

Cabinet approves the Phase-V of the
**National
AIDS Control
Programme**

The NACP Phase-V
will anchor India's
National AIDS response
towards the attainment of
Sustainable Development Goal
3.3 of
ending of HIV/AIDS epidemic
as a public health threat
by 2030



NATIONAL LEVEL
**RED RIBBON
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24th March (Thursday) 2022
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Message from the desk of Director General



Dear Readers,

I welcome you all to this first edition of NACO's newsletter for 2022.

I am happy to share with our readers that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, has given its approval for the continuation of National AIDS and STD Control Programme (NACP) as a Central Sector Scheme for a period of five years from 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2026 with an outlay of Rs. 15,471.94 crore (NACP Phase-V). This marks the beginning of a decade of action which will witness end of the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat in India.

NACP-V will build upon the gamechanger initiatives of the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017; Test and Treat, Universal Viral Load Testing, Mission Sampark, Community-Based Screening and Dolutegravir-based Treatment Regimen to accelerate the National AIDS response. While the Programme is sustaining, optimizing/re-purposing and augmenting the existing interventions; evidence-backed newer strategies will be adopted, piloted and scaled-up to respond to the geographic and community specific needs and priorities. 'Break the Silos and Bring Synergy' is the mantra of the Phase-V.

NACP-V is responding to the newer challenges like emerging and expanding epidemic in select locations and population, higher prevalence of related co-morbidities, use of virtual platforms to seek partners etc. Key Initiatives like Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy, One Stop Centers, Virtual Intervention; Community System Strengthening, District Integrated Strategy for HIV/AIDS, Integrated and Enhanced Surveillance and Epidemiology etc. are already in implementation. Strategic-information driven strategies keeping the beneficiary and community in center, leveraging technology and innovation, while harnessing the partnership are key anchors of NACP-V. This will include continuous leveraging of social media increasing the reach of the Programme and augmenting the social behavior change communications.

In line with NACP-V priorities, the North East Multi-Media Campaign was recently organized at Agartala, Tripura. More than fifty thousand audiences attended the event. I congratulate all North Eastern States who came forward and collaborated to ensure the success of the event. I encourage all States to undertake suitable awareness campaigns as these will contribute significantly to keeping more than 99.5% of the adult population free from HIV.

I hope you all enjoy reading this edition and share it further among your peers to let them know about the current interventions of National AIDS Control Programme.

Best Wishes.

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Alok Saxena
Additional Secretary and Director General
National AIDS Control Organisation
Government of India

Message from the desk of Director



Namaskar,

I welcome all readers to the first edition of NACO News for the year 2022.

I would like to share that we have finished the first quarter of the calendar year with several significant activities under the National AIDS Control Programme.

The first quarter has been very successful and I would share here that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the continuation of the National AIDS and STD Control Programme (NACP-V). This is a moment to both celebrate and recall the commitment we all have towards eliminating AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. The NACP-V will help in boosting country's response towards HIV and AIDS with specific interventions which will keep more than 99.5% of the adult population free from HIV. The several benefits under NACP-V have been detailed inside the Newsletter.

NACO has once again been successful in bringing forward participation from all North Eastern States through the third edition of the NEMMC i.e. the Mega Event of the North East Multi Media Campaign. I am delighted to share that the event witnessed more than fifty thousand audiences. I am sure that the HIV awareness messages that we want to spread through the participation of youth will travel the length and breadth of these States.

The involvement of Youth in 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' campaign, an initiative of Niti Aayog, has received nationwide success. Under this, NACO has been carrying out school and college level activities since August 2021 when the first phase of 'NewIndia@75' was initiated by Hon'ble HFM on the occasion of International Youth Day. The next two phases of 'NewIndia@75' were launched in October and December, 2021 and through these intensified phases, more than ten lakh youth have been mobilized in raising awareness toward issues related to HIV and AIDS. In this line, on the occasion of National Youth Day, January 12, 2022, NACO conducted another major activity under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' namely 'Iconic Week'. Issues pertaining to youth were talked about through a series of activities. Through this, we also contributed to the Sustainable Development Goal 5 which talks about achieving Gender Equality and Empowerment. I am sure that these activities will play a significant role to help youth and adolescents in making informed choices by creating lasting impressions on their minds.

I hope all these initiatives will pave the way to meet the set goals and objectives of the National AIDS Control Programme.

Good luck!

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Nidhi Kesarwani
Director
National AIDS Control Organisation
Government of India

Message from the desk of Editor



Dear Readers,

Welcome to the NACO news for the first quarter of 2022.

I appreciate the efforts of States in conducting a number of activities to ensure the implementation of programme despite the sudden surge in COVID cases in the month of January.

Looking back at the best practices at State level and measuring their gap with the future expectations, we have once again come out with a layout for next financial year in form of the Annual Action Plans. I sincerely wish that all State AIDS Control Societies adhere to the activities and focus on timely completion of the same so that we can significantly contribute to the second year of the NACP-V. This will take forward the National AIDS Control programme in a direction much needed for our commitment of 'ending of HIV/AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030'.

We all understand how important the participation of youth is to timely achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, a vision entire world is committed towards. NACO too has always worked on the same line and that is why youth has been a crucial component at each intervention of the programme. In this line, I am delighted to share that pivotal activities such as 'Iconic Week', 'National Red Ribbon Quiz' and third edition of the NEMMC i.e. the Mega Event of the North East Multi Media Campaign have been successfully conducted. I congratulate the efforts put in by Tripura State AIDS Control Society to conduct two of the major national level activities.

Also, to reach out to the 'at risk' population with comprehensive prevention delivery package, a workshop on '*Proposal Development and Implementation Plan*' with three Pilot States for Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy was held. I am sure that the inputs collated during the workshop would further strengthen this initiative and build a concrete implementation plan.

Addressing Stigma and Discrimination is another area of immense focus and I am extremely pleased to share that the HIV & AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017 has got in to high gear and training of Complaints Officer has been completed by eight States. I also congratulate the States of Assam and West Bengal for notifying their State rules. I would also like to share that during this quarter, training of Complaints Officer was conducted in Bihar and Puducherry to ensure a robust grievance redressal mechanism.

