

Summary of EMBO Symposium on Extra-pulmonary tuberculosis

A 5 day long India EMBO TB 2020 Symposium was focused on the neglected and poorly managed aspect of Tuberculosis (TB) pathogenesis under theme ‘Microbial heterogeneity and host tissue tropism’. An interdisciplinary and international group of over 40 speakers and chairpersons along with nearly 150 participants from different countries gathered for five days at National Institute of Immunology (NII), New Delhi and International Centre of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi to deliberate on new scientific insights that can be adopted in treatment modalities and early diagnosis in future.

Prof. K. VijayRaghavan, Scientific Advisor to PM, during Keynote opening address in this symposium urged scientist to come together, setup ambitious goals to eliminate TB disease by 2025. He emphasized that conference should produce strategic plan setting forth large research funding and programs to secure earliest possible development of effective therapies, diagnosis and cure for all forms of TB disease

The TB remains one of the top causes of death in India. Reaching the goal of TB elimination in India requires maintaining and strengthening current TB control priorities while increasing efforts to identify new scientific means to tackle this problem. The last decade has witnessed shifting trends in tubercular infection, with extra-pulmonary tuberculosis (EPTB) emerging as an important indication in Indian population.

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