

## Editorial

Over the decades, magnitude of the tuberculosis (TB) problem has not shown a significant decline. Lack of effective supervision was identified as one of the important causes for low participation of general health institutions. The Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) lays a lot of emphasis on supervision. The Rational Tuberculosis Programme (NTP) also stressed on supervision but it was not effective. Results of the study done by Dr Balu from Tondicherry, presented as the main article emphasise that improved supervision can bring about drastic improvements in the performance and also give a lot of scope for interactions with health staff and patients.

The advent of HIV has lead to a drastic increase in all forms of T'B. The article by Dr Jiemalatha compares cytological findings in patients of TB lymphadenitis with and without HIV seropositivity.

The National Tuberculosis Institute(NTI) monitors the performance of NTP all over the country. To improve the programme, it is important to give feedback to the states and individual District TB Centres regarding their performance and the corrective action they can take to improve their functioning, from this issue of NTI Bulletin, we would present the performance of one or two states in each issue. Research and training are other important activities at NTI. The progress made in the 'National Sample Survey to estimate Annual Risk of Tuberculosis Infection, Surveillance of Drug Resistance and the various training activities during the second half of 2000 are also presented

To Keep up with the advances in technology, the laboratory facilities at the Institute have been upgraded by procuring the A{B/Bact-240 system. A microscope imaging system has also been procured to impart training to

*Medical Officers & Laboratory Technicians who attend training programmes.  
A negative pressure room has been established in the laboratory too.*

*Success stories RNTCP in Gujarat and Orissa, the experience of our field  
Investigator, Mr Joydev Gupta, abstracts, Bibliography and letters from our  
well-wishers form rest of the article.*

*We are very happy to inform that NTI has launched its website on 15<sup>th</sup>  
August 2001, the add is: <http://ntiindia.kar.nic.in>. We would like our readers  
to browse the site and send their comments. Reports can also be sent online.*

*We have enjoyed wording on this "Bulletin; hope you would enjoy reading the  
same.*

*Editor*