

# Prime Minister Islamic Republic of Pakistan Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani's Message on the occasion of World TB Day

I am pleased to note that in unison with nations of the world, Pakistan is observing the World TB Day this year with a renewed commitment to fight the disease and stop its spread. In this context I would like to salute efforts of our health workers and all those who are making efforts to raise awareness and provide treatment to the affected in the length and breadth of Pakistan.

As we intensify our campaign to provide more and more people with treatment and knowledge to prevent against the disease, the role of nurses, doctors, researchers, community workers and all other involved in supporting this noble cause would remain critical.

The present government is mindful of its responsibilities towards the underserved segments of the society and is making concerted efforts to improve their lot as we understand that poverty manifests itself in a number of social and health problems of which tuberculosis is one.

Pakistan has over the years made tremendous progress in ensuring that free treatment for TB is available to everyone in the country who needs it. Today in every district of Pakistan free diagnosis and treatment of the disease is available.

I would like to urge all individuals, families, communities and governments to do everything in their power to stop tuberculosis. Although TB is a preventable and curable disease, it has remained one of the largest infectious killers of people in the world.

The theme of World TB Day this year highlights the need to mobilize the youth in raising awareness and advocating for the cause. I have a firm belief that youth being excellent agents of change would bring a new impetus to this initiative.

I commend the efforts of all to provide a healing touch to those afflicted by the disease and raising awareness towards its prevention.



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