

What is Gandhinagar Declaration?

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About Gandhinagar Declaration

- It was **adopted at the end of the two-day meeting held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, to follow up on the progress made to end tuberculosis (TB) by the countries of the WHO South-East Asia Region.**
- The Declaration **calls for establishing high-level multisectoral commission reporting to the highest political level in each country for synergy of efforts among various stakeholders** and to monitor progress towards ending TB and other priority diseases.
- **These high-level multisectoral commission on TB could also help build responsive health systems and advance universal health coverage** and health security.

- The declaration calls for ensuring appropriate adoption and **use of science and technology for equitable and human rights-based TB services** that are **accessible to all**, irrespective of any social, cultural, or demographic divide, **through an integrated, primary health care approach**.
 - It **emphasises on the allocation of necessary resources to meet TB service coverage targets and address social determinants** to have a multi-disease impact.
 - The declaration **calls on WHO to maintain TB as a Flagship Priority Programme over the coming years** and **provide leadership and technical support to countries** for sustained and accelerated approaches supported by research and innovation.
 - It **calls upon all partners to enhance their support to end TB and priority diseases in the Region as per the UN Sustainable Development Goals target 3.3** - End the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases, and other communicable diseases.
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Q1) What is tuberculosis (TB)?

Tuberculosis (TB) is a bacterial infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. It primarily affects the lungs but can also affect other parts of the body, such as the brain, spine, and kidneys. TB is a major global health concern and remains one of the top infectious killers worldwide.

Source: [WHO South-East Asia Region commits to further enhance efforts to end TB, adopt Gandhinagar Declaration](#)

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