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## 20% deaths among COPD patients due to air pollution: Experts

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**LUCKNOW:** Over 20% of deaths among adult patients of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are related to air pollution, said Dr Ved Prakash, HoD of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at KGMU and the organising secretary of UPTBCCON-2022.

The departments of pulmonary medicine at Era's Lucknow Medical College and KGMU are jointly organising the 16th annual conference of tuberculosis and chest diseases, UPTBCCON-2022, which began on Friday.

"Almost everyone suffers from respiratory issues due to air pollution. Most of us can bear the adverse effect (of pollutants) due to high immunity and only a few need hospital care. But this number rises during seasonal changes, particularly in the winters when pollution levels are high," Dr Prakash added.

Dr Sundip Salvi from Pune said every second person in the country suffers from some airway obstruction due to air pollution resulting in poor lung

### KGMU may get CoE for treatment of drug-resistant TB patients

**LUCKNOW:** King George's Medical University (KGMU) in Lucknow will house one of the many centres of excellence (CoEs) for treatment of drug-resistant tuberculosis patients to come up in India, said Prof Suryakant, pulmonary medicine department head.

Addressing the media here on Friday, he said the centre will help in better management of drug-resistant patients and also dissemination of information regarding new drugs. Other places likely to get a CoE are New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Shilong and Chennai. **HTC**

health, COPD and asthma.

Other speakers on the second day of the three-day conference included Dr Rajiv Garg, Dr Anand Srivastava and Dr Rajendra Prasad.