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<b>Title:</b>	<b>In Agra-Uttar Pradesh, 97 new TB patients found in 15 days</b>			
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Under its active case finding campaign, the health department has detected 97 more cases of tuberculosis (TB) in just 15 days in Agra city. A total of 1,012 new cases of TB have been reported in the last seven months. According to health department officials, now those patients who get treatment in private clinics will also get free medicine from DOTS centres after registering on the DOTS website.

The health department has been running a campaign to identify TB patients in the city, and 97 new cases were found in just 15 days. These cases were found during door-to-door surveys. According to officials, they took over 6,000 cough samples, of which 1,012 were found infected by tuberculosis. A total of 1,800 new cases were reported between April and October.

Dr R K Agnihotri, district tuberculosis officer said, "We are regularly organising this campaign to find hidden cases of TB, especially in slums. Recently our team collected samples from the old age home, jails and slum areas of the city. Our team found many positive cases of TB, of which 60% were men."

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"We have also started providing medicines to those patients who don't come to DOTS centres. In these cases, a private doctor under who the patients are being treated can upload information on our official website, or patients can ask any of our DOTS centres to upload the information," Agnihotri added.

"Apart from taking samples across the city, our team also counsels residents about the symptoms of TB," said Dr Mukesh Vats, chief medical officer (CMO).

There are 675 operational DOTS centres in the region with 6,052 registered patients.

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