The Government of India is committed to provide best services under the National AIDS Control Programme and improve the lives of people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. I express my deepest gratitude to leadership at NACO for their guidance throughout and all the stakeholders at State and district level for relentlessly working during these challenging times. I wish you all the very best for the upcoming quarter.

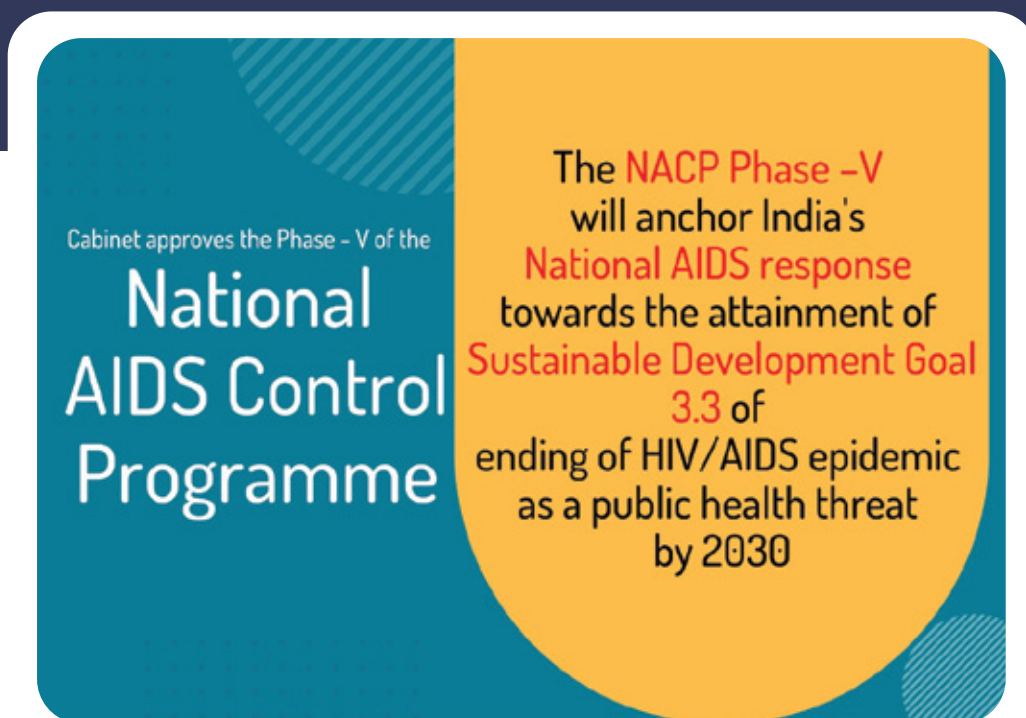
Keep up the good work and stay safe.

Best wishes,

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Dr. Anoop Kumar Puri
Deputy Director General
National AIDS Control Organisation
Government of India

Cabinet approves for NACO Phase - V



The Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the continuation of the National AIDS Control Programme, a Central Sector Scheme fully funded by the Government of India from 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2026 with an outlay of Rs. 15,471.94 crore by approving phase-V of the programme.

The National AIDS response was initiated by the Government of India in 1992 and since then it has completed four phases. The Phase-IV (Extension) of NACP concluded on 31st March, 2021.

The national AIDS response under NACP is globally considered to be an extremely successful programme. The annual new HIV infections in India has declined by 48% against the global average of 31% (the baseline year of 2010). The annual AIDS-related deaths have declined by 82% against the global average of 42% (the baseline year of 2010). As a result, the HIV prevalence in India continues to be low with an adult HIV prevalence of 0.22%.

Several game-changer initiatives taken after 2014, like the HIV/AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017, Test and Treat Policy, Universal Viral Load Testing, Mission Sampark, Community-Based Screening, transition to Dolutegravir-based Treatment Regimen, etc. have augmented the success of NACP. As a result, around 14.20 lakh People Living with HIV (PLHIV) are taking lifelong, free, high-quality anti-retroviral treatment (ART) from the Programme supported facilities. This is one of the World's largest cohorts of PLHIV under government-funded treatment programmes.

The NACP Phase-V will contribute to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals 3.3 of ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030 through a comprehensive package of prevention, detection and treatment services.

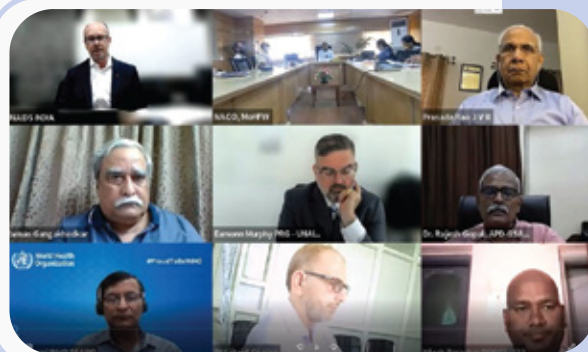
Benefits:

- ▶ Around 8 crores of people will be covered annually with a tailored package of prevention-detection-treatment services.
- ▶ More than 99.5% of the adult population will be kept HIV-free.
- ▶ Around 27 crore HIV tests will be undertaken, including around 14 crore among pregnant women, in five years of NACP Phase-V.
- ▶ Twenty-one lakh HIV-infected people will be on Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) by the end of the project period.
- ▶ Around 80 lakh viral load tests will be conducted among on-ART HIV-infected people to monitor the effectiveness of treatment towards the attainment of viral load suppression.

NACP - V Strategy Dissemination

National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) has entered into the Phase-V (2021 - 26). Subsequent to the launch of NACP Phase - V (2021-26) and National Level Sensitization Programme on NACP Phase - V for Project Directors, the NACP Phase - V Strategy Dissemination meeting was held via virtual mode. The meeting was held with the objective to disseminate NACP Phase - V strategy among communities, civil society and partners.

The collaborative meeting was organised by NACO and UNAIDS. Sh. Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO, Mr. David Bridger, UNAIDS Country Director, India, Mr. Eamon Murphy, Deputy Executive Director, UNAIDS, Dr. J. V. R. Prasada Rao, Former Secretary, MoHFW, Dr. Raman Gangakhedkar, Former Head of Epidemiology and Communicable Diseases, ICMR, WHO SEARO, PEPFAR-CDC and other partner representatives along with community and civil society representatives and senior NACO officials participated in the meeting. Sh. Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO gave the keynote address and provided his guidance during the meeting.



