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## HIV: Statistics are from 2007-2024 period

The National AIDS Control Programme was launched in Tripura in April 1999. Over the past 25 years, the Tripura State AIDS Control Society has worked to control the spread of HIV according to guidelines set by the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO).

Recently, a report circulated in the media stating that 828 students in Tripura have tested HIV positive and 47 of them have died. This report is misleading. It is important to note that these numbers are cumulative over a period of 17 years (April 2007 to May 2024) and all 828 students have received / receiving free Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) as per NACO guidelines. Unfortunately, 47 of them have passed away during this time. Dr. Samarpita Dutta, Project Director of Tripura State AIDS Control Society has given this information in a Press Release.

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