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“It is 27 years since one of the world’s worst industrial accidents, the Bhopal Gas Tragedy occurred and the wounds of those affected are yet to be healed. In the last decade, two of the hospitals run for gas victims have opened DOTS centres. Based on research by ICMR, a separate pulmonary medicine centre was also opened. Significantly 15% of the expectorant samples tested positive for the TB bacteria.”