Third Mega Event of the North East Multi-Media Campaign

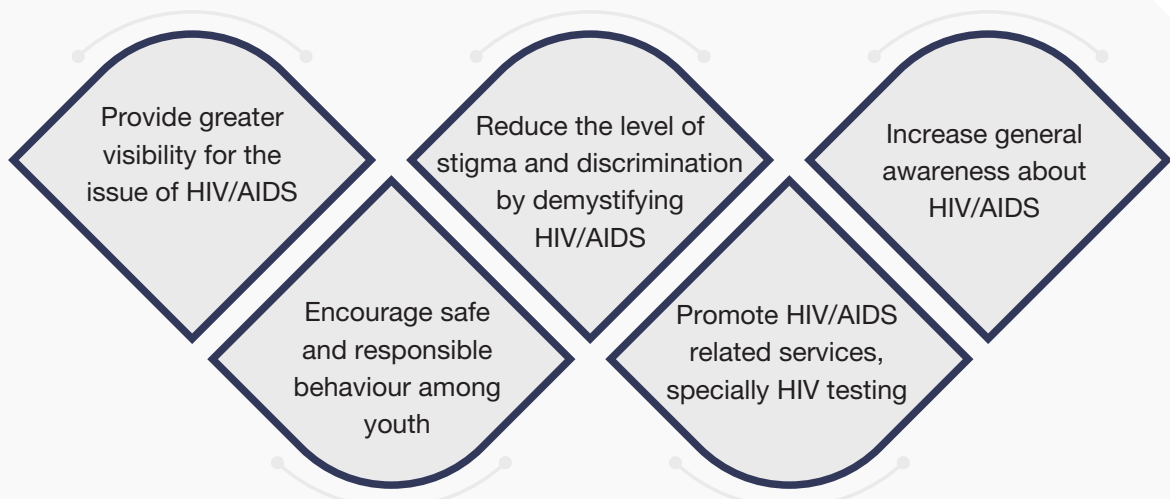
The third edition of the Mega Event of the North East Multi Media Campaign (NEMMC) was organised by Tripura State AIDS Control Society (TSACS) on 25th March 2022, at Swami Vivekananda Maidan, Agartala, Tripura. The event marked a huge success by witnessing more than fifty thousand audiences.

Multi-Media Campaign is a special package provided exclusively by National AIDS Control organisation (NACO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Gol, for the States of North East since the year 2009. Under this package, special activities are conducted in all North Eastern States to promote awareness, compassion, education and support towards HIV & AIDS. This year's Mega Event was third of its kind where bands and solo artists from eight States represented their States at a common platform. The third edition was carried out in a participatory mode so that the ultimate importance is given to impart the message related to HIV awareness and not to the form and style of music.

This year's representing bands were:



The main objectives of the Mega Event of the North East Multi Media Campaign were to:



Solo artist, Jerry – Mizoram



Echoes of Mercy – Manipur



MORFINS – Sikkim



NYNX – Meghalaya



Red Ribbon Band – Tripura



Khindra Barman and Band – Assam

Solo artist, Sunep Lemtur– Nagaland



Dormant – Arunachal Pradesh

The event was graced by Ms. Pratima Bhoomik, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Sh. Sushanta Chowdhury, Hon'ble Minister for Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of Tripura, Sh. Manoj Kanti Deb, Hon'ble Minister for Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Tripura, Sh. Mevar Kumar Jamatia, Hon'ble Minister for Department of Tribal Welfare, Government of Tripura, Sh. Ram Prasad Paul, Hon'ble Minister for Department of Welfare for Minorities, Government of Tripura, Sh. Dipak Majumder, Hon'ble Mayor, Agartala Municipal Corporation, Smt. Kalyani Roy, Chief Whip, Tripura Legislative Assembly, Sh. Kumar Alok, Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura and Sh. Y. S. Yadav, IPS, DGP Tripura. Also present at the event were, senior officials from NACO and Tripura SACS.

Special dance performance, 'Hojagiri' was given by the Gochiram Para Hojagiri Cultural Dance Team. Famous Bollywood singers, Sh. Kumar Sanu, Ms. Palak Muchhal, Sh. Palash Muchhal and Ms. Sourabhee Debbarma also performed during the event to raise awareness regarding HIV and AIDS.

National Level Red Ribbon Quiz Competition

NACO organized the National Level Red Ribbon Quiz Competition. The event was hosted by Tripura State AIDS Control Society in hybrid mode on 24th March, 2022 at Agartala, Tripura.

The Red Ribbon Quiz competitions are usually held at the college level under the Red Ribbon Club Programme, an endeavor of the Government of India in collaboration with State AIDS Control Societies for spreading awareness on the prevention of diseases like HIV and Tuberculosis. RRCs provide a platform to college students for outreach and mobilizing activities for generating age-appropriate and culture-centric awareness, stigma reduction and to promote voluntary blood donation. After conducting the State-level competitions, sub-regional competitions and thereafter regional competitions were held. Taking this very activity to the next level, the National AIDS Control Organisation in the year 2021 conducted the first National Level Red Ribbon Quiz Competition. This year's competition was second in line that involved winners from regions i.e. Union Territory of Chandigarh representing the Northern Region, the State of Rajasthan representing the Southern Region, the State of Nagaland representing the Eastern Region and the State of Maharashtra representing the Western Region. The winner of this year's National Level Red Ribbon Quiz Competition was Nagaland. The grand final constituted of four rounds, 16 questions were asked in each round.

At present, there are more than 12,500 Red Ribbon Clubs operational in the country.



Spectators



Dance performance on
"haath se haath mila"

Team Nagaland from Eastern Region
receiving the winning cheque



Participants from all
the regions on dais

National Level Training of Master Trainers on Programme Management

Programme Management and Review (PMR) Division, NACO organized a four-day long residential Training of Trainers (ToT) at New Delhi. The ToT was inaugurated by Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO and was attended by 41 selected Master Trainers of different cadres representing various divisions of State AIDS Control Society (SACS) and Technical Support Unit (TSU) from 21 States/UTs.

