

Health Minister flags off 75 trucks for countrywide awareness drive to eliminate TB

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Only through joint efforts and collaborations we can achieve the goal of making India TB free by 2025: Dr Mansukh Mandaviya



Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India, recently addressed the Partnership Action against Tuberculosis (PACT) Summit, in New Delhi.

Dr Mandaviya also flagged off 75 trucks with tuberculosis (TB) awareness messages that have been provided by Apollo Tyres Foundation, who are actively supporting the Ni-kshay scheme. These trucks will travel and carry the messages of TB-free India across states.

“The whole country is enthused and mobilised in the spirit of Jan Bhagidari to work towards elimination of tuberculosis (TB). Synergised with the clarion call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to end TB in the country five years ahead of SDG2030 target, more than 71,000 Ki-shay Mitras have come forward and are today supporting over 10 lakh TB patients through nutritional support and other means, as part of Union Government's Ni-kshay scheme for elimination of TB through mobilisation of all walks of stakeholders across corporates, NGOs, people's representatives, individuals etc.”, said the Minister.

He added that the initiative of 75 trucks branded with TB messages from five locations (Delhi, Mudra Port- Gujarat, Hyderabad, Jalandhar and Agartala) will boost efforts to address TB among truckers' communities and others closely associated with the community. He also urged other corporates, institutions, trade bodies, associations and individuals to come forward and actively support India's battle against tuberculosis.