

## UP CHANDAULI DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFER- A PRIVILEGE TO UNDERPRIVILEGED

District Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh, was selected for implementation of this scheme and we were asked to support existing RNTCP program by enrolling the TB patients through Axshya project.

We had an opportunity to visit Chandauli in the month of September 2018 and met some of the TB patients who got benefited and had an immense satisfaction from the efforts our field team made initially. *Among the TB patients identified by the project in initial two quarters (January-June 2018), more than 85 per cent of the TB patients were benefited through this scheme.* What can be done to provide relief to such TB patients who are the only bread earner in their family and have lost their livelihood and are hankering for their well-being in addition to the food and basic needs of their own and their families? The answer is with the one TB patient I directly interviewed.



*Mirza Yadav, Male 55 years belongs to Pratappur village, Post Majhwar, District Chandauli. He has a family of 11 members (self, wife, seven children and parents). He was having cough symptoms for the last one year and he could not get regular treatment. Burden of disease was flaming his struggles. He was weak and was not able to work in his field (farmer by profession).*

*Our Community Volunteer, Israr Khan, visited this presumptive TB patient on 3.4.2018 and after his check-up he was found TB positive. His treatment was started on 12.04.2018. He is regular on his medicine and the RNTCP has also provided the DBT.*

*He is feeling better now and his weight has also increased up to 6 kg after the treatment. He resumed his work after getting medical relief. He is regularly getting Rs.500 per month after linkages of his bank account and Aadhar card from our team.*