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Govt unveils data-driven research to eradicate TB - 'Dare2eraD TB'

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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh has announced thelaunch of Data-Driven Research to Eradicate TB- Dare2eraD TB by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), M/o Science & Technology, on the occasion of World TB Day, on March 24th.

Addressing the event to inaugurate 'Step Up to End TB' event at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi by Anandiben Patel, Governor of Uttar Pradesh in presence of Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, Minister of State of Ministry of Health& Family Welfare, Dr Singh said that there is a need for a mass movement to get rid of tuberculosis.

The minister said that Dare2eraD TB will be the umbrella TB programme of DBT comprising of the following key initiatives-

1. InTGS - Indian Tuberculosis Genomic Surveillance Consortium;
2. InTBK Hub- Indian TB Knowledge Hub- Webinar Series;
3. Host Directed therapies against TB and develop an evidence-based regimen for treating extra-pulmonary tuberculosis.

Dr Singh said that the Indian Tuberculosis Genomic Surveillance Consortium (InTGS) is proposed on lines of the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Consortia (INSACOG). The InTBK Hub- Indian TB Knowledge Hub will be a webinar series that will create academia-industry connections to discuss challenges and exchange ideas and carry forward open innovations between all TB stakeholders.