

CALENDAR OF TUBERCULOSIS WORKERS' CONFERENCE

- 1st The First Conference of Tuberculosis was organised in New Delhi in November, 1934 by the King George Thanks-giving (Anti-Tuberculosis) Fund. Twenty-four delegates attended this three-day conference. Under the auspices of the Tuberculosis Association of India, the First All India Tuberculosis Workers' Conference was held in New Delhi in 1934. Fifty-five delegates attended it.
- 2nd The Second Conference was held in New Delhi in November, 1940. This was attended by ninety delegates.
- 3rd The Third Conference was held in New Delhi in March, 1945. Seventy delegates attended. Sir Joseph Bhore presided.
- 4th The Fourth Conference was held in New Delhi in November, 1946 and was attended by 110 delegates.
- 5th The Fifth conference was held in January, 1948 at Madras. Over hundred delegates attended it. His Excellency, Sir Archibald Nye, Governor of Madras, inaugurated the conference.
- 6th The Sixth Conference was held in Calcutta in December, 1948. Dr. R. B. S. Billiomira was its President. Dr. B. C. Roy, Premier of West Bengal, inaugurated the Conference. 130 delegates attended.
- 7th The Seventh Conference was held in Bombay in November, 1949. Its President was Dr. A. C. Kulkarni, Rakumari Kamat, Minister of Health, Government of India, and President of the Tuberculosis Association of India, chaired the conference. 130 delegates attended.
- 8th The Eighth Conference was held in Hyderabad in February, 1951. Dr. K. Vasudeva Rao was its President. Over 150 delegates attended it. It was inaugurated by Dr. K.C.K. Raja, Director-General of Health Services and Chairman, Tuberculosis Association of India.
- 9th The Ninth Conference was held in February, 1952 in Lucknow. Dr. P. V. Benjamin was its President. Over 170 delegates attended. It was inaugurated by Dr. K.C.K.E. Raja, D.G.H.S. and Chairman, Tuberculosis Association of India.
- 10th The Tenth Conference met in Mysore in February, 1953. Dr. K.L. Wig presided in the absence of Late R.B. Lal, the President-elect. It was inaugurated by Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Union Health Minister and President of the Tuberculosis Association of India.

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- 11th The Eleventh Conference was held in Nagpur in February, 1954. Dr. K. L. Wig was its President. About 130 delegates attended. Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Governor of Madhya Pradesh, inaugurated it.
- 12th The Twelfth Conference was held in Amritsar in February, 1955 with Dr. B.B. Yodh as the President. About 175 delegates attended. Shri C.P.N. Singh, Governor of Punjab, inaugurated the Conference.
- 13th The Thirteenth Conference was held in Trivandrum in January 1956. Dr. T.J. Joseph was its President. About 150 delegates attended. His Highness the Rajpramukh of Travancore inaugurated it.
- 14th The Fourteenth Conference was held in Madras in January, 1958. Dr. K.S. Sivanthi was its President. About 200 delegates attended, it was inaugurated by Shri Bishnuram Medhi, Governor of Madras.
- 15th The Fifteenth Conference was held in Jaipur, 1959. It was inaugurated by Dr. D.P. Karmarkar, Union Health Minister. Over 200 delegates attended. Dr. B.K. Sikand was the President of this conference.
- 16th The Sixteenth Conference was held in Poona in January, 1960. Over 250 delegates attended. Dr. P.K. Sen was its President. It was inaugurated by Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Union Health Minister and President, Tuberculosis Association of India.
- 17th The Seventeenth Conference was held in Cuttack in January-February, 1961. It was inaugurated by Shri Y.N. Sukthankar, Governor of Orissa. Over 200 delegates attended. A new feature of the conference was that Dr. A.S. Moli was its President.
- 18th The Eighteenth Conference was held in Bangalore in January, 1962. Dr. R.N. Thomas its President. Over 300 delegates attended. The conference was inaugurated by the Maharaja, Shri Jayachamraja Wadiyar Bahadur, Governor of Mysore.
- 19th The Nineteenth Conference was held in Delhi in April, 1964. Dr. L.R. Dongre was its President. Over 400 delegates attended. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Sushila Nayar, Union Minister for Health.
- 20th The Twentieth Conference was held in Ahmedabad in February, 1965 and was presided over by Dr. M.D. Deshmukh. The conference was inaugurated by Nawab Mehdi Nawaz Jung, Governor of Gujarat. About 300 delegates attended.
- 21st The Twenty-first Conference was held in Calcutta in February, 1966. Dr. K.N. Rao, Director-General of Health Services and Chairman, TB Association of India, was its President. About 350 delegates attended. The conference was inaugurated by Smt. Padmaja Naidu, Governor of West Bengal.

