



2018

Anumeha Yadav, Independent journalist, Delhi

Anumeha travelled to Rajasthan to cover critically important issues on TB, such as TB detection among the poorest in Rajasthan in her story '[Rajasthan's Poorest TB Patients Left Out In Govt's Search For Missing Cases](#)' for HuffPost, TB and silicosis in her story '[Dying in Dust: For Rajasthan's Miners, Silicosis Deepens Struggle With TB](#)' for The Wire, and '[Numb and weak, a tailor in Rajasthan stops his TB treatment despite the risks](#)' for The Scroll. She also travelled to Jharkhand to write about healthcare workers being a ray of hope in rural settings in her story '[Meet Radha Devi, a health worker, ministering to the needs of TB patients in a Jharkhand village.](#)'

National Fellowship Recipients

2017

Karnika Bahuguna, Correspondent, Down to Earth Magazine, was selected as our National Media Fellow, 2017. During the Fellowship, Ms Bahuguna chose to highlight the linkages between TB and Mental Health. Stories exploring the linkages were published in Down to Earth magazine between February and June 2017.

[Impact of tuberculosis on mental health largely ignored](#), March 24 2017

[Depression, an invisible burden for TB patients; and we must urgently address this](#), April 7 2017

[India wants to be TB-free by 2025, but patients suffer due to stigma, lack of counselling](#), April 25 2017

[TB's Hidden Links](#), June 15 2017

2016

Disha Shetty, Senior Correspondent with DNA, Mumbai, was selected as our National Fellow for 2016. Ms Shetty focused on TB in rural India. Between August and October, she worked on a three-part series on TB, which was published in the Mumbai and recently-launched Delhi editions of Daily News & Analysis in October, 2016.

[The Migratory Mutant: How Patterns in the Labour Market are Helping TB Spread](#), 11 October

[TB is Curable, But Not for Much Longer: Dr N Mistry](#), 11 October

[TB Tales: When the cure turns toxic](#), 18 October

[‘In India, anyone and everyone treats TB’: Dr Zarir Udwadia](#), 18 October

[A Trial of TB Trauma: A Look at Those Battling the Disease at the Grassroots](#), 25 October

[TB programme: Policy changes have been made; they need to be implemented, says Dr Soumya Swaminathan](#), 25 October

2015

Menaka Rao, Mumbai-based journalist, was our National Fellow for 2015. During her Fellowship, Ms Rao examined gendered aspects of TB, specifically focusing on how women experience TB differently and how the disease impacts their lives, in the short and long-term. Her long-form stories were published in The Caravan and Scroll in September and October 2015.

[The Gendered Delay in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Tuberculosis Patients in India](#), 23 September

[Carrying to term: Tuberculosis and the Pregnant Body](#), 1 October

[Why there might be more women suffering from tuberculosis in India than we think](#), 22 October

2014

Dr Radheshyam Jadhav of The Times of India, Pune, was our National Fellow for 2014. During his Fellowship, Dr Jadhav focused on issues related to urban TB including migration and poverty. All stories were published in The Times of India in December 2014.

[State’s failure to track migrants with tuberculosis raises concern](#), 5 December

[Poor living conditions in city’s slums facilitate TB spread](#), 15 December

[Govt thrust on ‘healthy housing’ to combat TB](#), 17 December

[‘Missed’ TB patients worry cities](#), 22 December

[Cities like Pune will have to heed WHO warning on diabetes-TB link](#), 29 December

Online stories

[527 patients registered under the national anti-tuberculosis drug resistance survey](#), 4 December

[India making progress in halting TB](#), 17 December

[Cost of controlling TB in India is sky rocketing](#), 17 December

[Global TB Report estimation on Multi-Drug Resistant TB in India](#), 17 December

[WHO issues interim guidance on use of new drugs](#)

[Bachchan's admission on TB will help reduce stigma](#)

[Central TB Division takes an effort to track missing patients](#)

[Need of healthy urbanisation](#)

2013

Dr R Prasad, Science Editor of The Hindu, was our National Fellow for 2013, and was chosen after a competitive evaluation process involving two rounds of evaluation. In the first, three applications were short-listed and in the second, final round, the three applications were evaluated by a senior scientist. This final round was a blind evaluation and the identity of the applicants was not revealed to the evaluator. Thank you to all those who took the time and effort to send in their applications! During his Fellowship, Dr Prasad focused on childhood TB, a growing area of concern, and published over 20 stories on different aspects of this theme. All stories were published in The Hindu between October and December 2013.

In response to several requests from TB experts and organisations, REACH compiled and published a selection of Dr Prasad's work. The publication was titled '*Childhood TB: A journalist's exploration*' and also included brief notes by Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Director, National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis and renowned expert on childhood TB; Dr V Kumaraswami, retired scientist from the National Centre for Research in Tuberculosis, and currently an international consultant, who was Dr Prasad's mentor; and Dr Ramya Anathakrishnan, Executive Director of REACH. Copies of the publication were also disseminated at the launch of a pediatric TB project in Chennai.

You can download the publication [here](#).

[Programme to prevent TB in children neglected](#), 3 October 2013

[Don't ignore the children](#) (Editorial), 10 October 2013

[TB: how many young children are wrongly diagnosed as disease-free?](#), 16 October 2013

[Contact screening: the risk of wrong TB diagnosis](#), 24 October 2013

[Paediatric TB: should Xpert molecular test replace smear microscopy?](#), 31 October 2013

[Why the true burden of paediatric TB remains unknown](#), 6 November 2013

[Missing TB Cases](#) (Editorial), 7 November 2013

[TB: 'There is a clearly higher risk of mortality in children of 0-4 years'](#), 8 November 2013

[Childhood TB: epidemiology reveals two risk periods](#), 13 November 2013

['Age has a significant effect on the immune system in childhood TB'](#), 13 November 2013

['Very few children in India are diagnosed and treated for MDR-TB'](#), 20 November 2013

['In 80-90 %, TB bacilli in children same as in MDR-TB index case'](#), 20 November 2013

[Sentinel Project gives a fillip to managing MDR-TB in children](#), 27 November 2013

['Sentinel Project provides guidance on preventive treatment for children with MDR-TB infection'](#), 27 November 2013

[Malnourished children in India below three years are underdosed for first-line TB drugs](#), 4 December 2013

['Children metabolise TB drugs much faster than adults'](#), 4 December 2013

[Second-line TB drugs: 'It is more difficult to assess adverse effects in children'](#), 4 December 2013

[TB and the Child](#), 10 December 2013, Frontline

[Child-friendly, first-line TB combination drugs will be available in 2016: Dr. Mel Spigelman](#), 12 December 2013

['Nuances of childhood TB are never taught in medical schools'](#), 12 December 2013

[Clinical trials on child-friendly bedaquiline MDR-TB drug for children initiated](#), 14 December 2013

['In 2003, RNTCP had eight lines in the guidelines that related to TB in children'](#), 14 December 2013

Podcasts

[Contact tracing of childhood TB cases: Interview with Dr Jeffrey R Starke](#), 6 November 2013

[TB disease risk variation within the under-five age bracket: Interview with Dr. Peter R. Donald](#), 13 November 2013

[In India, young children with MDR-TB disease are worst hit: Interview with Dr Soumya Swaminathan](#), 20 November 2013

[Sentinel Project on Pediatric Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis: Interview with Dr Soumya Swaminathan](#), 27 November 2013