

8. National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP)

National TB Elimination Programme: A Journey Towards a TB-Free India

India's unwavering commitment to eliminating tuberculosis (TB) is evident in its National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP), a comprehensive and ambitious initiative launched in 1997.

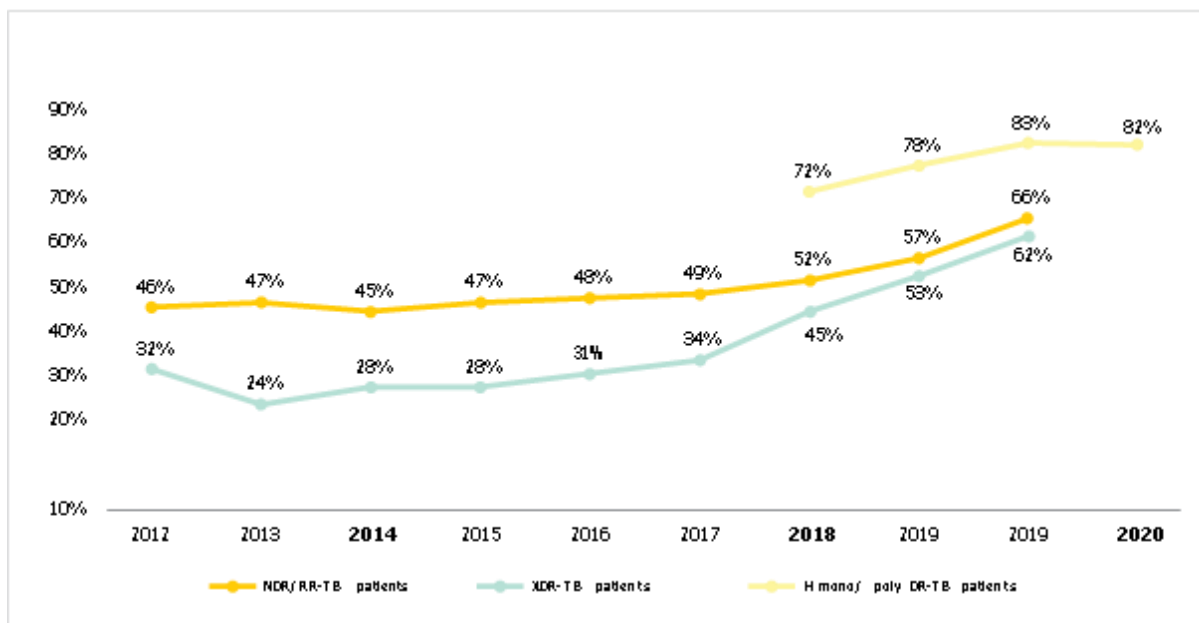
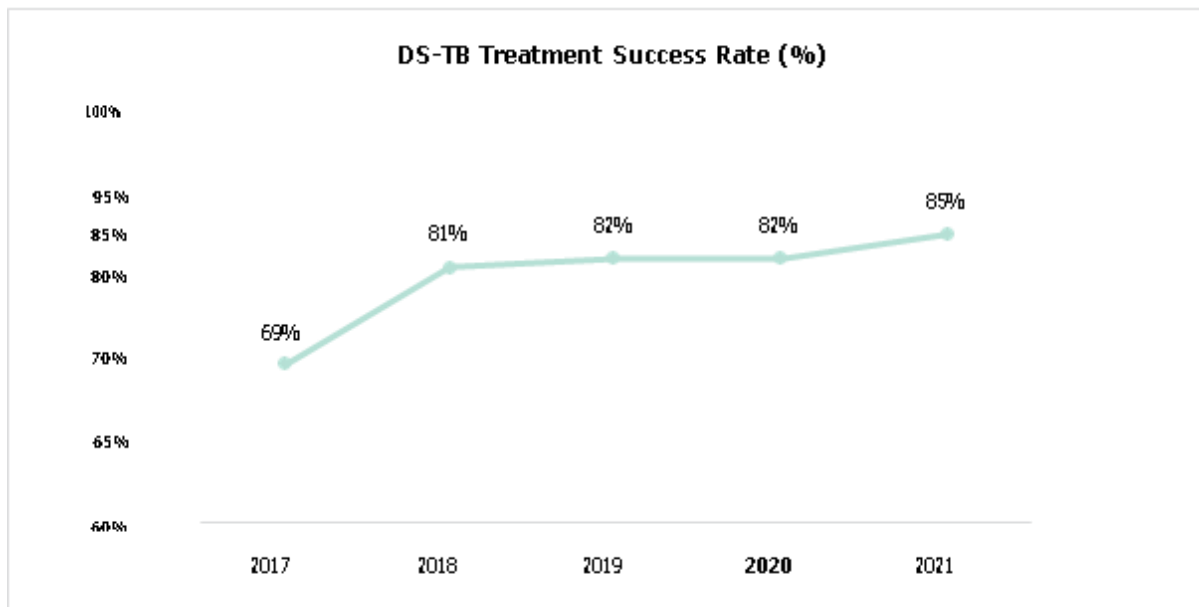
The NTEP has made significant progress in reducing the burden of TB in the country, setting India on a path towards achieving TB elimination by 2025.

Key Achievements of NTEP : Since its inception, the NTEP has made remarkable progress in combating TB:

Data Table 1: Reduction in TB Incidence & Mortality

NTEP TB Report 2023 - Mid Values	Incidence (per 1,00,000)- In-country model	Mortality (per 1,00,000)- In-country model
2015	225	27
2016	217	26
2017	211	25
2018	206	24
2019	201	23
2020	194	23
2021	197	24
2022	196	23

Data Table 2: Improvement in Treatment Success Rates



Highlights of PM TB MukT Bharat Abhiyan

Launched in 2018, the Pradhan Mantri TB MukT Bharat Abhiyan (PM-TBM) has further accelerated India's TB elimination efforts:

- **Active Case Finding:** PM-TBM has strengthened active case finding by expanding the use of TrueNat machines for rapid diagnosis of TB, enabling early detection and treatment of TB patients.

- **Nutrition Support:** PM-TBM provides nutritional support to TB patients through the Nikshay Poshan Yojana, ensuring adequate nutrition for better treatment outcomes.
- **Community Engagement:** PM-TBM emphasizes community engagement through initiatives like TB Champions and TB Harega Desh Jeetega, fostering community ownership and participation in TB control efforts.

Achievements so far under PMTMA:

- Tremendous response has been seen for this initiative since its launch. As on date, more than 58,000 Ni-kshay Mitras (donors) have come forward and committed to support more than 10 lakh consented TB patients.
- Status As on 1st January 2023 TB patients on treatment 13.21 lakh TB patients consented to receive community support 9.73 lakh No. of Ni-Kshay Mitra registered 58,799 Ni-Kshay Mitra agreed upon 44,744 Commitment by Ni-Kshay Mitra for TB Patients 9.13 lakh TB Patients supported (Linked to) by Ni-Kshay Mitra 8.74 lakh.

Conclusion

- India's National TB Elimination Programme, along with the transformative impact of PM-TBM, has placed the country on a promising trajectory towards achieving TB elimination by 2034.
- The program's continued focus on strengthening diagnostics, treatment, and community engagement is crucial to achieving this goal.
- As India continues its fight against TB, it sets an example for other nations in their pursuit of a TB-free world.