



PREFACE

Fifty years have passed since Tuberculosis Research Centre (TRC) was established. During the first two decades, the centre focused all its attention on chemotherapy of tuberculosis and mycobacteriology that resulted in extraordinary results that shaped the management of tuberculosis in the world. In the third decade TRC's participation in Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR's) Bacillus Calmette Guerin (BCG) trial helped the Govt. of India shaping its policy on BCG vaccination in the country. The attention of TRC in the fourth decade was on establishing the ground rules for management of extra-pulmonary tuberculosis. In the fifth decade TRC joined hands with central TB division of Ministry of Health, Govt. of India, in strengthening Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) in the country. In the last few years TRC strengthened the infrastructure for basic research, initiated HIV-TB related studies, established HIV vaccine trial center and NIH center for excellence in research.

Placed against the backdrop of the national and global TB control program, it is heartening to look back and feel proud that TRC has always addressed issues in research that has direct implication in benefiting the TB community. We have made the best use of existing tools for the control of Tuberculosis (TB). The progress of the basic research towards developing newer drugs, diagnostics and vaccines has been less dramatic and much needs to be done in the very near future. TRC's future will address more and more issues that are related to managing co-infections, especially Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and TB. TRC is on the move.

In the following pages the hard work during the year 2005-06 and the outcome of it is provided. I wish the readers of this annual report to critically review it and provide feedback to us, so that we will make all our efforts to keep doing better and better.

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