

**Directorate General of Health Services  
(Central TB Division)**

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of August, 2017.

**Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP)**

- Zonal Task Force (North Zone) meeting for Medical Colleges involvement in RNTCP was held on 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Leh.
- Review meeting for Bedaquiline Conditional Access Programme, implementing sites was held on 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in Delhi.
- Pre-Drug Safety Monitoring Committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Mumbai.
- Daily regimen preparedness assessment by CTD was conducted through field visit to Karnataka (9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2017), Andhra Pradesh (21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017), Odisha (22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> August 2017), Telengana (21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017) and Uttarakhand (16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August 2017).
- Instruction given to 19 States for implementation of Universal Drug Susceptibility Testing (UDST) from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017.
- Meeting of all Principal Secretary & Mission Directors of NHM was held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in Delhi in which RNTCP Programme implementation was reviewed by Secy. (HFW).
- Visit by Dr. Eric Goosby, UN Special envoy for TB - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017.