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Civil society movement for TB-free city To ensure early diagnosis and community support

For a TB-free Kochi, the corporation is launching a civil society movement that is expected to create awareness on tuberculosis, its diagnosis and treatment.

Hibi Eden, MLA, will inaugurate the programme at Town Hall at 11 a.m. on Friday. A.B. Sabu, Welfare Standing Committee chairman, will preside. It will be implemented with the technical support of the Department of Community Medicine, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences.

The aim of the movement is early diagnosis and community support for treatment. Kudumbasree workers will take part in the programme. "Their involvement will help find cases early as it has been found that there is an average delay of three months in detection," said Rakesh P.S., epidemiologist, public health consultant, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences.

Community support for treatment would help boost patients' confidence, he added.