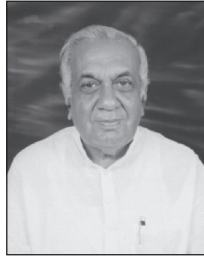


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### Message

I am happy that JB Tropical Disease Research Centre & Department of Biochemistry is organizing National Symposium on 'Innovation in TB Diagnostics, Drug Targets and Biomarkers' & C.M.E. on 'Molecular and Immunodiagnosics for PTB & EPTB' during January 27 & 28, 2014. Tuberculosis a major public health problem worldwide, was declared as global emergency by WHO in 1993. Tuberculosis (TB) remains still a major global health problem. As per WHO's Global Tuberculosis Report, 2013, in 2012, an estimated 8.6 million people developed TB and 1.3 million died from the disease (including 320 000 deaths among HIV-positive people). The number of TB deaths is unacceptably large given that most are preventable. TB is posing a challenge to research scientists & health administrators.

JBTDRC is an advanced centre for Tropical Disease Research established in 1994 at MGIMS to expand the Institute's ongoing research programmes in tropical diseases such as filariasis and tuberculosis prevalent in this region. JBTDRC is actively involved in TB diagnostic research for more than two decades with one patent and number of publications in International & National journals.

I hope the Symposium and CME will sensitize and motivate young scientists / researchers / doctors to achieve 2015 global targets set by WHO within the context of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

I wish the visiting experts from India and abroad and the delegates a pleasant stay and good get together at Sevagram, the land of Gandhi and also wish the Symposium all the success.



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