

## **Campaign Against Tuberculosis**

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Recently, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched a **100-day intensified nationwide** campaign to find and treat missing **tuberculosis** (**TB**) cases, especially in high-risk groups, and reduce TB deaths significantly. It will be implemented in 347 districts across the country.

- About Campaign: The 100-Day Campaign underscores India's commitment to achieving the goal of end-TB under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP).
  - It aligns with India's broader vision to eradicate TB well before the 2030 <u>Sustainable</u>
    <u>Development Goals</u> deadline.
  - National guidelines for the implementation of the new drug-resistant TB regimen BPaLM were launched to standardize and streamline the administration of this advanced treatment.
    - BPaLM regimen is a novel treatment for Multi-Drug-Resistant TB under the NTEP, consisting of four-drug combination – Bedaquiline, Pretomanid, Linezolid and Moxifloxacin.
  - "Ni-kshay Vahaan" mobile vans to detect and treat patients all over the country were also launched.
- **Tuberculosis:** TB is an infectious disease caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, that mainly affects the lungs. It spreads through the air when infected people cough, sneeze or spit.
  - As per India TB Report 2024, mortality rate due to Tuberculosis (TB) had declined from 28 per lakh population in 2015 to 23 per lakh population in 2022.
- India's Initiatives against TB:
  - National Strategic Plan (NSP) for Tuberculosis Elimination (2017-2025)
  - TB Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign
  - Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana
  - · Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan

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