

DIFFERENTIATED TB CARE – Administrative Commitment to address TB & Covid

Miss Elizabeth Murmu/Hasda, a 40 Years Female, resident of Grahampur village under Gossaigaon TB unit of Kokrajhar started anti TB drugs from Gossaigaon Civil Hospital Vide Nikshay ID- 21012044 from 01/10/2021 as a Pulmonary TB patients. Unfortunately during the Mega covid -19 vaccination drive of Govt. of India, the patient opted out and didn't get herself vaccinated. NTEP Kokrajhar too made an ardent attempt to motivate all the TB patients to get themselves vaccinated with Covid vaccine to give them additional protection during the Covid pandemic period.

During home visit by STS, the patient was found to be very much reluctant to vaccinate herself due to miss information and rumors against Covid vaccine. As a part of "Har Ghar Dastak" respected Deputy Commissioner of Kokrajhar Smt. Varnali Deka (IAS) herself undertook a special drive to overcome hesitancy in the community including the TB patients. Following her fervent call to the masses, the mobile vaccination team could successfully inoculate covid -19 vaccine to Elizabeth Murmu/Hasda on 18/11/2021. Such administration commitment would definitely go long a way in addressing the dual challenges of TB & Covid -19.



Mobile vaccination team successfully vaccinating the TB patient