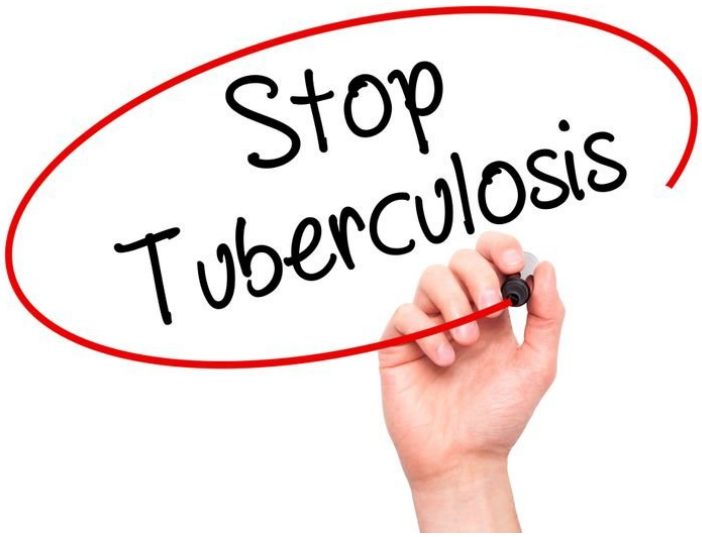
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India bolsters vision to end TB by 2025 with cost effective diagnostic technology

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Indian Oil Corporation signs MoU with Central TB Division



Indian Oil Corporation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) with the Central TB Division (CTD) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and the states of Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh to undertake intensified tuberculosis (TB) elimination project.

The MoU was signed in presence of Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Mansukh Mandaviya and Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri.

Uttar Pradesh and Chhatisgarh share the highest burden of TB cases among large states in India.

With a multi-pronged approach that addresses all aspects of TB at its different stages, this ambitious anti-TB campaign aims to ensure early identification of presumptive TB and prompt diagnosis using high-sensitivity diagnostic tests at the doorstep. The drive also aims to offer sustainable and equitable access to free high-quality TB treatment, care, and support services to the people of Uttar Pradesh and Chhatisgarh.

With this pathbreaking foray, IndianOil has emerged as the first corporate to supplement state efforts in Active Case Finding campaign (ACF) by investing close to Rs 64 crore in all 75 districts of UP, covering approximately 10% of its population once a year for three years.

IndianOil will also introduce 18 Mobile Medical Vans equipped with cutting-edge diagnostic technology in Uttar Pradesh. This would aid diagnosis of TB in rural areas and hard-to-reach communities leading to improved early case detection and thereby ensuring early treatment. IndianOil will provide a cost-effective, novel molecular diagnostic machine, which will improve access, availability, and utilization of TB diagnostic services in aspirational districts of UP and remote tribal areas of Chhattisgarh.