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PROACTIVE DISCLOSURE UNDER SECTION 4 (1) (b) OF RTI ACT, 2005

1. ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

1.1 Particulars of its organisation, functions and duties [Section 4(1)(b)(i)]

The National Tuberculosis Institute owes its origin to the findings of a 1955-58 survey conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) where a high incidence of pulmonary tuberculosis was found across the country. Acting on the survey findings, the Government of India initiated actions to establish an institute solely dedicated to formulate National TB Control Programme (NTP) and to train human resources for implementation of NTP, as a result, NTI was established in 1959. The technical assistance was provided by the World Health Organization and the Institute procured the necessary equipment through UNICEF assistance.

The Institute has, ever since, been active in research projects and studies and has been successful in formulating a TB Control Program for the country which incorporates the clinical, epidemiological and sociological aspects of the disease. It is involved in activities such as training medical and paramedical staff and personnel across the country, formulating policies and programs in accordance with the WHO recommended DOTS strategy, planning, coordinating and executing research on TB disease and its epidemiology, monitoring of programs, campaigns and impacts and documentation and dissemination of knowledge through print and audio-visual media.

The Institute was accredited as a WHO Collaborating Centre for TB research and training in 1985. The Institute had also served as the nodal centre for operational research related to National TB programme. The major activities of a nodal centre are to organize workshops and dissemination of research data through publications.

i. Name and Address of the Organization

National Tuberculosis Institute [NTI]

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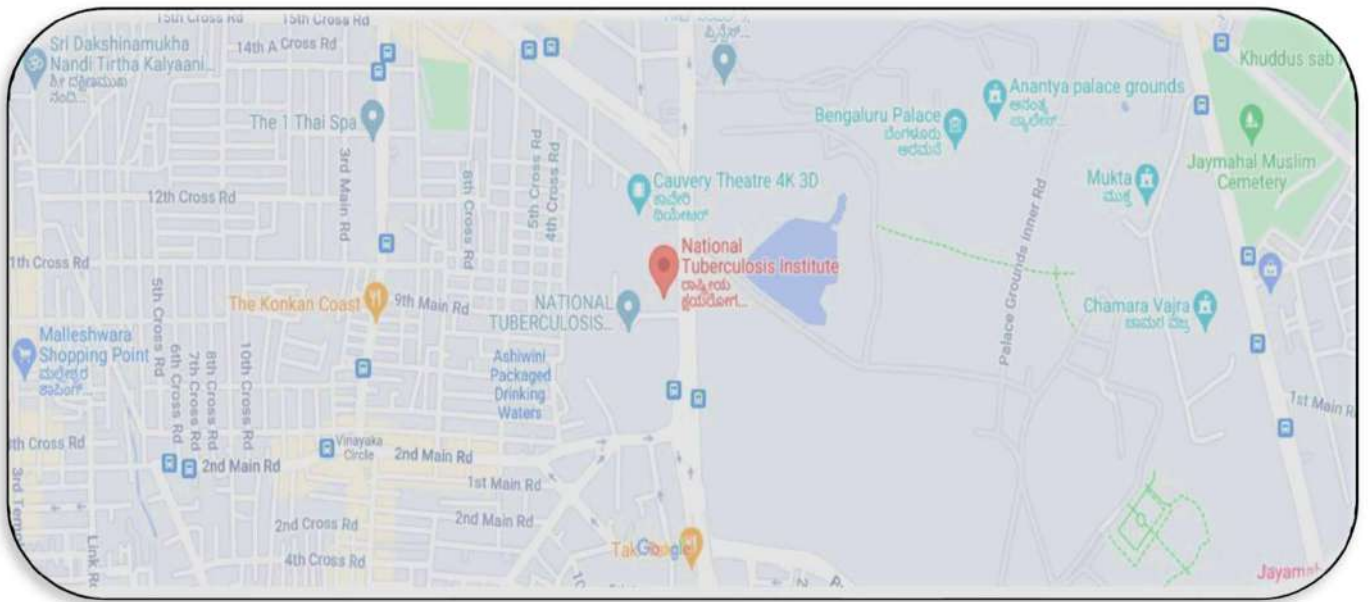
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Location Map of NTI

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ii. Vision, Mission and Key Objectives

Vision Statement

- To undertake human resource development activities to be aligned with the aspiration of the Nation to eliminate tuberculosis from the country.

Mission Statement

- To foster and build the capacity of health care workers to effectively implement the policies and guidelines to eliminate tuberculosis.
- To provide technical support to National Tuberculosis Programme to prevent, diagnose, treat and manage tuberculosis including post tuberculosis lung disorders.
- To facilitate adoption of new innovations in tuberculosis care through participation in evaluation of newer technologies for quality and rapid diagnosis of tuberculosis & drug resistance and vaccines for prevention of tuberculosis.
- To function as National Reference Laboratory to develop and strengthen skills of human resources in tuberculosis laboratory network across the country and strengthen quality assurance of diagnostic services for tuberculosis at all levels.
- To collaborate with international organizations like WHO, SAARC TB & HIV Centre, FIND, The Union and other partners as a center of excellence for training in tuberculosis.

