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Ni-kshay Mitra

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Why is in news? IAF pledges support to 765 TB patients as part of Ni-kshay Mitra

As part of the Indian Air Force's endeavour to contribute towards social causes that foster nation building, the service has committed its involvement in the "Ni-kshay Mitra" scheme

This is an **initiative under the "Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan (PMTBMBA)**, implemented by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare that **seeks to eliminate TB by 2025 - five years ahead of the global goal of 2030.**

"Ni-kshay Mitra" is an initiative that **provides for additional diagnostic, nutritional, and vocational support** by elected representatives, corporates, organisations, NGOs, and individuals to those undergoing TB treatment.

Objective:

It aims to eradicate the existing societal stigma and discrimination against TB patients and provide them with much-needed nutritional and social support, and help them lead a normal life.

It also aims to encourage elected representatives, corporates, NGOs, and individuals to come forward as donors/sponsors to help the patients complete their journey toward recovery.

Ni-kshay 2.0 portal:

The Ni-kshay 2.0 portal provides a digital platform for extending community support to persons with TB and leveraging Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) opportunities.

The support can be extended to persons with TB, for a minimum duration of one year and a maximum of three years, in any block or district across the country.

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