The 36th Foundation Day of ICMR-National Institute of Research in Tribal Health (ICMR-NIRTH), Jabalpur was celebrated with zeal and enthusiasm on 1st March, 2019. On this occasion a ‘Tribal Health Fair’ was organized at ICMR-NIRTH campus. The fair was officially inaugurated by the guest of honor Dr. Yogeshwar Kalkonde, SEARCH, Gadchiroli. In this fair tribal healer particularly Bhariyas and Baigas displayed ethno-medicinal-practices and their traditional products. An internationally acclaimed tribal tattoo artist, and a bamboo artisan from Baiga tribe have also participated in fair.

Dr. Aparup Das, Scientist ‘G’ &Director, ICMR-NIRTH welcomed the distinguished dignitaries and guests and acquainted the house about the activities and achievements of the institute and the future plans.

Students from four different schools were awarded on the occasion for developing best science model on the ‘National Science Day 2019’ held at the ICMR-NIRTH on 28th February, 2019.

Prof. (Dr.) P.D. Juyal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University (NDVSU), Jabalpur and the Chief Guest of the programme, appreciated the work done by the institute for the health of the tribal people and categorically mentioned the need of research benefits to reach the masses and for that, it is essential to build up good relationship with the tribal communities. He also stressed on building innovative research for health benefit of tribes of the country.

Dr. Yogeshwar Kalkonde, MD, MSc, an eminent neuro-physician and extensively working among the tribal population in ‘Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health (SEARCH)’, Gadchiroli, Maharashtra delivered the foundation day lecture and mentioned his philanthropical work in the tribal communities. He mentioned that they follow the principle of reaching to the people, live among them, love them, listen to them, learn from them, begin with what they know and build up on what they have.

Several staff of ICMR-NIRTH were felicitated for their outstanding services during the occasion.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Tapas Chakma, Scientist ‘G’, ICMR-NIRTH.

The event was followed by a cultural evening where tribal songs and dances were performed by the tribes from Baigachak area of Dindori district, M.P.