Global Tuberculosis (TB) Report, 2025

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Why in news?

Recently, the Global TB Report 2025 was released by World Health Organization (WTO).

- **Global TB report–** Offers a comprehensive and current overview of the global TB epidemic.
- It covers progress in prevention, diagnosis, and treatment at global, regional, and national levels.
- 184 out of 215 countries and areas submitted data, representing over 99% of the world's population and TB cases, ensuring strong global representation.

Key findings, 2025

- **Global TB Status –** Causing over 1.2 million deaths and affecting an estimated 10.7 million people globally in 2024.
- ***India (leads with 25%),*** followed by Indonesia (10%), Philippines (6.8%), China (6.5%), Pakistan (6.3%), Nigeria (4.8%), DR Congo (3.9%) & Bangladesh (3.6%).

India's Performance –

- **Decline in TB incidence –** Declines 21% from 237 cases per lakh population in 2015 to 187 per lakh in 2024 — nearly double the global decline rate of 12% (one of the ***highest declines in TB incidence globally***).
    - Despite these gains, India's current TB incidence is ***still far from its elimination target*** of 44 cases per 100,000 by 2025, an 80% reduction goal.
- **Decline in TB mortality rate –** Decreased from 28 per lakh population in 2015 to 21 per lakh population in 2024.
- **Improved treatment coverage –** Rose from 53% in 2015 to over 92% in

2024 because of India's innovative case finding approach by uptake of newer technologies, decentralization, etc.

- **High cases detection –** In 2024, 26.18 lakh TB patients were diagnosed - the estimated total TB cases in 2024 were 27 lakh, indicating high detection efficiency.
- **Drop in unreported cases –** Dropped from 15 lakh in 2015 to less than 1 lakh in 2024 due to improved detection and reporting efforts.
- **Multidrug-Resistant (MDR) TB cases** – Saw no major rise in India, accounts for 32% of global MDR-TB cases.
- **Achievement - TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan –**
  - **Treatment success rate in India** – Is 90% which is higher than the global average of 88%.
  - Screened over 19 crore vulnerable people across India for TB, led to the detection of over 24.5 lakh TB patients, among them, 8.61 lakh were asymptomatic cases (showing no symptoms).

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