has articles on Health File of Mahatma Gandhi, his Medical Legacy as well as ICMR Research contribution over the years following Gandhian principles. At the outset Dr Balram Bhargava, Secretary DHR and DG, ICMR welcomed the audience and delivered a talk on ***‘Gandhi and ICMR’*** highlighting important aspects of Mahatma Gandhi’s life, his virtues and philosophy and how ICMR has followed the path as shown by Mahatma in dealing with various diseases. On the occasion Dr Vinod Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO, SEARO, Dr Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Advisor to PM, Govt of India, Dr Henk Bekedam, WHO Representative to India, Shri Raghvendra Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles and Shri Parmeshwaran Iyer, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking water and Sanitation were present. Among the prominent speakers who delivered talk in various technical sessions were Dr Bindeshwar Pathak, Founder Sulabh International, Shri Kumar Prashant, Chairman, Gandhi Peace Foundation, Dr Anil Gupta, Founder Director, National Innovation Foundation & Honey Bee Network, Ahmedabad, Dr Mark Lindley, Visiting Professor, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar University, Aurangabad, Dr Abhay Bang, Director, SEARCH, Gadchiroli, Dr A. K. Arun, Chairman, National Gandhi Museum, Dr B. S. Garg, Secretary, Kasturba Health Society and Dean, MGIMS, Wardha, Dr Pallava Bagla, Science Editor, NDTV India, Shri A. Annamali, Director, National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi, Dr Sangeetha Menon, Dean and Head, NIAS, Consciousness Studies Programme, NIAS, Bangalore, Dr Makarand Paranjape, Director, IAAS, Shimla and Dr Urvakhsh Mehta, NIMHANS, Bangalore.

Dr Shekhar Mande, Secretary, DSIR and DG, CSIR released the ‘*Handbook* ***on National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical and Health Research’*** on 26th March, 2018.

Dr P. N. Tandon, Chairman, National Brain Research Institute, Manesar, Dr Manju Sharma, Former Secretary DBT, Dr VM Katoch, Former Secretary DHR and DG, ICMR, Dr Indira Chakravarthy, Shri B P Singh, Former Governor, Sikkim, Dr R. Ramanan, Mission Director, Atal Innovation, Dr N K Ganguly, Former, DG, ICMR, Dr M K Bhan, Former Secretary DBT, Dr Indu Bhushan, CEO, National Health Authority, Dr Sachin Chaturvedi, DG, RIS, Officials from Embassies of Germany, South Korea, Taiwan, European Union, etc were present.

There was a special session on Re-invoking Gandhi - a musical exploration of Gandhian Values by Dr Deepti Navratna, Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Culture, Bangalore in the lawns of ICMR on 25th March, 2019. On the occasion an exhibition was also displayed depicting Gandhian values and practices as well as his audio clips.