

INDORE: Doctors on the Tuberculosis day urged people to quitsmoking and other intoxicants as they increase the risk of the TB infection.

Doctors say smoking affects lungs and increases chances of infections by 20% in people who smoke six cigarettes a day. Dr Sanjay Dixit, head of department, Community Medicine said, âLungsâ TB is most common. Since smoking directly damages lungs, chances of developing TB infection are high in comparison to those who do not smoke.â It is advisable to give up smoking and live a healthy life, he added.

HIV infection is another reason of for TB. The infection reduces body immunity at which gives space to TB bacteria to damage organs, he added. In addition to these, irregular lifestyle and unhealthy food habits too increase the risk of infection, doctors say. Such habits affect children as they are at a higher risk of developing cervical gland TB. Genital TB in women and intestinal TB are two other common forms of the disease. âHealthy lifestyle coupled with balanced diet help decrease the chances of developing the disease,â

Dr Vijay Chajjlani, district TB officer said.

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