

Nations join hands to eliminate TB

India stood committed to its resolve to become a 'TB- Free country' by 2025, said Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda on Wednesday, as countries participating in the Delhi End TB Summit signed and adopted the Statement of Action at the end of the summit here.

The Minister added that India would support member countries of WHO SEARO region in meeting their respective goals of becoming TB-free. The Statement of Action called for increasing budgetary and human resource allocations by governments and stakeholders to ensure that their national TB plans are fully funded and medical care for the disease is supplemented with social and financial protection in a holistic manner.

"It is an opportune moment for India to co-host the Delhi Summit, as the world galvanizes its efforts to end TB by 2030. India shall also set an example for other countries by freeing itself of tuberculosis by 2025," the Minister said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while inaugurating the summit on Tuesday, had expressed the willingness and resolve of his government to make India free of tuberculosis by 2025.

(With PTI inputs)

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