

TUBERCULOSIS IN POST COLONIAL BIRBHUM; THROUGH THE EYES OF GENDER DIFFERENCES

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ABSTRACT

Birbhum district is one of the typical backward districts of West Bengal. Birbhum did not possess an awesome public health condition in the colonial era. Tuberculosis was very much deadly disease in post colonial Birbhum. Tuberculosis is a specific infectious disease caused by Mycobacterium Tuberculosis. The disease primarily affects lungs and causes pulmonary tuberculosis. T.B of lungs was found mainly in males. Biological factors, in addition to the socio - cultural factors are to a large extent responsible in the decreased incidence of TB in females, especially in the reproductive age group. T.B occurs more in the rural areas than in the urban, the reasons being malnutrition and unsound economic condition of the rural folk.

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