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### ICMR bags coveted International award for TB research

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Indian Council of Medical Research, Department of Health Research, MoH&FW has been awarded the International Kochon Prize 2017 for its contribution to the National Programme in Tuberculosis research.

ICMR through its TB Consortium has accelerated the efforts for Research and Development of TB in the country. The TB consortium is working with public and private institutes, to guide the country's research efforts towards the development of point-of-care diagnostics, shorter treatment regimens and an effective vaccine for Tuberculosis.

The Kochon Prize, which is endowed by the Kochon Foundation, a non-profit foundation registered in the Republic of Korea consists of a USD \$65,000 award.

The award was received by Hon'ble Union Minister Health and Family Welfare Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Hon'ble MoS H&FW Ms Anupriya Patel, Ms. Preeti Sudan Secretary DHR & DG, ICMR and her ICMR team comprising of Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Former DG, ICMR, Dr. Srikanth Tripathy Dr. R.R. Gangakhedkar and Dr. Manjula Singh.

The prize was awarded by Mr. Doohyun Kim, Chairman of Kochon Foundation. Dignitaries from India and abroad were also present on the occasion. eom

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