District vel Consultation workshop on 'Developing Intervention Strategies to Address the Problem of Undernutrition and Hidden Hunger' at Palghar, Maharashtra.

ICMR- NIRRH, Mumbai along with Palghar District Health Officials conducted the first District Level Consultation workshop sponsored by ICMR on 'Developing Intervention strategies to address the problem of undernutrition and hidden hunger' on 25th September 2017 at District Collectorate Office, Palghar, Maharashtra. Workshop was inaugurated by Secretary DHR and DG, ICMR Dr. Soumya Swaminathan. She highlighted the need for multidisciplinary approach to address the problem of undernutrition with involvement of agriculture, water and sanitation department along with state health officials and ICMR research institutes. Dr G S Toteja, Head of Nutrition ICMR, Dr Milind Borikar, CEO Palghar Dr Dr. Kanchan Vanere, Civil Surgeon, Palghar, Santosh Gaikwad, DHO Palghar, District and Taluka Health officials, ICDS officials, and other representatives from District Health Office, Dr Smita Mahale, Director NIRRH and staff of NIRRH participated in the workshop. Findings from ICMR Task Force Study on Improving Health and Nutrition Status in Palghar District were presented during the workshop. Representatives from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) and Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) also participated in the workshop.