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Date: 21st January, 2026

Subject: Online Lecture Series on Standard Treatment Guidelines

37th webinar of STG Series: 31st January 2026

Dear Sir/ Madam,

India continues to bear a major portion of the global tuberculosis (TB) burden, accounting for about 27% of the cases worldwide, and faces challenges, including socio-economic disparities, malnutrition and comorbidities that impede elimination efforts. These challenges are further compounded in hilly and hard-to-reach regions, where limited access to healthcare services, inadequate infrastructure and amenities, and persistent stigma associated with TB, delay timely diagnosis, treatment initiation, and continuity of care.

We have achieved 21% reduction in TB cases since 2015 but missed the self-imposed target of elimination TB by 2025, primarily due to drug resistance strains, healthcare gaps and social stigma.

As a signatory of joint declaration of MoHFW & WHO SEARO which aim to end TB in South East Asia by 2030, the efforts need to be enhanced for managing TB burden in the country. To create awareness of TB elimination strategy and rational use of drugs for Tuberculosis treatment, the 37th webinar session will include a talk on **“NTEP implementation in TB care: clinical pathways, regimens, and nutrition supplementation”** by Dr Rajendra Prasad, Professor & Head of Department, Pulmonary Medicine of Era University, Lucknow and **“TB at primary care: screening, testing/referral, initiation support, and follow-up”** by Dr Raghuram Rao, Assistant Director General, Central TB Centre, MoHFW, Govt. of India, New Delhi respectively.

You are requested to disseminate the information to all public healthcare facilities and available clinicians; nursing professionals and program managers may be encouraged to join the webinar.

The registration for the webinar would commence at 15:00 hours on the same day.

Agenda of the session is placed at Annexure ‘A’.

Webex link and QR code to register for the online lecture is given below –

<https://nhsrc-india.webex.com/weblink/register/r1c43c886af12bd6350c07d26142e7fa7>

Date: 31.01.2026

Time: 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM



Yours Sincerely



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Executive Director

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