

National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP)

RNTCP was started in the State of Goa in the year 2004 in a phased manner. The name of the programme was revised to National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme in 2020.

The Honourable Prime Minister of India has set a target of TB Elimination by the year 2025, 5 years ahead of the Global Sustainable Development Goals.

TB is diagnosed by Molecular Diagnosis (NAAT & CBNAAT) by trained LTs and also by Chest X ray. There are 11 NAAT sites and 2 CBNAAT sites in the State of Goa along with 1 Mobile CBNAAT Van.

The diagnosis of TB is free. Treatment of TB is also provided free of cost at all Government Health facilities.

Diagnosis and treatment of Drug Resistant Tuberculosis is also done free of cost. New guidelines for Drug resistant TB containing new and more effective drugs have been rolled out.

There is Nodal DR TB Centre (NDR) at TB & Chest Hospital St.Inez, North Goa, and District DR TB Centre (DDR) at TB Hospital Margao, South Goa for pretreatment evaluation (PTE), for initiation of MDR treatment as well as for management of adverse drug reactions.

The Private Doctors in the State notify TB patients to public Health Sector, as per the TB Notification Act.

Patient provider Support Agency has also been appointed to facilitate Private Sector performance.

Nikshay Poshan Yojana was rolled out in April 2018, wherein every TB patient on treatment is given Rs. 500/- per month for the entire course of treatment and this is transferred to patients accounts by PFMS Direct Benefit transfer (DBT).

