

Report on the sensitization session on TB

On February 5th, 2024, a TB sensitization session was held under the auspices of KA-IAPSM and IAPP in Karnataka. The session's goals were to gain insight into the rollout and function of TB preventive therapy and adult BCG vaccination in India's elimination of tuberculosis. Dr. Ashok Bharadwaj, the current Chairman of the National Task Force for the TB elimination drive under medical colleges, delivered the presentation. Dr. Sanjay Suryawanshi, WHO National Consultant for the World Health Organization, NTEP Central TB Division, MoHFW, New Delhi, discussed the role of medical colleges in eliminating TB.

The sensitization session began at 2.30 pm on 5th February 2024, with Dr. Poonam Naik, a Professor from the Department of Community Medicine at Yenepoya Medical College, and the Karnataka State IAPSM President, extending a warm welcome to the delegates and the dignitaries for the sensitization session and spoke about the various activities of the Karnataka State IAPSM.

The session comprised about 44 postgraduates from departments of Community Medicine, Microbiology, Pharmacology, Pulmonary Medicine, and Masters in Public Health from KSHEMA and Community Medicine PGs from Yenepoya Medical College, 23 faculty from KSHEMA, Father Muller Medical College, and Yenepoya Medical College.



Dr. Akshaya K, Professor and Head of the Department of Community Medicine at Yenepoya Medical College in Mangalore, and State OT Chairperson for NTEP in Karnataka, introduced Dr. Ashok Bharadwaj to the audience. Dr. Ashok talked about the need for TPT in India and the challenge of TB infection, particularly in vulnerable groups, in light of Sustainable Development Goal 3. This includes achieving TB-related targets and the End TB Strategy 2025 in India. He also explained the testing options for TB infection, the treatment options for TPT, and the benefits of adult TB vaccination with BCG. Dr. Ashok elaborated on the effects of BCG vaccination among vulnerable adult populations in reducing TB disease using a programmatic study. The study includes six districts in Karnataka.

He informed the audience about the preparatory activities undertaken for the intervention and control arms of the trial. Further, he discussed the

possible consequences of a successful outcome of the trial, such as a reduction in mortality and morbidity due to TB.



Dr Akshaya introduced Dr Sanjay to the audience. Dr. Sanjay Suryawanshi spoke about the role of medical colleges in the elimination of TB and discussed in detail the Medical College core committee formation and the need for following the prescribed Core committee template for accurate data collection regarding the medical college activities in India.

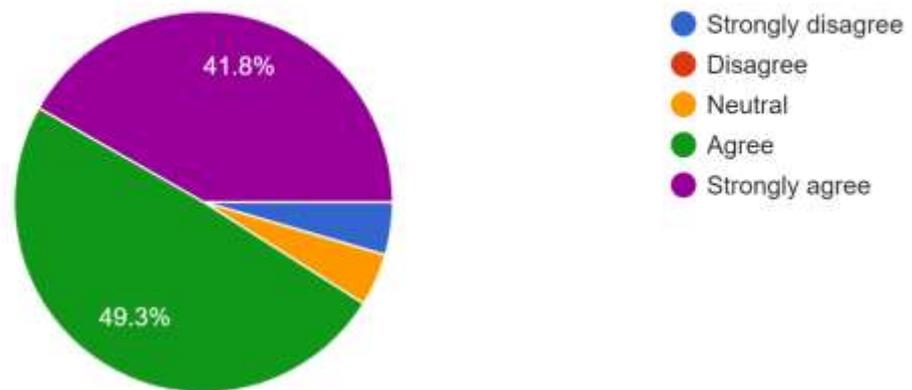


This was followed by the question-and-answer session moderated by Dr Akshaya KM. The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr Ankeeta, Associate Professor Department of Community Medicine, KS Hegde Medical Academy, Deralakatte.

Feedback regarding the session- Anonymized feedback regarding the feedback session is depicted below. The majority agreed that the materials were presented by the speakers in an organized manner and that the speakers were good communicators and spoke on relevant topics.

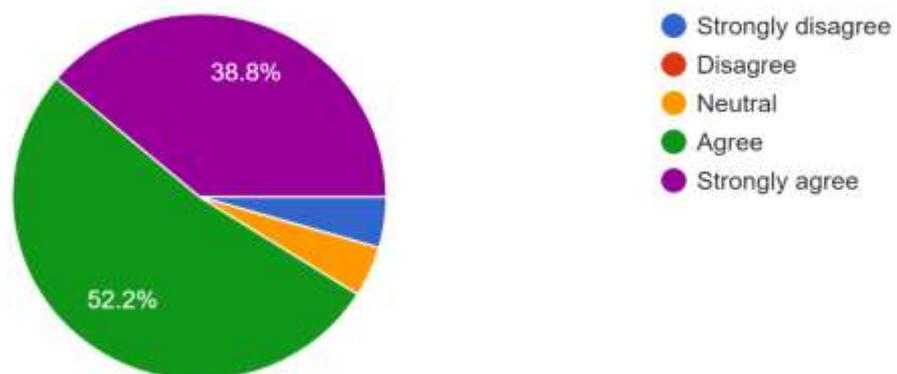
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67 responses



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The sensitization session helped me understand the concepts in role of medical colleges and NTEP in the elimination of TB in India.

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