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- 22nd The Twenty-second Conference was held in Hyderabad in February, 1967. Major (Dr.) Khusdeva Singh of Patiala was the President of the Conference. It was inaugurated by Shri Pattom Thanu Pillai, Governor of Andhra Pradesh. Over 250 delegates attended.
- 23rd The Twenty-third Conference was held in Bombay in January, 1968. Dr. R. Viswanathan was its President. It was inaugurated by Dr. P.V. Cherian, Governor of Maharashtra. Over 300 delegates attended.
- 24th The Twenty-fourth Conference was held in Trivandrum in January, 1969. The President of the Conference was Dr. N.L. Bordia. It was inaugurated by Shri V. Viswanathan, Governor of Kerala. Over 300 delegates attended.
- 25th The Twenty-fifth National Conference was held in Patiala, Punjab, in January, 1970. Dr. M. Umesh Rao was the President of the Conference. It was inaugurated by Dr. E.C. Pavate, Governor of Punjab. About 250 delegates attended.
- 26th The Twenty-Sixth Conference was held in Bangalore in January, 1971. Dr. K. Somayya was its President. Shri Dharma Vir, Governor of Karnataka, inaugurated the Conference. About 300 delegates attended.
- 27th The Twenty-seventh Conference was held in Patna in November, 1972. Dr. K.N. De of Calcutta was its President. Shri Dev Kant Barooah, Governor of Bihar, inaugurated the Conference. About 250 delegates attended.
- 28th The Twenty-eighth National Conference was held in Madras, in January 1974. Dr. S.P. Pamra was its President. Shri K.K. Shah, Governor of Madras, inaugurated the conference. Over 300 delegates attended.
- 29th The Twenty-ninth Conference was held in New Delhi in November, 1974. This was combined with the IXth Conference of the Eastern Region of the I.U.A.T. Due to the absence of Dr. M.S. Chadha, Shri S. Ranganathan, President of the Association, Presided over the Conference. Conference were inaugurated by Dr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, President of India and addressed by Dr. Karan Singh, Union Minister for Health and Family Planning. Over 400 delegates attended the conference.
- 30th The Thirtieth Conference was held in Hyderabad in November, 1975. Dr. H.B. Dingley was its President. Over 200 delegates attended the Conference. It was inaugurated by Shri S.V. Subi Reddy, Governor of Andhra Pradesh.
- 31st The Thirty-first Conference was held in Lucknow in November, 1976. Dr. Tahir Mirza was its President. Over 300 delegates attended the conference. It was inaugurated by Shri M.M. Chaudhary, Governor of Uttar Pradesh.

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- 32nd The Thirty-second Conference was held in Trivandrum in November, 1977. Dr.K.V. Krishnaswami was its President. About 400 delegates attended the conference. Smt. Jyoti Venkataraman, Governor of Kerala, inaugurated the Conference.
- 33rd The Thirty-third Conference was held in Bhopal in November, 1978. Dr. J.L. Bhatia was its President. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri C.M. Poonacha, Governor of Madhya Pradesh. About 300 delegates attended.
- 34th The Thirty-fourth Conference was held in Jaipur in October, 1979. Dr. M.L. Mehrotra was its President. Shri Braham Singh Shekhawat, Chief Minister of Rajasthan, inaugurated the Conference. About 300 delegates attended.
- 35th The Thirty-fifth Conference was held in Bombay in November, 1980. Dr. M.M. Singh was its President. Shri Haridev Mukherjee, Governor of Gujarat, Maharashtra, inaugurated the conference. About 500 delegates attended.
- 36th The Thirty-sixth Conference was held in Baroda in November, 1981. Dr. GD. Gothi was its President. Shri Sardare Mukherjee, Governor of Gujarat, inaugurated the Conference. About 500 delegates attended.
- 37th The Thirty-seventh Conference was held in New Delhi in November 1982. Dr. B. Trivedi was its President. Shri M. Hayatullah, Vice-President of India, inaugurated the Conference. About 600 delegates attended.
- 38th The Thirty-eighth Conference was held in Panaji in October, 1983. Dr. S. Sivaramanu was its President. Shri K.T. Satarwalla, Lt. Governor of Goa, Daman & Diu, inaugurated the Conference. About 700 delegates attended.
- 39th The Thirty-ninth Conference was held in Cuttack in January, 1985. Dr. A.G. Patel was its President. Shri B.N. Pandey, Governor of Orissa, inaugurated the Conference. About 500 delegates attended.
- 40th The Fortieth conference was held in Shillong in November, 1985. Dr. Umapathy Rao was its President. Smt Mohsina Kidwai, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, inaugurated the Conference. About 400 delegates attended.
- 41st The Forty-first Conference was held in Hyderabad in October, 1986. Dr. S.P.D. Gupta was its President. Smt Kumudben Manishankar Joshi, Governor of Andhra Pradesh, inaugurated the Conference. About 500 delegates attended.
- 42nd The Forty-second Conference was held in Lucknow in December 1987. Dr. P.A. Deshmukh was its President. Shri Loknathi Tripathi, Minister for Health and F.W., U.P. inaugurated the Conference. About 500 delegates attended.