Key Objectives:

Objectives for establishing NTI were as under:

1. To formulate a nationally applicable, economically feasible and scientifically valid TB control program.
2. To train the workforce for the implementation of NTEP.
3. To provide technical support to CTD and State TB units for effective implementation of TB control
4. To monitor and supervise the NTEP
5. To undertake operation research
6. To serve as National Reference Laboratory (NRL)

ii. Functions and Duties

The Technical Activities carried out include building the capacity of human resources for effective implementation of National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP) hitherto called as RNTCP, and to undertake Operational Research to strengthen the various services under NTEP.

S.NO	DIVISIONS	SERVICES / FUNCTIONS
1	HRD and Documentation Division	<p>The core activity of the Institute is to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Induction training to develop the skills of health care workers to effectively implement the TB programme at peripheral, district and state levels.• Updates on various facets of TB management to health care professionals.• Participating in the development of technical and operational guidelines for elimination of TB.• Preparation of training materials in line with technical and operational guidelines.• Evaluation of training <p>Major Activities of the HRD Division is building the capacity of TB Workers of the region. The three units of the Division are: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Training Unit2. Computer Lab3. Library and Documentation Cell.

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2	Laboratory Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance and strengthen skills of laboratory workers in the TB laboratory network across the country in timely and accurate diagnosis of TB & its drug resistance under NTEP. • To provide quality assured diagnostic services for tuberculosis to three districts of Karnataka under NTEP and referral services all over the country using state-of-the-art technologies. • To function as National reference laboratory for monitoring and review of laboratory performance of TB laboratory network for quality assurance and continuous quality improvement in TB diagnostic services. • To facilitate evaluation of innovative tools and technologies for improved and rapid detection of TB and drug resistance. • To provide technical support to NTEP in development of technical guidance documents.

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3	Epidemiology and Research Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To plan and conduct community and facility-based epidemiological, operational and implementation research in TB • To Build capacity of programme managers/Medical college faculty in Protocol development, conducting research and for publication in association with CTD, State TB cells and other partner organisations. • To Conduct Research dissemination workshop for aiding programme and policy advocacy • To Collaborate with various Institutions and Organizations for conducting multicentric operational/implementation research, TB surveys, mathematical modelling and regulatory clinical trials. • To conduct Quality Improvement and Health System Resilience workshops for Programme Managers aimed at strengthening the TB care services to achieve the long-term goal of ending TB.

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4	Monitoring and Evaluation Division	<p>NTI participates in central Internal Evaluation to assess the implementation of the NTEP. Also, the institute has been identified as the nodal body to advocate the establishment of State TB Training and Demonstration Centres as per norms and provide the technical guidance for strengthening and monitor the functioning of the already established ones. The other national institutes would support NTI, Bengaluru in this endeavour.</p> <p>Role of NTI in STDCs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision, monitoring and evaluation of STDCs (SM&E) • Build capacity and expertise
5	Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization Division	<p>The Advocacy Communication and Social Mobilization Division was established at NTI on 24th March 2003. The Division highlighted the need to involve “cured patients” as advocates on TB by their active participation in elimination activities. The division has a scientific gallery which has rich repository of general information on TB, important milestones in the evolution of the programme and achievements of the institute both in the past and in the present have been displayed. The Division plays a key role in sensitizing the nursing, paramedical, life sciences and medical students on TB and NTEP.</p> <p>Functions:</p> <p>To disseminate</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The general information on TB 2. The evolution of the programme,

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		<p>3. Research conducted by NTI and achievements of the Institute since its inception to the general public, para-medical students etc.</p>
6	Administration Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Administration Division caters to all the administrative requirements of the Institute. The five units under this Division are <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishment 2. Accounts 3. Hostel 4. Stores 5. Transport Units. • The unit caters to the administrative matters, general upkeep of campus through CPWD, provision of contractual manpower to various divisions and service matters pertaining to the staff viz. • The Civil, Electrical and Horticultural works of the Institute are being executed through the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), under the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, Government of India, out of the budget sanctioned to NTI during each financial year.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="687 409 1409 618">• The Institute has fleet of 6 vehicles and the unit is responsible for the upkeep of the vehicles including in-house repair of vehicles, if feasible.<li data-bbox="687 696 1409 965">• Stores unit cater to the logistic needs of various Units/Divisions of the Institute. It is responsible for procurement and supply of stores items for smooth functioning of the Institute.<li data-bbox="687 1043 1409 1368">• The hostel unit of the institute caters to the accommodation needs of medical & paramedical trainees attending various training programmes and also officials visiting from headquarters and other Institutions/Offices.<li data-bbox="687 1447 1409 1536">• The unit caters to the financial matters of the Institute.