The next step in the line will be crucial as these Master Trainers will conduct a cascade of training for Programme Managers i.e. officials of SACS, TSU and DAPCU, in their respective States and will also support other States whenever required.



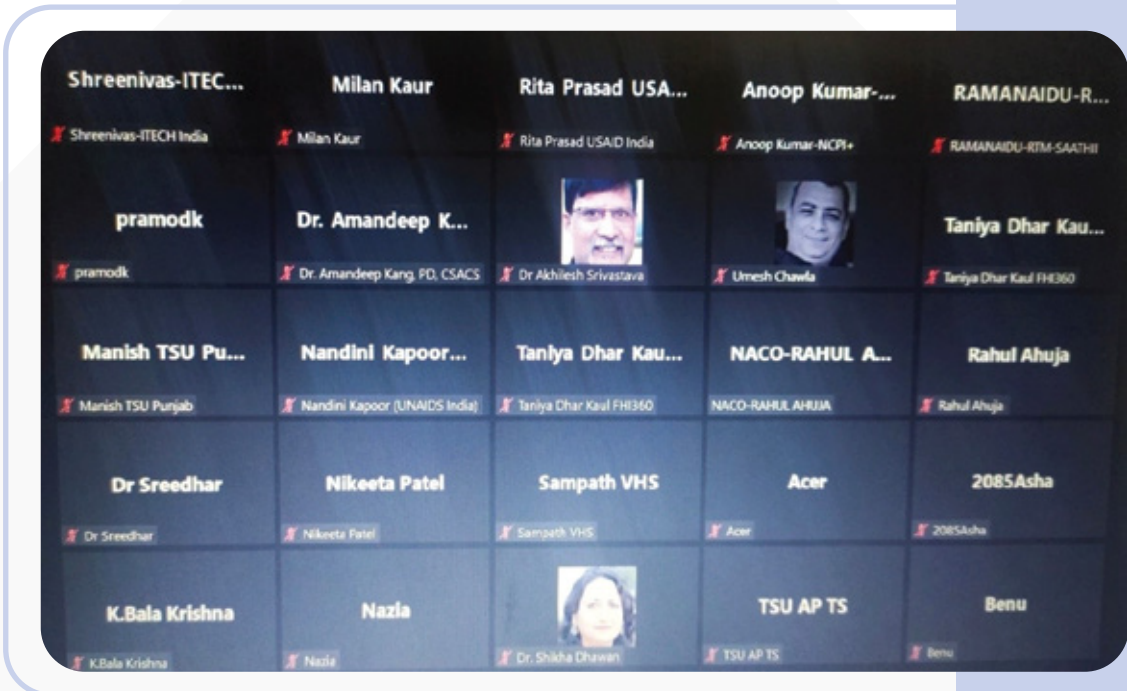
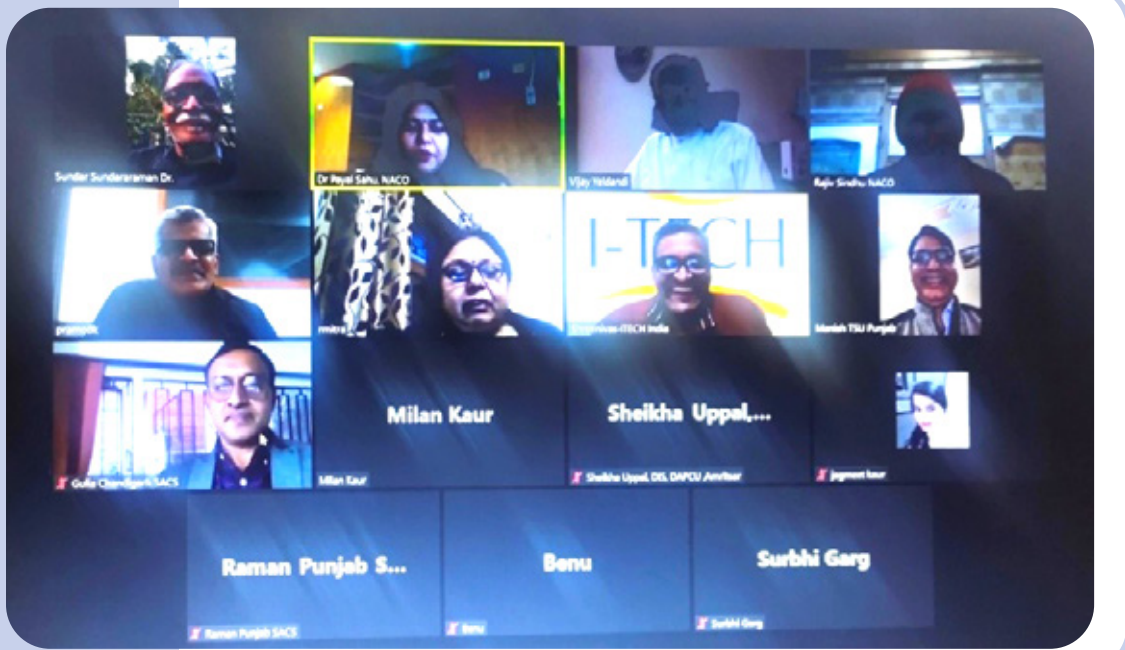
Workshop on ‘Proposal Development and Implementation Plan’ with three pilot States under *Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy*

NACO organized a two-day workshop on ‘Proposal Development and Implementation Plan’ with 3 Pilot States under *Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy*. The workshop was chaired by Dr. Naresh Goel, Former DDG, NACO and Chairperson of SSS Working Group through Virtual Mode.

Representatives from three *Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy* States implementing the pilot intervention i.e. Gujarat, Punjab and Telangana SACS along with their respective TSUs participated in the workshop. During the workshop, all three SACS presented the findings from the ‘Facility Assessment Tool’ as well as the ‘Draft Comprehensive Implementation

Plan' & proposal for the identified 10 districts i.e.- Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara & Rajkot from Gujarat, Amritsar, Ludhiana & Patiala from Punjab, Hyderabad, Rangga Reddy & Warangal from Telangana. Working Group members of *Sampoorna Suraksha Strategy* and experts provided their inputs and suggestions to States to improve their SSS proposals.