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- 43rd The Forty-third Conference was held in Calcutta in December 1988. Dr.S.P.Tripathy was its President. Prof. S. Nurul Hasan, Governor of West Bengal inaugurated the Conference. About 450 delegates attended.
- 44th The Forty-fourth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held in Madras in December, 1989. In the absence of Dr. S.C. Kapoor, President of Conference, Dr. K. Jamanth Prasad over the Conference. Dr. T. Deivanar, Minst. for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, inaugurated the Conference. About 600 delegates attended.
- 45th The Forty-fifth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held in Rohtak (Haryana) in January 1991. Col. M. Mohanty was its President. Shri Dhanik Lal Mandal, Governor of Haryana, inaugurated the Conference. About 400 delegates attended.
- 46th The Forty-sixth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest diseases was held in New Delhi in November 1991. Dr. S.B. Trivedi was its President. Dr. M.S. Chandra, President, Tuberculosis Association of India, inaugurated the Conference. About 450 delegates attended.
- 47th The Forty-seventh National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held in Bombay in November 1992. Dr. P.V. Verma was its President. Shri C. Subramaniam, Governor of Maharashtra, inaugurated the Conference. About 600 delegates attended.
- 48th The Forty-eighth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held in Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) in December 1993. Dr. M.M. Siddhu was its President. Shri Mohammed Shafi Qureshi, Governor of Madhya Pradesh, inaugurated the Conference. About 450 delegates attended.
- 49th The Forty-ninth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held in Pondicherry in October 1994. Dr. R.C. Jain was its President. Shri Paban Singh Ghatowar, Union Dr. minister for Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the Conference. About 500 delegates attended.
- 50th The Golden Jubilees National Conference on TB & Chest Diseases was held in Trivandrum in December 1995. Dr. C. Srinivasa Rao was its President. Shri P. Shiv Shankar, Governor of Kerala, inaugurated the Conference. About 550 delegates attended.
- 51st The Fifty-first National Conference on TB & Chest Diseases was held in Bangalore (Karnataka) in November 1996. Dr. Dhoni Bas was its President. His Excellency Shri Khursheed Alam Khan, Governor of Karnataka, inaugurated the Conference. About 600 delegates attended.

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- 52nd The Fifty-second National Conference on TB & Chest Diseases was held in Ahmedabad in December 1997. Dr. P.R. Bhogal was its President. Shri Dilipbhai Parikh, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, inaugurated the Conference. About 600 delegates attended.
- 53rd The Fifty-third National Conference on TB & Chest Diseases was held at Bhubaneswar (Orissa) from 27th to 30th December, 1998. Dr. I. Ranga Rao was the President of the 53rd National Conference. Shri Jagannath Rout, the Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development, Orissa, inaugurated the Conference which was attended by about 400 delegates.
- 54th The Fifty-fourth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at M.R. Nursing Institution, Bailey Road, Patna (Bihar), from 26th to 29th December, 1999. Dr. M.S. Agnihotri was the President of this 54th National conference which was attended by about 400 delegates.
- 55th The Fifty-fifth National conference on TB & Chest Diseases was held at Nagpur, Calcutta from 7th to 10th December, 2000. Dr. B. Dhounsule was the President of the Conference, which was attended by about 500 delegates.
- 56th The Fifty-sixth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at Hotel Le Royal Meridian, Chennai from 9th to 12th October, 2001. Dr. M. Pradhan was the President of the Conference, which was attended by about 550 delegates.
- 57th The Fifty-seventh National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at Kalpa Academy, Panaji, Goa from 26th to 29th September, 2002. Dr. S.N. Tripathy was the President of the Conference, which was attended by about 500 delegates.
- 58th The Fifty-eighth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at Taj Lands Ends, Mumbai from 2nd to 4th January, 2004. Dr. P.J. Jagota was the President of the Conference, which was attended by about 600 delegates.
- 59th The Fifty-ninth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at LRS Instt. of TB & Respiratory Diseases, New Delhi from 3rd to 6th February, 2005. Dr. V.K. Arora was the President of the Conference, which was attended by about 600 delegates.
- 60th The Sixtieth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at K.G. Medical University, Lucknow, from 23rd to 26th February, 2006. Dr. P.R. Narayana was the President of the Conference, which was attended by 500 delegates.
- 61st The Sixty-first National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at RNT Medical College, Udaipur (Rajasthan) from 23rd to 25th February, 2007. Lt. General Dr. J. Jayaswal was the President of Conference, which was attended by about 500 delegates.

