

Major Events & Achievements (September, 2016)

1. A four member Indian delegation led by Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare attended the 69th Session of the WHO Regional Committee(RC) for South-East Asia Region(SEAR) during 5-9 September, 2016 at Colombo, Sri Lanka. In the RC meeting, important health issues were discussed. Two Ministerial round table discussions on (i) Non-communicable diseases and (ii) Sustainable Development Goals and Universal Health Coverage were also held on 5th and 6th September, 2016.
2. A final Gazette Notification No. GSR 897 (E) dated 21.09.2016 has been published in the Official Gazette providing for Amendment of Schedule DI and Schedule DII to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945.
3. Letter of Permission issued for the establishment of 7 new Medical Colleges (total 1050 seats) and increasing of 100 MBBS seats in the 2 existing Medical Colleges for the academic session 2016-17. Letter of Permission also issued for the Recognition of 12 Medical Colleges.
4. Renewal of Permission issued to 7 existing Medical Colleges for the academic session 2016-17 (700 seats).
5. The orders for allocation of 236 MBBS and 38 BDS Central Pool seats for the year 2016-17 to various beneficiary States/UTs/Government Departments have been issued.
6. 12th Meeting of the NACO-Ethics Committee was held on 23rd September, 2016 at New Delhi. During the meeting, three research protocols covering thematic areas of nutraceutical for patient management, STI Gonococcal antimicrobial programme and HIV Counselling & Testing Services were reviewed and recommended.
7. The National Institute of Biological organized a National Skill Development & Hands on Training on Quality Control of Biologicals for 31 Pharmacy Post Graduate Students of NIPER, Mohali from 22th August, 2016 to 9th September, 2016.
8. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in September, 2016 during 2016-17, approximately 3.39 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, about 14,061 free spectacles were distributed to school children and around 3,783 donated eyes were collected.
9. National Programme for Control of Blindness is being implemented in decentralized manner through State/District Health Societies. Eye Screening Camps to identify cataract cases are being organized under the direct supervision of District Health Authorities with the involvement of NGOs, Panchayats and Asha workers at village level.
