

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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ITANAGAR**

Press Communiqué

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Governor adopts TB patients of Kamle and Daporijo Districts

In line with India's commitment to eradicate Tuberculosis (TB) by 2025, and inspiring the people of the State, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), has adopted two TB patients each from Kamle and Upper Subansiri districts as part of the Ni-Kshay Mitra initiative under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan (PMTBMBA). He has already adopted two each from other districts also.

The Governor appealed to the people, especially elected representatives, community leaders, NGOs, Self-Help Groups, business houses, and generous individuals, to step forward and become Ni-Kshay Mitras. He said that while TB treatment in India is largely provided free of cost through government health services, Ni-Kshay Mitras play a crucial role in filling gaps related to nutrition and patient support, ensuring comprehensive care for those affected.

The Governor explained that the Ni-Kshay Mitra program allows individuals, organizations, institutions, and even corporate entities to adopt TB patients, offering them supplementary nutritional support during treatment. He highlighted that many TB patients discontinue their treatment due to its long duration, but with the support of a Ni-Kshay Mitra, they receive not only nutritional aid but also moral and emotional encouragement to complete their treatment. This is crucial to prevent the development of drug-resistant TB.

The Governor stressed the importance of a community-based approach to raise awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding the disease. He said that the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's initiative is helping TB patients recover more quickly and also contributing to public health by preventing the spread of the disease through community involvement and support.

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