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- 62nd The Sixty-Second National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at New Delhi, Teen Murti Bhawan from 14th to 16th December, 2007. Dr. S.K. Katiyar was the President of the Conference. Dr. Ambumani Ramadoss, Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, inaugurated the Conference, which was attended by about 400 delegates.
- 63rd The Sixty-third National Conference on Tuberculosis & Chest Diseases and First International Conference of South Asia Region (The Union) was held in Delhi from 8th to 10th September 2008. Dr. R.K. Srivastava, Chairman, TAI and Director General of Health Services, Govt. of India, inaugurated the Conference. About 550 delegates attended the Conference.
- 64th The Sixty-fourth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at Science City Auditorium, Kolkata, from 27th to 29th December, 2009. Dr. Manish Pradhan was the President of the Conference. About 350 delegates attended the Conference.
- 65th The Sixty-fifth National Conference on Tuberculosis & Chest Diseases was held at Bangalore, from 9th to 11th January, 2011. Dr. Prahlad Kumar was the President of the Conference. About 450 delegates attended the Conference.
- 66th The Sixty-sixth national Conference on Tuberculosis & Chest Diseases was held at Dehradun, Uttarakhand from 19th to 20th November, 2011. Dr. B. Deva was the President of the Conference. About 350 delegates attended the Conference.
- 67th The Sixty-seventh National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at Patna, Bihar from 8th to 10th February 2013. Dr. Rajendra Prasad was the President of the Conference. About 450 delegates attended the Conference.
- 68th The Sixty-eighth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at New Delhi from 23rd to 26th February 2014 and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India, Dr. S. Chahuan who was the President of the conference was organised under auspices of the National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases, New Delhi (formerly LRS Institute of TB and Respiratory Diseases). Over 600 delegates attended the conference.
- 69th The Sixty-ninth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at RIMS Instt. of TB & Respiratory Diseases, New Delhi from 5th to 7th February 2015. Dr. Rohit Sarin was the President of the Conference. The Conference was organised in association with the Indian Association of Tuberculosis.
- 70th The Seventieth National Conference on Tuberculosis and chest diseases was held at convention center, King George Medical University, Lucknow (U.P.), in Feb.- 2016. Dr. Jai Prasad was the President of the Conference. The Conference was organised in association

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with the TB Association of U.P. and the Deptt. of Pulmonary, King George University Lucknow. Over 650 delegates attended the conference.

- 71st The Seventy-first National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at PGI Chandigarh from 16 to 18th December, 2016. Dr.K. Gupta was President of the Conference. The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Director General, ICMR and Secretary, Department of Health Research, Ministry of health and Family welfare, Government of India, New Delhi. Over 650 delegates attended the Conference.
- 72nd The Seventy-second National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Foundation, Imphal, from 15 to 17th December, 2017. Dr. Hoti Bawa was the President of the Conference. Dr. C. Rajan Vice-Chancellor, NTR University of Health Sciences, Andhra Pradesh, inaugurated the conference. Over 450 delegates attended the conference.
- 73rd The Seventy-third Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest diseases was held at Nagpur, Maharashtra, from 4th to 6th January, 2019. The conference was organised jointly by the Department of Respiratory Medicine, Indira Gandhi Government Medical College, Nagpur, Vidarbha Chest Association and the Maharashtra State Anti-TB Association, Mumbai, under aegis of the Tuberculosis Association of India. Dr. Sunil Khadse was the President of the conference.
- 74th The Seventy-fourth Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases was held at Chennai, Tamil Nadu, from 20th to 22nd December, 2019. The conference was organised jointly by the Government Hospital of Thoracic Medicine, Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai and the Anti-TB Association of Tamil Nadu, under aegis of the Tuberculosis Association of India. Dr. K.K. Chopra was the President of the Conference. Over 700 delegates attended the conference.
- 75th The Platinum Jubilee of National Conference of Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases (75th NATCON) was held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh, from 18th to 20th December 2020 on a 3D virtual platform. The conference was organized under the aegis of Tuberculosis Association of India, Madhya Gandhi Memorial Medical College, Indore and MP TB association. Dr. K.S. Gandhi was the President of the Conference. Over 2500 delegates attended the Conference.
- 76th The Seventy-sixth National Conference on Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases (NATCON) was held at MMC Auditorium, Mullana, Ambala, Haryana, organised by the Institute of Medical Science, Mullana, Haryana from 10 to 13th April, 2022. The conference was organised under the aegis of the Tuberculosis Association of India. Dr. Sriradhan Sharma was the president of the conference. Over 600 delegates attended the Conference.