The representative from all three States presented their revised implementation plan & proposal based on the inputs received. This session provided the platform and opportunity for additional feedback and deliberations to further strengthen the implementation plan. The proposal with a detailed implementation plan and budget is expected from the States for submission as a next step.



Review of Haryana SACS

A review meeting of the Haryana State AIDS Control Society was conducted under the chairpersonship of Sh. Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO on 11th March, 2022. During the review, all components i.e. Targeted Interventions, Basic Services, Care Support and Treatment, Lab Services, Information Education and Communication and Strategic Information, were reviewed along with the sharing of good practices on the Social Protection Scheme of providing a pension of Rs. 2500/- to each PLHIV. The review meeting was attended by Senior Officials from NACO, Project Director, HSACS, Additional Project Director, HSACS, officers from concerned divisions of HSACS and TSU officials.

The key discussions revolved around the following issues:

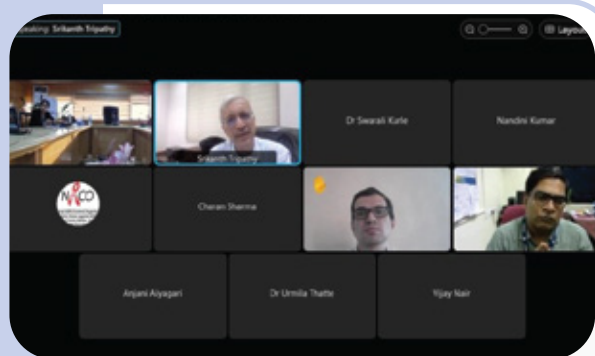
- Onboarding of 6 new TI's to be fast-tracked.
- Improving HIV testing coverage of TG/Hijra and other at-risk populations.
- The testing of Syphilis among pregnant women to be augmented.
- For the HIV-positive pregnant women, the complete EMTCT cascade to be prepared for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22.
- Data on LFU at ART centres to be reviewed. Contact tracing of all the LFUs to be undertaken and concrete outcomes to be documented in line with '*Mission Sampark*' initiatives.
- The expenditure in the remaining period of the current Financial Year to be maximized while adhering to the financial guidelines.



16th Meeting of NACO Ethics Committee

NACO Ethics Committee is a strong pillar of the research ecosystem within the National AIDS Control Programme. As NACO is an evidence-led public health programme, hence research and evidence-based result from Research & Evaluation at NACO plays a critical role in providing scientific evidence for the programme.

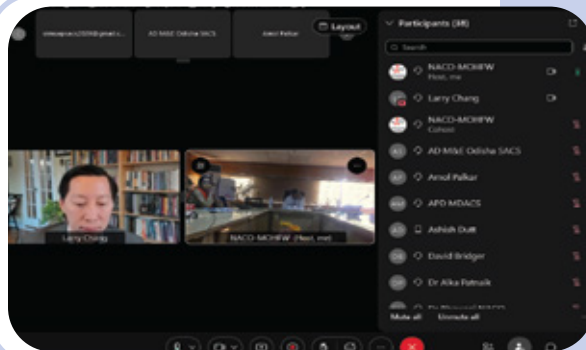
The 16th meeting of the NACO Ethics Committee was held on 14th February, 2022 via hybrid mode at National AIDS Control Organisation, New Delhi. The NACO Ethics Committee was held with the twin objective of reviewing the fresh research proposals to be undertaken at the national level and the ongoing research projects. Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO gave key remarks and provided his guidance during the introductory session. Ms. Nidhi Kesarwani, Director, NACO also shared her remarks during the introductory session. The meeting was attended by NACO Ethics Committee Members, the Principal Investigators of the project along with the study team.



Brown Bag Seminar Series - Continuum of Cross Learning Collaboration

National AIDS Control Organisation undertakes various activities as part of its capacity-building initiatives. In line with the spirit of cross-institutional collaboration and capacity building, the Brown Bag Seminar Series was initiated back in 2016 with the aim to inform as well as build capacities & knowledge of programme managers at NACO, development partners and other key stakeholders on new developments in HIV/AIDS and research.

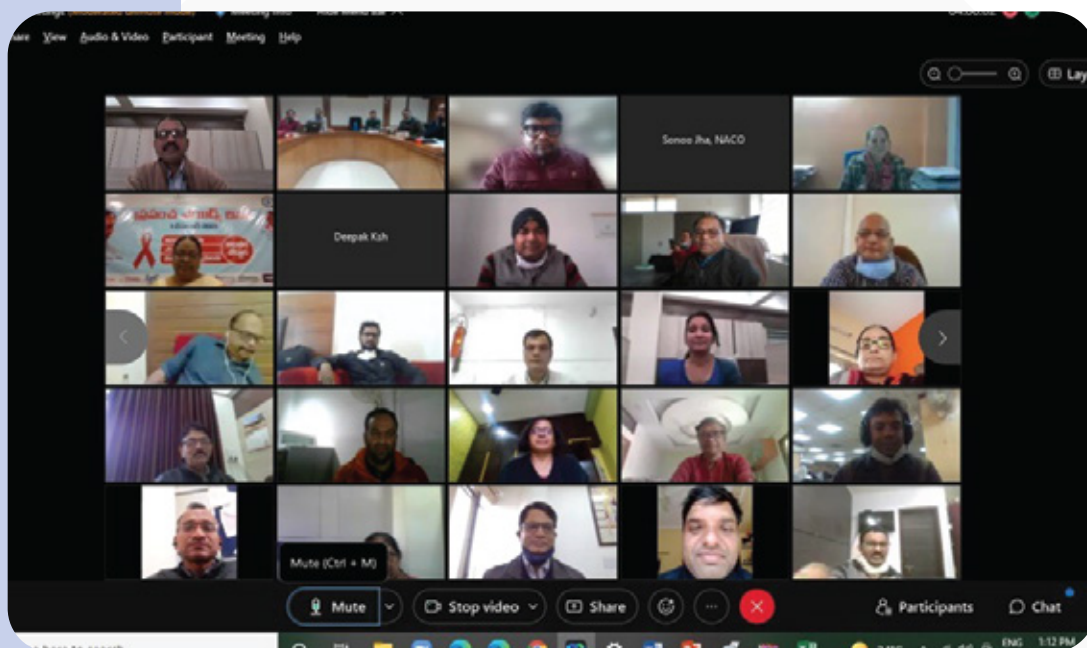
As part of the series, a virtual talk was held on 'HIV, Mobile Health and Implementation Science' under the chairpersonship of Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO. The talk was delivered by Dr. Larry William Chang, Associate Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology and International Health at Johns Hopkins University and attended by senior officers, programme managers from NACO, senior officials from State AIDS Control Societies and Technical Support Units, experts, academicians, researchers, development and implementing partners, civil societies and community representatives.



