

CeDNER of the Indian Institute of Management Shillong initiates TB awareness programmes

“A step towards eradicating TB”

World Tuberculosis Day, observed on 24 March each year, is designed to build public awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis and efforts to eliminate the disease. The Centre for Development of North Eastern Region (CeDNER) of the Indian Institute of Management Shillong plays an important role to spread awareness about health, education and takes active part in community development issues and hence to mark the awareness about TB and its effects, two orientation programmes were organized today.

“Orientation and awareness drive on TB eradication for the villagers of Umsawli” was held at the Community Hall of Umsawli. Shri. Wanrap Kharumunid, Senior Treatment Supervisor (STS) District TB Office, Shillong delivered a talk and interacted with the villagers. The programme was attended by more than forty people from the Umsawli village. Addressing the gather Mr. Wanrap Kharumunid said that TB is one of the dangerous disease that the country is fighting and for that we need to work together and stop the stigma against TB. Shri. Wanrap Kharumnuid explained about the symptoms of the disease, importance of TB medication and early detection and diagnosis. The state government has various flagship programmes to eradicate and urged the people to avail the facilities. Dr. Sanjeev K Ningombam Convener of CeDNER in his welcome address said that awareness can stop the spread of the disease and the motive behind the programme was to spread awareness regarding the disease. CeDNER works towards community development and hence the programme was initiated for community health development. Dr Richa Sharma Resident Medical Officer addressing the gathering said that the hesitancy and reluctance in diagnosis should be overcome. Bah Rodick Kharkongor Rangbah Shong, Mawpat was present as the guest of honour of the event. He thanked IIM Shillong for organizing this orientation program. Bah T Kharkongor, Rangba Dong, Umsawli delivered the Vote of Thanks for the program.

Orientation and awareness drive on TB eradication was also held for the employees of IIM Shillong at the IIM Shillong Auditorium. The resource person for the programme was Dr. W.E

Lyngdoh, MOTC, District TB Office Shillong. Speaking on the occasion she said that TB can be eradicated with proper treatment. The Government of India has taken initiatives for free TB treatment and test but there is lack of awareness among the masses and hence such programmes are an integral part to spread awareness and stop the spread of the disease. She said that an estimated 10 million people got affected with Tuberculosis (TB) worldwide and in India for 2019 an estimated of 2.64 million cases were detected which shows the mammoth spread of the disease. Talking on the facilities and services provided by the Government TB hospitals she highlighted about the schemes, benefits and monetary assistance provided in diagnosing TB. The orientation programme was attended by the faculty and the staffs of the institute.



TB awareness programmes at IIM Shillong



TB Awareness program 2022 at Umsawli Village