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77th The Seventy-seventh NATCON was held at Agra from 27th February to 1 March 2023 with the theme "Back to the Basics and Beyond to TB Elimination". The conference was organised by S.N. Medical College Agra in association with U.P. State TB Association of the Union, South East Asia Region under the aegis of Tuberculosis Association of India. Eight workshops were held on 1 day, many symposia, panel discussion and debates on important topics were conducted in next two days in addition to Oral Awards and deliberation by eminent speakers. More than 1200 delegates and about 200 faculty members participated which is a record gathering in NATCON history.

78th The 78th-eighth NATCON was held at Lulu International Convention Centre, Thrissur, Kerala from February 02, 03 and 04, 2024 and organised by Association of Pulmonologists, Thrissur and Academy of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine under the aegis of The Tuberculosis Association of India. The Conference theme was "Robert Koch to Robotics". Dr.K.N. Jain was the President of the conference.

It was a three day conference with Day-1 dedicated to pre-conference workshops. Ten workshops were conducted, in which hands on experience was given to postgraduate students about various technologies used in TUBERCULOSIS and Respiratory Diseases. These were attended by doctors and faculty in large numbers.

Two days conference was attended by more than 700 delegates from all parts of India. Faculty included renowned Indian and overseas doctors. 3 major awards were registered. Winners were given prizes which was about 600 PG students were in addition. In addition, meeting of Indian Journal of Tuberculosis Editorial Board, State Secretaries technical meeting and South East Asia Regional Union meeting were held on the sidelines of the NATCON.

79th The Seventy-ninth NATCON was organized jointly by Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences and Technology and Jain Chest Care Centre under the aegis of TAI from October 18-20 2024 in Jaipur. The theme of the Conference was "From Progressive Evolution to Revolutionary Shift". Delegates to the Conference included PG students, resident doctors, eminent researchers, experts in the field of medicine from India and abroad. The Conference was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Smt Manju Sharma MP, President TAI, Dr Vishwa Mohan Katoch was the Guest of Honour. Senior officials of the TAI, Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences and Technology and Jain Chest Care Centre also participated.

Dr. Ashwani Khanna gave the Presidential speech at the inaugural function. At the function, latest Special issue of Indian Journal of Tuberculosis on Drug Resistant TB (DR-TB) and Psychological Disorders was released. Topics like latest diagnostics, therapies, associated diseases and preventive guidelines were covered. The book, "Update on MDR TB" edited by Prof. Dr. V.K. Arora and Dr. K.K. Chopra contains chapters authored by renowned specialists working in the field of resistant TB diagnostics and management,

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was also released at the function. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME included Symposium and panel discussions were on Artificial Intelligence in TB management and drug discoveries, challenges in rollout of PBM regimen in India, post TB rehabilitation, impact of removing Respiratory medicine in MBBS curriculum etc. was discussed. It was agreed that removal of TB and Respiratory department from undergraduate curriculum has been a retrograde step by NMC without understanding epidemiology of TB and respiratory diseases.

Bengal TB Association informed the delegates about the upcoming conference, 80th NATCON 2025 to be held at Kolkata.

In addition important meetings were held on the sidelines of the Conference viz. State Secretaries Meeting, JT Editorial Board Meeting, and the S.E.A. region Union meeting.

- 80th The 80th National Conference was held at Kolkata from 19-21 December 2025 with Pre-workshop on Community Empowerment on 18th. December 2025. There were over 600 participants in the Conference consisting of senior medical practitioners/ officials of medical colleges and Institutions, State TB Associations and dignitaries. The Conference was inaugurated by the President of the Association, Dr. V.M. Katoch. The Conference President's address was given by Dr. M.M. Puri, NITRD Delhi at the Inaugural function. The Oration and Life time Achievement & other Awards were given by the President TAI. TAI Mobile Application was launched at 80th NATCON , Kolkata. Two hundred Scientific papers were submitted for poster & podium presentations. A number of national & international faculties participated & shared their valuable experience.