Review of Targeted Intervention Programme under NACP

The Annual Review Meeting of the Targeted Intervention (TI) Programme of the State AIDS Control Societies was conducted in two batches i.e. 10th - 13th January and 20th - 21st January, 2022.

The objective of the meeting was to review the progress made by SACS with respect to the approved TI Annual Action Plan (AAP) for FY 2021 - 22 and to further discuss the proposed Annual Action Plans for the next financial year. This also provided an opportunity for cross-learning through personal interaction with States and TSUs. The meeting was focused on the State-wise achievements and challenges related to the 95-95-95 targets which were covered under the State presentation with their programme performance analysis on the defined indicators under the NACP. The SACS officials also discussed in detail the gaps related to TI and Link Worker Scheme onboarding for guidance, along with a discussion on the availability of funds and the development of financial action plans aligned with the priorities of the State.



AIDSCON - 11

Under the leadership of National AIDS Control Organisation, Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society concluded the 11th AIDSCON that was held at Chandigarh, from 11th to 12th March, 2022. The theme of this year's AIDSCON was 'Towards AIDS-Free World'.

The two-day-long conference was inaugurated by Shri Alok Saxena, AS & DG, NACO along with Sh. Yashpal Garg, IAS, Secretary Health, Chandigarh, Dr. Suman Singh, Director Health Services, Chandigarh, Dr. Amandeep Kang, Project Director, Chandigarh SACS and Dr. Shobini Rajan, DDG, NACO. The conference was attended by officials from NACO, development partners, academic and research institutions, civil society organisations as well as communities with a total of 1,005 participants.

The conference comprised a total of 11 technical sessions with an e-poster presentation covering 14 clinical and 15 social categories related to HIV/AIDS. During the conference, AS & DG, NACO and CMO (SAG), NACO chaired multiple technical sessions, while reiterating the way forward to reach the most vulnerable and the most affected persons by HIV. The message of reaching the '95-95-95 targets by 2025' and 'ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030' also resonated with the theme of the conference.



Performance Indicators of States in NACP Implementation

One of the NACP success stories lies in the effective use of Strategic Information at all levels i.e. National, State and District levels. Now we are in the 'decade of action' to achieve the SDG 3.3, 'end of AIDS as a public health threat by 2030'. There are various monitoring mechanisms to understand the implementation of the programme at the field level.

In addition to these existing mechanisms, the Scorecard of SACS provides an overall picture of States' performance in National AIDS Control Programme implementation across all facilities. It also provides big pictures of areas needed for more efforts to achieve NACP targets in the financial year.

A total of 32 indicators have been used across the service categories from Information, Education & Communication

(IEC) and Mainstreaming (MS), Targeted Intervention (TI), Basic Services, Care, Support and Treatment (CST), Laboratory Services (LS), Strategic Information (SI), Finance and Supply Chain Management. Based on programme data (FY 2021-22 till Nov) and other information as of December 2021, a scorecard has been prepared and equal weightage has been given to all indicators.

Performance on individual indicator was divided into 4 categories:

- Good (Green, 3 Marks),
- Average (Yellow, 2 Marks),
- Poor (Red, 1 Mark),
- Not Applicable (No colour- No score added)

Top 10 States across Spectrum of HIV Prevention & Care Continuum, FY 2021-22

Indicators		Andhra Pradesh	Assam	Chandigarh	Goa	Gujarat	Himachal Pradesh	Karnataka	Manipur	Mizoram	Tamil Nadu
IEC & MS	Frequency of Social Media updates (G= ≥60, Y=40-59, R=<40)	Red	Green	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Red	Red
	Status of AEP integration in state School curriculum (G=Yes, R=No)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red	Green
	Status of SCA (G= one meeting held since 2017, Y= other than G)	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	Red	Red
	Status of State Rules (G= Notified, R= Not notified)	Red	Green	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
	Status of Ombudsman (G= Appointed, R=Not appointed)	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green
TI	Facilities onboarded (G=≥95%, Y= 90-94%, R=<90%)	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
	Coverage against target in contract (G=≥95%, Y= 90-94%, R=<90%)	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green
	HRG & BP living with HIV on ART (G=≥95%, Y= 90-94%, R=<90%)	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
	IDU on OST (G=≥95%, Y= 90-94%, R=<90%)	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
BSD	Percentage of PLHIV who know their status (G=≥95%, Y= 80-94%, R=<80%)	Yellow	Red	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow
	HIV testing against target-GC (G=≥95%, Y= 80-94%, R=<80%)	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
	HIV testing against target-PW (G=≥95%, Y= 80-94%, R=<80%)	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red
	Percentage of Pregnant women who initiated ART (G=≥95%, Y= 80-94%, R=<80%)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green
	Partner testing among GC (G=≥95%, Y= 80-94%, R=<80%)	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
	Percentage of TB suspected cases referred to NTEP (G=≥95%, Y= 80-94%, R=<80%)	Green	Red	Red	Red	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
	Clients managed at DSRC against the target (G=≥95%, Y= 80-94%, R=<80%)	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Red
	Percentage of pregnant women tested for Syphilis (G=≥95%, Y= 80-94%, R=<80%)	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
CST & LS	ART Initiation (Current FY) (G=≥95%, Y= 80-94%, R=<80%)	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
	LFU rate among new ART initiation (G=<2%, Y= 2-4%, R=≥5%)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
	Progress on PLHIV Alive on ART during the FY (G=≥95%, Y= 80-94%, R=<80%)	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green

