

Dr Padma Gurmet, Director, National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Leh has participated as invited speaker in the "First International Symposium on Tribal Health" organized collaboratively by the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) and the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Nagpur, from 31 January to 2 February 2025. The symposium brought together 700 global and national health experts, policymakers, and researchers to deliberate on significant tribal health issues and strategies to address them. Dr Padma Gurmet presented an invited lecture on "Sowa-Rigpa system of Medicine; the backbone of public health for tribal communities of Ladakh".

This significant three-day event was inaugurated by Goa's Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, who emphasized the urgent need for awareness and intervention in tribal healthcare. The symposium was also addressed by Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari, he pointed out the need for infrastructure development in tribal regions, prioritising skill education, traditional industries and economic empowerment. Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function, speaking during the event expressed his belief that if traditional tribal treatment and modern medicine from various areas are considered and applied together, solutions can be found regarding providing effective health facilities to the tribals. Dr Padma Gurmet is also awarded for his work and presentation.



