

## India to be TB-free by 2025: Mansukh.

A 19% increase was witnessed in 2021 from the previous year in TB patients' notifications. The number of incident TB patients (new and relapse) notified during 2021 was 19,33,381 against the 16,28,161 in 2020, noted India TB Report 2022 released on Thursday.

On World Tuberculosis Day on Thursday, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya reaffirmed the government's commitment to making India tuberculosis-free by 2025 and said this will be achieved by ensuring access to quality healthcare and advanced treatment.

The report said despite the decline in TB notifications observed around the months corresponding to the two major COVID-19 waves, the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) reclaimed these numbers.

It said 18 States have committed to ending TB by 2025 by implementing State-specific strategic plans and have devised a district-specific strategic plan, which shall serve as a guiding tool for the programme managers.

The government also released the National TB Prevalence Survey Report which was conducted from 2019 to 2021 to know the actual disease burden of TB.

The reports said there has been an increase in the mortality rate due to all forms of TB between 2019 and 2020 by 11%.

The survey report said prevalence of microbiologically confirmed pulmonary tuberculosis (PTB) among 15 years and above in India was 316/lakh population with the highest PTB prevalence of 534/lakh in Delhi and the lowest PTB prevalence of 115/lakh in Kerala.



## Expected Question (Prelims Exams)

**Q. Consider the following statements regarding Tuberculosis in India.**

1. The government aims to eradicate tuberculosis from India by 2025
2. The national TB prevalence survey Report states the increase in mortality rate from 2019 and 2020 by 11%.

which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) None

## Expected Question (Mains Exams)

**Q. By mentioning the various types of Tuberculosis, Discuss the various challenges and measures adopted in eradication of Tuberculosis from India. (250 Words)**

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