

Report on Nikshay Mitra Awareness & Registration Program

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur College of Nursing (RAKCON), New Delhi, Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, University of Delhi organized The Nikshay Mitra Awareness & Registration Program held on 19 September 2025 at RAKCON (Assembly Hall) aimed to mobilize community support for tuberculosis (TB) patients through the Ni-kshay 2.0 portal. The event combined expert presentations, live registration facilitation. It reinforced India's national goal to eliminate TB by 2025 and showcased how nutritional, diagnostic and vocational assistance from community donors (Nikshay Mitras) complements government schemes such as Nikshay Poshan Yojana.

A total of 78 participants attended, including Dr (Mrs.) Daisy Thomas (Acting vice Principal), Mrs Sarita Shokandha (HOD, Community Health Nursing Dept), faculty members, office staff, first year and final-year M.Sc. Nursing students of college, and external guest Principal of PM SHRI KV Andrews Ganj.

Objectives of program are to Raise awareness about TB as a public health challenge and the Nikshay Mitra initiative, facilitate on-the-spot registration of new Nikshay Mitras via the Ni-kshay 2.0 portal, mobilize community networks to provide nutritional, diagnostic and vocational support to TB patients, strengthen partnerships between health institutions, civil society and individual donors.

Highlights of program are; Ceremonial lamp lighting and welcome address by an MSc Nursing student, special address by **Dr. Neeta Singla**, Head of Department, Epidemiology and Public Health at the National Institute for TB and Respiratory Diseases (NITRD), New Delhi, delivered the special guest address. Her expertise in epidemiology and public health provided valuable insights into the current TB situation in India and the critical role of community support in achieving elimination goals. The main session, spanning 90 minutes, was conducted by **Dr. Mukut Bhowmik** and **Mr. Vinay**, SPO-KPHT for Nikshay Mitra Initiative. This comprehensive session covered **Tuberculosis Burden in India**, Current statistics and trends showing India accounts for 26% of global TB cases and 29% of global TB-related deaths. **National Progress:** Highlighting India's achievements, including a 17.7% decline in TB incidence from 2015 to 2023, surpassing the global average reduction of 8.3%. **Nikshay Mitra Concept:** Detailed explanation of how individuals and organizations can become community supporters for TB patients, **Registration Process-** Step-by-step guidance on using the Ni-kshay 2.0 portal for Mitra registration. **Support Categories-** Information about the three types of support - nutritional (food baskets worth INR 800 per month), additional diagnostic, and vocational assistance.

Ms. Monika, an MSc Nursing final year student, delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all participants and emphasizing the collective commitment needed for TB elimination

The RAKCON event successfully advanced awareness and registrations for the Nikshay Mitra initiative, reinforcing community-driven contributions as a critical pillar of India's accelerated TB elimination strategy.



Welcome of Dignitaries



Lamp lighting



Dignitaries on Dias



Session by Dr. Mukut Bhowmik



Address by Chief Guest Dr. Neeta Singla



Address by Mr. Vinay Kumar



Vote of Thanks by Ms. Monika Gautam