

A tome on health

Tuberculosis in India is one of the most frightening challenges to public health. Recent WHO figures state that in 2013, India had 2.6 million cases of tuberculosis — almost a fifth of the world's tuberculosis-related deaths occurs in India. Niels Brimnes' *Languished Hopes: Tuberculosis, the State and International Assistance in Twentieth-century India* narrates and analyses the history of tuberculosis in the country.

The book, which looks at how the disease was discovered and how it has been understood, is being launched in the city by Aarhus University and Orient BlackSwan, on November 2 at Hall 3, IC & SR, IIT Madras at 4 p.m.