

JOINT EFFORT FOR ELIMINATION OF TUBERCULOSIS

India has the highest TB burden, accounting for more than 27% of global TB incidence. It has now embarked on an ambitious journey of eliminating TB by 2025.

To achieve this vision, it is essential to diagnose & treat the missing cases. The National Strategic Plan (NSP) for TB elimination advocates the strategies of “going where the patients go” and highlights the importance of engaging the private sector to improve the standards of TB care. There are significant gaps across the patient care cascade in the private sector on account of under reporting, diagnostic delays and irrational and non-standardized regimen. JEET aims to address these gaps through pan-India engagement with private sector. The project is being implemented under the guidance of CTD, Ministry of H & FW and in close collaboration with the STOs, WHO and other stakeholders.

In this context, a Nationwide Project launch meeting of JEET was organized in New Delhi on the 15th May 2018. The meeting aimed to provide overview on the JEET project, implementation strategy and planning of services for TB patients in private sector in collaboration with JEET partners.

State TB Officers and WHO Headquarter Consultants were requested to participate in the “JEET Project Launch Meeting” in New Delhi, Tuesday, 15th May 2018.

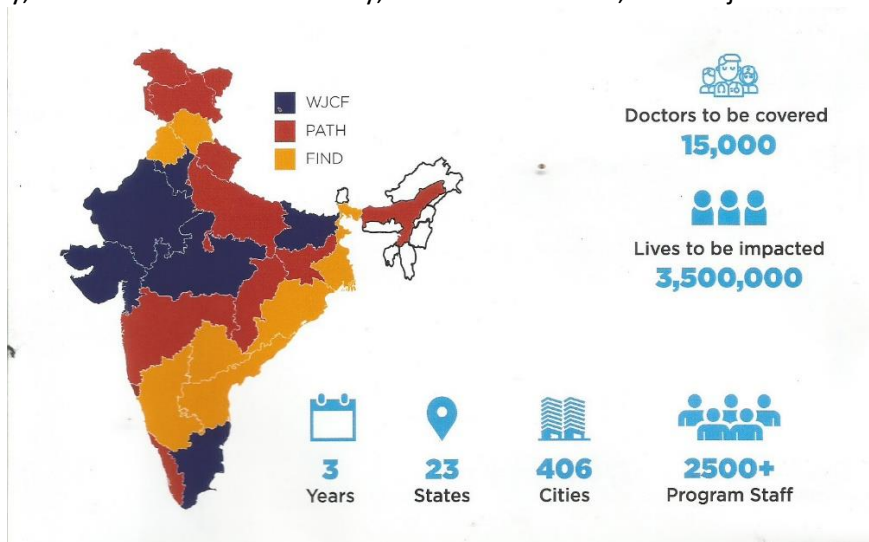


Launching of the JEET project



State implementation plan being discussed

The program started at 10 am on the 15th May 2018 in the conference hall of Eroze Hotel, Nehru Place, New Delhi. The JEET Project was launched. The function was graced by ADDG (TB), DDG (TB), Joint Secretary, and the Additional Secretary, DG NACO & RNTCP, Shri Sanjiva Kumar.



JEET will be implemented in North Eastern states in the 2nd phase within this year.

During the launch program, various deliberation & discussion on introduction of Project JEET, complimenting private sector initiatives, project kick off, operational timeline, State implementation plans etc. took place.

Conclusion remarks: Engaging private sector effectively is crucial for achieving universal access to quality diagnosis and treatment for TB. Project JEET aims to ensure optimum standards of diagnosis & treatment as per standards for TB care in India (STCI) guidelines for patients initiating care in private sectors. RNTCP will provide drugs and diagnostics support to JEET in the form of FDCs & CBNAAT in public sector labs. The project will provide treatment adherence support measures and facilitate extension of RNTCP incentives to private sector patients.