



# WHO's Global TB Report 2025: India Logged Highest Number of TB Cases in 2024 Despite Lower Incidence

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In November 2025, the World Health Organisation (WHO) released its latest Global Tuberculosis (TB) Report. As per the report, **India's TB incidence rate** (new cases emerging each year) declined by 21% i.e. from 237 per lakh population (in 2015) to **187 per lakh population** (in 2024), which is almost double the rate of decline observed globally (i.e. at 12%).

- Despite one of the largest global reductions in TB incidence, India has not yet reached the government's 2025 target of 77 cases per lakh population.

## Highlights of Global TB Report 2025 :

**Global Impact:** As per the WHO's report, tuberculosis remains one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases, causing over 1.2 million deaths and affecting approximately 10.7 million people in 2024.

- The global TB incidence rate fell by 1.7% in 2024, reaching 131 cases per 1 lakh population compared to the 2023 rate.

**Largest Contributors:** The report further highlighted that together, **8 countries** accounted for **67%** of global TB cases in 2024, led by India (25%), followed by Indonesia (10%), the Philippines (6.8%), China (6.5%), Pakistan (6.3%), Nigeria (4.8%), the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) (3.9%), and Bangladesh (3.6%).

**Region-wise:** The report revealed that **South-East Asia (SEA)** region registered the highest rate of TB cases i.e. **34%** (in 2024) compared to all regions; followed by the Western Pacific (27%), Africa (25%), Eastern Mediterranean (8.6%), the Americas (3.3%) and Europe (1.9%).

**Global Rate Falling Ill with TB:** Globally, the number of people falling ill with TB decreased to **10.7 million** in 2024, marking an improvement of nearly **2%** compared to 2023.

**Global Death Rate:** As per the report, the global rate of deaths caused by TB also declined by **3%** i.e. from 1.27 million people (in 2023) to 1.23 million people (in 2024),