

GS-III: Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources; Issues relating to Poverty and Hunger.

1. What is Multidrug-resistant Tuberculosis? Critically discuss about the steps taken by the government to achieve its ambitious 90-90-90 target.

Why this Question:

- ✚ The anti-tuberculosis drug Pretomanid was recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that will be a game changer for treating people with extensively drug-resistant TB.

Demand of the Question:

- ✚ First if you have to define what is meant by multi drug resistant drug TB. Then write about the government's ambitious 90-90-90 target regarding TB and critically analyse the steps taken by the government.

Directive Word:

Critically Discuss:

- ✚ Essentially this is a written debate where you are using your skill at reasoning, backed up by carefully selected evidence to make a case for and against an argument, or point out the advantages and disadvantages of a given context. Remember to arrive at a conclusion
- ✚ Whenever it is asking Critically Examine, Critically Comment or Critically Analyze just remember that you have to write both pros and cons and give a fair, unbiased or value loaded judgement. It should always give a feeling of closure.

Structure of the Answer:

Introduction:

- ✚ Write about TB disease and few facts about it such as being the largest killer disease in the world.

Body:

- ✚ Write the definition of Multi Drug Resistant TB.
- ✚ Write about the governments ambitious 90-90-90 target regarding TB.
- ✚ Write about various government initiatives taken by the government to achieve this target.
- ✚ Analyse whether the steps taken by the government are in the right direction.

- + Write how the steps help in eliminating TB.
- + Write any lacunae if exists in the steps taken.

Way Ahead:

- + Conclude with way ahead and any suggestions to overcome the existing obstacles in achieving the target.

