



## Saksham Project, Aditi Mahavidyalaya



**Saksham** (which means “**making capable**”) is a project of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences funded by the Global Fund since 2008 to support the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in its fight against HIV and TB. The Saksham project focuses on supporting and strengthening national response for both HIV and TB. Saksham work as a consortium of university partnership to implement national strategy and standardization of HIV and TB within the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) and National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP).

**Aditi Mahavidyalaya** is a Regional Institute for Capacity Building and Evaluation (RICE) partner of **Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, under Saksham Project funded by Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM)** for the period of **2021 to 2024**.



*SAKSHAM PROJECT TEAM, ADITI MAHAVIDYALAYA*

### **SAKSHAM PRAMAAN:**

Saksham has been awarded a project by the NACO for undertaking programmatic as well as Target Intervention (TI) and Link Workers Schemes (LWS) evaluation under NACP across India.

**Aditi Mahavidyalaya** has been selected for the northern zone covering the states and union territories of **Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and union territories of Chandigarh, Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh** for empanelling the evaluators and build their capacities for conducting evaluations and working closely with the State AIDS Control Society (SACS). Aditi Mahavidyalaya has successfully completed seven batches of training of 118 evaluators. There were 127 evaluators empanelled to conduct TI and LWS evaluations with the help of State AIDS Control Societies in northern region states and union territories in the financial years of 2021-22 and 2022-2023. The Saksham Pramaan Team of Aditi consists of the **Principal Investigator (PI)/Faculty-in-Charge**

**(FIC) – Prof (Dr.) Beena Antony Reji, two regional coordinators – Dr. Kumud Teresa Sawansi & Mr. Shashi Bhushan and Finance and Administration Officer –Ms. Mansi Sharma.**

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The project has been started with the National Training of Trainers held on 16th to 18th November 2022. Along with **Aditi Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi (North Zone)**, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Gujarat (Central Zone), Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai (West Zone), Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies, Osmania University, Hyderabad (South Zone) and XIM University, Bhubaneshwar (East Zone) were initiated the project with support of TISS.

The training was facilitated by the Saksham team of Tata Institute of Social Sciences and training provided by consultants of **National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO)**.



*National Training of Trainers (ToT) of Saksham Pramaan Project Staffs of all Five RIC Partners  
University Guest House Lawn, University of Delhi, New Delhi)*

### **SAKSHAM PRAVAAH:**

With regard to the social determinants of tuberculosis, such as stigma, poverty, malnutrition, and lack of awareness, Saksham Pravaah has demonstrated the necessity of moving beyond the "bio-medical, disease control" approach. By addressing gender disparity and including psychosocial TB counselling in the government's tuberculosis control programme the National TB End Strategy will move forward by 2025.

Saksham Pravaah is a project where a pool of Master Trainer's will undertake cascade training for frontline NTEP (National TB Elimination Programme) staff on counselling soft skills through the STDC'S of the respective States on how to deal with the psycho social aspects of Tuberculosis.

In **Saksham Pravaah** Project, **Aditi Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi** is a Sub-Sub Recipient (SSR) in the North Region of the country which is working in collaboration with CTD (Central Tuberculosis Division) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, TISS (Tata Institute of Social Sciences) and STDC



(State TB Training and Determination Centre) in 8 States/UTs in the North India (Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu-Kashmir Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh).

**Aditi Mahavidyalaya** in partnership with TISS has conducted 4 National Tot's (Training of the Trainer's) in the North Region of India. The total number of Master Trainer's trained in Counselling Soft Skills is 110.



*Aditi Mahavidyalaya Project Saksham Pravaah Team led by Faculty-In- Charge Prof. (Dr.) Beena Antony Reji and the project is being implemented by 2 Capacity Building Coordinators (Ms. Niharica Srivastava and Mr. Anil).*