Indicators		Andhra Pradesh	Assam	Chandigarh	Goa	Gujarat	Himachal Pradesh	Karnataka	Manipur	Mizoram	Tamil Nadu
	Status on establishment of CSC (G≥95%, Y= 80-94%, R=<80%)		NA			NA		NA	NA	NA	
	VL Suppression Rate (Current FY) (G≥95%, Y= 85-94%, R=<85%)										
	% of SRL accredited (G=100%, Y= 80-99%, R=<80%)										
	% Participation of ICTCs in Re-testing (G≥95%, Y= 85-94, R=<85%)										
Overall	Total Score	96	93	96	96	93	96	93	93	93	96
	Obtained Score	66	62	70	71	62	64	62	67	61	64

Meeting of State Council on AIDS (SCA) and Training of Complaints Officer in Puducherry

The first meeting of the State Council on AIDS (SCA) for UT - Puducherry was conducted on 17th February, 2022 under the chairmanship of Shri. N. Rangaswamy, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Union Territory of Puducherry. The meeting was attended by Thiru. C. Udaya Kumar, IAS, Secretary Health-cum-Chairman, Pondicherry AIDS Control Society (PACS); Dr. G Sriramulu, Director (Health) & Vice Chairman PACS and officials from other departments.

During the meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister approved the proposal from Puducherry SACS and announced the provisions for enhancement of proposed support to be provided by the Government of Puducherry i.e. an amount of Rs. 1,57,60,000/- (One Crore Fifty-Seven Lakhs and Sixty Thousand) will be allocated to extend the support for the welfare of the PLHIV in the UT of Puducherry.

Under the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017; Puducherry has appointed a total of 427 Complaints Officers. The training of the first batch of Complaints Officers was organized on the various sections of the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017.



Visit of NACO officials to Andaman and Nicobar Islands and West Bengal

To review the progress of the activities defined under the Annual Action Plan, visits to West Bengal State AIDS Control Society and Andaman and Nicobar AIDS Control Society were conducted by NACO officials, from 3rd to 5th March, 2022 and 7th to 11th March, 2022, respectively.

In West Bengal, the team visited different NACP facilities and TI's i.e. Titagarh Durbar Samiti, Titagarh, ICTC Centre and DSRC at SDH Hospital situated in North 24 Parganas. They also visited the OST Centre, ICTC & DSRC at Kolkata Medical College.

In Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the team visited NACP facilities i.e. ICTC Centres, ART Center & DSRC running in Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centre & Hospitals at Port Blair, Swaraj Dweep Island, Shaheed Dweep Island, Garacharma and Bambooflat. An interactive session was conducted with Medical Officers, ICTC counsellors, ANMs, staff nurses & community people. The discussion focused on the available health facilities, strategies to reach people at high risk, issues and challenges.



Orientation of Ombudsman and Complaints Officer in Bihar

A State-level orientation Programme for the nominated Ombudsman and Complaints Officer was organized by the Bihar State AIDS Control Society. Officers from various departments and district level officers of the State were sensitized regarding their roles & responsibility under HIV & AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017; The Programme was presided over by Shri Anshul Agarwal, IAS, Project Director, BSACS and sessions were delivered by officials from NACO. The objective of this programme was to sensitize stakeholders about the protocol for grievance redressal mechanism and to address the issues related to Stigma & Discrimination against people infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS under the HIV & AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017.



Second National Transgender Summit

NACO in collaboration with India HIV/AIDS Alliance under project *Wajood* participated and supported the Second National Transgender Summit held on 3rd & 4th March, 2022. The National Transgender Summit was organized based on three main thematic areas identified in the Transgender Summit conducted last year, mainly on **(i)** Gender affirming medical care and how to follow the necessary protocols to access medically approved standard of care in the Indian context; **(ii)** legal gender affirmation processes, considering Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 & the facilities offered through the National Transgender Portal; and **(iii)** addressing & mitigating cases of violence against transgender community members.

Dr. Shobini Rajan, DDG, NACO, in her remarks congratulated India HIV/AIDS Alliance for providing an opportunity to interact with stakeholders to put forward their health and social needs and work on co-creating solutions for the benefit of transgender persons in India. She added that NACO has a huge role to play in addressing issues related to the health of transgender persons and is continuously partnering with other ministries as well as institutions like AIIMS for the overall well-being of the community.



Glimpses of *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* Phase – 3 and Iconic Week

In line with Niti Aayog's initiative of '*Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*', National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) observed yet another campaign titled Iconic Week from 3rd to 9th January, 2022, under which different activities were conducted in schools and colleges through both physical and online mode as per the COVID situation prevailing in the State. Under these campaigns, different activities like painting competition, mask making competition, pot making competition, reel making competition, essay writing competition and many more exercises were conducted to generate awareness on HIV/ AIDS among members of RRCs and class 9th & 11th school students.

Below are the glimpses of co-creative efforts undertaken by all the States:



Chandigarh

Chhattisgarh



West Bengal





Odisha

J&K



Goa



Madhya Pradesh





Gujarat

Punjab



Jharkhand



Assam





Himachal Pradesh

Andaman and Nicobar Islands



Status of NACP on Key Indicators

National AIDS Control Programme response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic continue to be comprehensive three-pronged strategy of prevention, testing and treatment supported through critical enablers of Information, Education Communication (IEC), laboratory services and Strategic Information Management.

During the period April 2021 to December 2021, the programme has reached to 75.85 lakh vulnerable population who are most at-risk for HIV infections covering them with a holistic package of services for HIV prevention, early detection and treatment. The programme has undertaken around 3.07 crore HIV testing during the same period. This included undertaking around 1.62 crore HIV testing among pregnant women towards attainment of Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV.

As on December 2021, around 15.29 lakh people (including 1.06 lakh from the private sector) are on free life-long anti-retroviral treatment (ART). The programme has undertaken around 7.12 lakh viral load testing to monitor the effectiveness of treatment during April 2021 to December 2021.

