

Inauguration of the National TB Prevalence Survey in Assam, India

To have the most realistic tuberculosis burden estimates at the National and Sub-National level, Government of India has commissioned a National survey for state-wise prevalence of microbiologically confirmed pulmonary tuberculosis in India, which is funded by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This study would help us understand the current burden of TB and help in planning interventions to achieve the targets for eliminating TB in India.

For this largest ever tuberculosis survey, 625 clusters have already been identified across the country including 25 clusters from NE states. In Assam 16 clusters have been selected.

ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre NE region, Dibrugarh will be co-ordinating the implementation of the survey in North east along with the National Institute of Research on Tuberculosis (ICMR-NIRT), Chennai with support State TB cells and Directorate of Health services of NE states, Central TB Division (CTD), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Council of Medical Research / Department of Health Research, New Delhi and World Health Organization (WHO), India.

Fully equipped *state-of-the-art* mobile clinic having digital chest X-ray facility, CBNAAT machine and trained staff who will screen people for pulmonary tuberculosis was inaugurated at Salaguri Village, Sibsagar on 24th January, 2020. Following persons attended the inaugural function:

Dr. Udayaditya Rajkonwar, DTO, Sivasagar, Dr Gautom Borgohain, WHO NTEP consultant, Dr Collin, WHO NTEP consultant, Dr Simanta Bora, Assam State TB HIV Co-ordination, Dr. Pradip Saikia, SDMO, Sibsagar district, Shri Bhavesh Dutta, STS, RNTCP, Sibsagar district, Mrs. Dipti Chetia, ANM, Kaloogaon, PHC, Sivasagar and Scientists from ICMR-NIRTH Chennai, Staff responsible for carrying survey, Village Headman Mr. Jugen Handique, residents of the village including Dr Kanwar Narain, Director, ICMR-RMRC, Dibrugarh, Dr S K Sharma, Scientist G, Dr K Rekha Devi, Scientist E and Mr. S.K. Rajguru, Sr. Technical Officer of ICMR-RMRC, Dibrugarh.

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