

## World TB Day Guest Lecture: March 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

On **March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, the Department of Microbiology organized the **World TB Day Guest Lecture and Interactive Games** under the theme “*Yes! We Can End TB*”. The powerful tagline, “*Uniting Immune Accuracy and Cutting-Edge Science for a TB-Free Future*”, set the stage for a day filled with knowledge, collaboration, and enthusiasm.

The event was conducted for **Phase 2 MBBS students** and also drew participation from faculty across disciplines, reflecting the wide interest in tuberculosis and its global importance.

The program opened with a heartfelt welcome by **student Aishwarya**, whose words created a warm and positive atmosphere. This was followed by **Dr. Champa H, Professor** who reminded everyone of the gravity of World TB Day and emphasized that the *2026 milestone* is not just a date but a call to action. Her reflections highlighted both the progress achieved and the challenges that remain in the fight against tuberculosis.

The college was honoured to host **Dr. Kirtilaxmi K B, Assistant Professor of Microbiology, ESIC MC & PGIMSR, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru**, as the Guest Speaker for the event.

**Dr. Kirtilaxmi K B** took to the stage to address the gathering. The guest lecture proved to be a true masterclass, captivating the audience with insights into the global TB burden, pathogenesis and immunology, host-pathogen dynamics, and cutting-edge diagnostic innovations such as Xpert Ultra, NGS, and AI-driven radiology. She beautifully decoded how “*Immunological Precision meets Diagnostic Innovation*”, giving students a fresh perspective beyond textbooks and paving the way for the envisioned “*Synergy to Defeat Tuberculosis.*” The lecture was followed by a felicitation of speaker by **Vice Principal Dr. Nanjaraj** and **Dr. Manjula A Patil**, in appreciation of her contributions.

The academic depth soon gave way to excitement as **Dr. Yashaswini MK, Professor and Head of Department, Microbiology**, led a lively interactive game session. Students enthusiastically participated in a Mentimeter quiz and a gamified

activity arranging slides on TB disease progression. Winners were rewarded with chocolates, adding a joyful spark to the learning experience.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by **Dr. Rashmi BK, Assistant professor.**

A feedback by the participants revealed an overall satisfaction averaging at **4.17/5**, while logistics scored **3.94/5**. Students unanimously agreed on the relevance and clarity of the lecture, praising the interactive elements and technical depth. They especially enjoyed the Mentimeter quiz and gamification, while suggesting inclusion of educational videos for future sessions.

The guest speaker's feedback was equally glowing. She rated the organization a **perfect 5/5**, commended the enthusiasm of student volunteers, and described the event as "*indeed remarkable.*"

**World TB Day Guest Lecture** became more than just an academic program—it was a story of excellence, interactive learning, and collective spirit. With its blend of knowledge, innovation, and celebration, the event left participants inspired and motivated to work together towards the vision of a TB-free future.