

OTHER ACTIVITIES

4.5 Collaborative Efforts for Tribal Health Research

For tribal health study at Kota, Jhalawar & Baran Districts, DMRC team of Scientists visited Jhalawar Medical College to participate in the joint meeting with the faculties of various Departments of the Medical College. The meeting was held on 31st March, 2014. Dr. G. S. Toteja, Director; Dr. Praveen Anand, Scientist 'C'; Dr. Rajender Kumar, Scientist 'C' and Dr. P. K. Dam, Technical Officer 'A' participated in the meeting from DMRC side. Prof. Raghuvir Singh, Head of the Department, PSM & Professor Diwan along with their learned faculty members participated in this meeting from Medical College.

Dr. Toteja presented glimpses of functionalities of ICMR & DHR at country level. He enlightened the group as regards to role of ICMR to grant approval of fund for extramural projects as well as to those who may be interested in opening 'Centre of Excellence'. Following this, Dr. Toteja discussed certain pertinent points to initiate collaborative research projects.

Dr. Raghuvir Singh reciprocated that the newly introduced PG course in Anatomy, Physiology & Microbiology in Jhalawar Medical College with effect from 2014 may augment the possibility of collaboration studies between DMRC, Jodhpur and Jhalawar Medical College. Dr. Singh mentioned that responsibilities of the Research Wing of Jhalawar Medical College has been entrusted to Dr. Diwan & Dr. Mogra from Pathology Department, who as 'Nodal Officers' review various collaborative research proposals received by Medical College. Dr. Singh, thereafter introduced Dr. Ashish Yadav, Faculty Member of PSM Department and currently pursuing Ph. D. degree in Statistics & willing to collaborate with DMRC for forthcoming joint studies. He also offered that DMRC may use the retrospective data from 'data repository' maintained in the 'Record Room' of Jhalawar Medical College in order to find out any trend revealed through 'data repository' that may help as pre-requisite for finalizing theme of joint research protocol.

Prof. Diwan expressed his interest in specific researchable issues related to extra-pulmonary TB and Nutritional Deficiency (Anemia). He stated that collaboration with Physiology Department may be helpful in conducting Pulmonary Function Test of suspected TB cases of the study group. If Tissue PCR is undertaken & samples from such extra-pulmonary TB cases are handed over to DMRC Laboratory, then it may form researchable issue. Moreover, he said that among Cancer patients those who attend Jhalawar Hospital for treatment, this has been observed that cases of Breast Cancer, Cervical Cancer and Oral Cancer are more compared to other types (e. g. Leukaemia).

The DMRC team also visited villages of Baran district, where Sahariyas tribes are living.