WORLD TB DAY COMMEMORATION AT HIMSR


Taking into the consideration the theme of Reaching out to the 3 Million unreached TB patients, 1 million of whom are estimated to be living in India, the involvement of all current and future healthcare workers, especially from private sectors is of paramount importance. Thus, the audience for this seminar included faculty and medical students of HIMSR.

Rather than theoretical and academic deliberations, the focus was on practical and scalable interventions in patient care. Hence, we invited the people involved in ground-level programme implementation for this seminar.

Dr. Shivani Chandra, WHO RNTCP consultant and incharge for Delhi and UP states elaborated on the Epidemiology of TB with special reference to India. The focus was on containing the emergence of Drug Resistant TB. She also talked about the RNTCP programme and the role of Medical colleges as an important stakeholder in TB control. She apprised the audience of the Government orders in regards of TB as well as the release of Standard of TB care. TB notification was another topic she highlighted.

This was then followed by a presentation by Dr. Ashwani Khanna, Delhi State TB officer and Chest Physician at Lok Nayak Hospital. He imparted knowledge on the latest diagnostic techniques in TB. LED microscopy, LPA, molecular tests, MGITT were some of the many tests that he acquainted the audience with. He also revealed the Delhi government’s plan to roll out molecular tests in the diagnosis of TB.
We were fortunate to have Dr. S K Sharma. He is HOD, Department of Medicine, AIIMS, Delhi and also is the Advisor to National Taskforce on TB. He captivated the audience with his expert advice on TB, which was borne, out of his decades of work on TB. He emphasized on private practitioners’ involvement and control of airborne infections in hospitals.

The event was also chosen to gift prizes to the winning teams of e-poster competition held on 21st March. The event concluded with closing remarks by our Dean/Principal, who appreciated the efforts by all the speakers and profusely thanked them for their time.

*Dr. Shivani, WHO TB consultant, addressing the audience*
Dr. Ashwani Khanna, State TB Officer, elaborating on latest diagnostic techniques

Dr. Mridu Dudeja, HOD, Microbiology, elaborating various diagnostic tests of Tuberculosis at HAHCH
Dr. S K Sharma, HOD, Medicine, AIIMS, Delhi giving his expert remarks

Dr. S Dwivedi, Dean, HIMSR, giving his concluding remarks of the Seminar
Prize distribution to students for e-poster on TB

Presentation of HIMSR memento to guest speakers