The Status on key indicators during the FY 2021-22 (April 2021 - December 2021) is:

Status on Key Indicators during the FY 2021-22 (April-December 2021)													
State/UT	High Risk Group & Bridge Population Covered Through Target Intervention & Link Worker Scheme	STI/RTI patients managed at Designated STI/RTI Clinic	HIV Testing among 'at risk' Population (excluding pregnant women)	HIV positive results among 'at risk' Population (excluding pregnant women)	HIV testing among pregnant women	HIV positive result among pregnant women	% of HIV positive mothers initiated on lifelong ART	% of HIV exposed babies initiated on ARV prophylaxis	New registration of PLHIV at ART Center	PLHIV initiated on ART	PLHIV on ART (Cumulative)*	HIV-TB Cross referrals	Viral load tests conducted
Andaman & Nicobar Island	NA	2,046	12,078	14	3,225	3	0.00	NA	19	19	136	432	NA
Andhra Pradesh	3,61,794	4,36,904	7,12,685	7,962	6,22,132	853	>95	>95	9,826	9,635	1,99,572	95,189	1,24,765
Arunachal Pradesh	42,735	16,022	11,656	32	9,135	4	>95	>95	37	32	211	1,988	93
Assam	45,955	59,280	1,52,491	1,362	2,60,498	138	>95	>95	1,428	1,139	91,46	21,200	1,717
Bihar	1,56,773	1,67,980	3,92,786	4,581	12,74,166	432	80.3	82.8	6,430	5,850	66,090	84,518	17,789
Chandigarh	58,100	22,108	54,220	277	14,303	25	>95	83.3	339	297	5,732	2,026	3,966
Chhattisgarh	1,78,493	1,37,299	2,38,831	1,312	3,67,662	204	>95	91.4	15,15	1,345	17,645	28,731	6,620
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	NA	1,689	22,901	27	12,963	1	0.0	>95	27	27	208	769	386
Delhi	5,46,116	2,17,549	2,70,070	2,474	1,41,490	144	79.2	>95	2,959	2,676	36,977	41,975	14,426
Goa	59,400	32,358	38,252	144	21,053	11	90.9	>95	172	157	3,103	2,100	2,294
Gujarat	7,60,396	2,94,837	9,26,054	3,979	8,89,864	612	92.0	>95	4,833	4,509	77,572	1,40,143	42,270
Haryana	95,565	95,293	3,20,796	2,139	3,52,266	215	72.1	>95	3,175	3,094	22,734	49,276	3,526
Himachal Pradesh	45,161	48,128	1,16,354	236	72,503	24	>95	>95	240	216	4,780	13,250	3,540
Jammu & Kashmir	51,528	4,367	1,30,806	187	1,29,909	18	88.9	84.6	196	185	3,045	8,846	1,165
Jharkhand	82,678	61,528	1,54,888	731	5,27,407	150	76.7	84.6	1,017	947	13,067	34,357	6,579
Karnataka	6,06,497	4,71,153	14,59,604	6,603	8,68,741	822	94.9	91.2	7,690	7,329	1,78,154	1,08,823	91,608
Kerala	3,59,574	1,23,879	3,26,588	549	2,86,406	40	95.0	>95	601	494	16,096	22,829	6,847
Ladakh	NA	NA	2,283	3	1,311	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	174	NA
Madhya Pradesh	3,98,958	4,34,142	6,59,758	2,530	10,06,388	331	90.6	>95	2,989	2,763	2,763	1,15,652	15,859
Maharashtra	16,37,064	7,26,243	21,93,397	8,806	15,77,917	1,185	79.1	93.2	10,693	10,135	2,89,365	2,39,129	1,51,115
Manipur	64,265	34,869	41,716	431	20,204	66	81.8	>95	579	552	14,184	1,497	5,262
Meghalaya	3,435	11,311	29,325	466	40,816	160	85.6	>95	576	511	3,532	2,493	970
Mizoram	41,774	26,511	17,798	1,038	17,798	161	94.4	>95	1,238	1,216	12,640	2,552	3,951
Nagaland	47,979	39,565	60,003	795	14,549	108	85.2	>95	1,035	934	10,965	3,497	5,986
Odisha	1,72,581	1,57,763	6,61,053	1,381	5,19,465	192	75.0	87.5	1,506	1,430	22,273	81,091	5,782
Puducherry	22,126	16,142	67,010	103	21,930	17	47.1	>95	58	55	1,245	1,133	593
Punjab	1,86,529	1,37,359	4,88,506	4,972	2,73,156	435	86.7	88.8	6,709	6,604	48,725	41,659	13,488
Rajasthan	1,43,847	1,99,508	8,48,638	3,382	8,66,452	449	>95	>95	3,900	3,760	50,366	1,04,754	21,071
Sikkim	2,635	4,482	12,620	30	4,985	3	33.3	NA	27	23	246	74	229
Tamil Nadu	3,45,969	3,65,540	18,19,946	3,539	8,72,977	546	>95	94.9	4,322	3,978	1,25,279	1,48,192	63,125
Telangana	3,09,299	2,14,284	3,43,255	4,672	5,16,123	483	89.9	88.0	5,940	5,579	1,13,444	52,028	40,370
Tripura	31,308	39,139	57,322	619	34,322	70	>95	72.2	702	683	2,624	2,474	1,018
Uttar Pradesh	2,88,359	5,44,501	7,07,929	6,638	34,78,694	708	92.8	81.2	8,254	7,912	95,237	2,93,231	35,418
Uttarakhand	2,18,201	99,096	88,619	530	1,17,107	39	69.2	66.7	754	592	4,495	14,133	3,356
West Bengal	1,99,169	1,47,758	10,46,764	2,599	9,86,388	328	93.0	>95	3,154	2,890	48,146	72,014	17,135
India	75,85,262	59,94,633	1,45,07,356	75,143	1,62,30,295	8,977	90.1	92.5	92,820	87,578	15,29,511	18,32,918	7,12,310

Note: * inclusive of 1.06 lakh PLHIV on ART in private sector in A & N Island, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu and Ladakh - there is no Target intervention and Viral Load facility. in Ladakh-there is no ART center and Designated STI/RTI Clinic in Ladakh - there is one Link ART center.

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