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Advancing towards TB-free Gram Panchayats



Senior government officials and the World Health Partners team gathered in Miyanganj Block, Unnao District, to assess the ongoing efforts for achieving TB-free Gram Panchayats. During the event, TB-affected individuals received nutrition hampers to support their recovery.

In February, WHP's state team organized a Poshan Potli Adoption Meeting in Miyanganj Block in Unnao District to honour citizens who adopted TB patients and provided nutrition packets to aid their recovery.

The event was attended by senior government officials, including the Block Development Officer, Assistant Development Officer, National TB Elimination (NTEP) staff, Medical Officer in Charge, District Coordination Officer, District Programme Coordinator, and Senior Treatment Supervisor. Senior management from World Health Partners also participated, distributing food bags to TB patients who are on the path to recovery.

With sustained efforts, WHP is paving the way to achieving TB-free Gram Panchayats (GPs) and has submitted claim for 223 GPs in Unnao, 131 GPs in Udham Singh Nagar and 135 GPs in Shimla. The claim will be verified by District verification team and eventually it will be announced on 24 March, 2025, the World TB Day.

Fostering private sector engagement for TB reduction



Team members associated with the Private-Providers Support Agency Project in Bihar participated in the orientation programme in Patna in February.

A two-day orientation was held in Patna, Bihar, for the field team of the Public-Private Support Agency Project, which operates in nine districts – Araria, Banka, Bhagalpur, Katihar, Kishanganj, Madhepura, Supaul, Purnea, and Saharsa. During the training, participants gained crucial insights into how to effectively engage private doctors and hospitals and motivate them to record the details of TB patients undergoing treatment on the Nikshay portal.

WHP aims to register 34,450 TB patients receiving treatment from private providers on the Nikshay portal each year. This initiative is designed to support India's commitment to early TB elimination by ensuring that all TB cases, particularly those treated by private health providers who might otherwise go unreported, are promptly identified and managed.

Gram Pradhan in Purwa Block of Unnao District volunteer as Nikshay Mitra

Bishun Kheda Panchayat's Gram Pradhan, Chandrashekhar, learned about the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (PMTBMBA) and the ongoing Government focus to create TB-free Panchayats at a TB awareness training organised for Panchayati Raj members. Intrigued by adopting a TB patient and providing a Nikshay Poshan Potli of INR 500, he decided to support Raj Kumar, the Panchayat's only TB patient. WHP's Community Coordinator Santosh working on PRI engagement activities in the IMPACT Project provided him guidance. Chandrashekhar handed the Potli to Raj Kumar before Gram Sabha members, boosting his morale. He pledged regular discussions at Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) on Jan Arogya Samiti (JAS) meetings and committed to adopting any future TB patient and ensuring Bishun Kheda remained TB-free.



School children sensitized on TB in Himachal Pradesh

TB Champions working under WHP's TB project play a vital role in raising community awareness about tuberculosis, its symptoms, and treatment options. In Himachal Pradesh, school children were engaged in TB awareness initiatives. This strategy not only aims to educate young minds but also empowers them to serve as change agents, helping to spread essential information about the disease throughout their communities.



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