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# Pune: Focus on fruit flies at research conference

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PUNE: Scientists participating in the ongoing 5th iteration of the Asia Pacific Drosophila Research Conference in the city underlined the importance of studying Drosophila, colloquially known as fruit fly.

They said the study was relevant to basic understanding of biological processes and provided clues to the cause of several human diseases.

The five-day conference, being held at the Westin in Koregaon Park, will conclude on Friday. Two Nobel laureates — Eric Wieschaus and Michael Rosbash — are among the participants. “The meet focused on ongoing research in a number of fields, including developmental biology, neuro-genetics, immunity and brain function/behavioural biology,” a statement issued by Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), that has organised the conference, stated.