



TB Mukt Panchayat Initiative

“District level workshop for Primary Health Caring Officers (PHCOs) and NTEP key staffs for effective TB diagnosis, treatment, surveillance, and prevention in Ballari District”

Date: 18th March, 2024

Background:

On March 18th, 2024, a district-level workshop was conducted in Ballari as part of the TB Mukt Panchayat Initiative. The workshop aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of Primary Health Caring Officers (PHCOs) and key staff from the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP) for effective TB diagnosis, treatment, surveillance, and prevention in the Ballari District.

Objectives:

- To provide an overview of the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP) in Ballari and introduce participants to the fundamentals of TB diagnosis and management.
- To familiarize attendees with the TB-free Gram Panchayat initiative by USEA Trust and discuss its implementation strategies.
- To delineate the roles and responsibilities of PHCOs in the effective implementation of NTEP and the TB Mukt Panchayat Initiative.

Participants:

The workshop saw participation from the following stakeholders:

- Primary Health Caring Officers (PHCOs) of Ballari District
- NTEP key staff
- USEA Team
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1. Inaugural Session:

The workshop commenced with an inaugural session featuring Mr. Rajesh Bharatiya, State Lead, Karnataka, Tb Mukt Panchayat Initiative, USEA, Mr. Pampapathi, Senior Health Inspecting Officer, DTO, Ballari and Mr. Sanna Keshava, District Program Coordinator, Brain Health

Initiative setting the tone for the event. Dr. Indrani, District Tuberculosis Officer (DTO), Ballari joined the event post inaugural session.

2. Inaugural session:

During the inaugural session, Mr. Pampapathi highlighted PHCOs role and responsibilities in implementing the NTEP program.

3. Introduction to TB and NTEP:

Mr. Sanna Keshava, District Project Officer, USEA Trust, Ballari, introduced attendees to tuberculosis (TB) and the essential components of NTEP by conducting quiz.

4. TB Free Gram Panchayat Initiative:

Rajesh Bharatiya elucidated the TB-free Gram Panchayat initiative by USEA Trust, highlighting its objectives and implementation strategies.

5. Roles and Responsibilities of PCHOs:

Dr. Indrani elaborated on the roles and responsibilities of HIOs in the successful implementation of NTEP and the TB Mukta Panchayat Initiative.

Conclusion:

The workshop provided a platform for knowledge exchange and capacity building among PHCOs and NTEP key staff in Ballari. Through interactive sessions and practical exercises, attendees gained insights into TB management strategies, community engagement initiatives, and the utilization of digital tools for surveillance and reporting. The event concluded with a renewed commitment to collaborative efforts towards achieving the goal of a TB-free Ballari District.

Photo Gallery:







