

Major Event & Achievement (December 2020)

1. Progress of Flagship Programme:

1.1. Approvals for about 1,04,000 Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs) has been accorded. Out of those, 52,609 Health & Wellness Centres have been operationalized till 29th December, 2020 against a target of 70,000 till FY 2020-21.

2. COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout:

2.1. Three meetings of National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) were held in December (3rd December 2020, 12th December 2020 and 24th December 2020) under the chairpersonship of Dr. V. K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog and co-chair of Secretary (H&FW).

2.2. Trainings for COVID-19 vaccine rollout:

- Concept Note on target audience, training framework, training platforms has been approved. Based on which training matrix, timelines and training agendas for Orientation of Administrators, National ToT, State ToT, District ToT, Alternate vaccinator (District level), Vaccinator training (Sub-District level and Social Mobilization (Sub-District level) have been prepared and training initiated.
- Mapping of institutes with available training platforms including resource persons at all levels have been prepared.

2.3. CoWIN Software module to track vaccines and vaccination is in the final stage of development.

3. Legislative and Regulative measures:

3.1. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has been requested for implementation of COTPA, 2003 (Prohibition of advertisement and regulations of Trade and Commerce production, Supply and Distribution Act, 2003) and rules thereof and other appropriate legal instruments for prohibition of advertising of tobacco products and regulation of depiction of tobacco use scenes in the content broadcasted/webcasted on the Over-The-Top(OTT) platforms too.

3.2. Amendment of Drug Price Control Order, 2013 to incorporate the processing charges of Blood and Blood components under DPCO is pending with National Pharmaceutical Pricing authority (NPPA).

4. Miscellaneous:

4.1. The activities of fifth round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) are under progress. In view of the scope of the survey attempting estimates at National, State and District level estimates for the 707 districts of the country (as on March, 2017) the survey is being

conducted in an estimated sample of 6.09 lakh households. Under NFHS-5, information is being collected on key areas of family welfare, maternal and child health, fertility, certain communicable and non-communicable diseases etc.

4.2. Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare digitally inaugurated the 7th National Summit on Good, Replicable Innovative Practices through a video conference on 28th December 2020. In this function, Hon'ble Union Minister has also launched New Health Management Information System (HMIS)2.0.

4.3. Department of Health and Family Welfare have won the prestigious Digital India award 2020 under Open Data Champion category for providing data in public domain through API.

4.4. As per the findings of the National Blindness and Visual Impairment Survey (2015-19) conducted under the National Programme for control of Blindness and Visual Impairment, the prevalence of blindness (visual acuity < 3/60) has come down to 0.36%(2019) from 0.68%(2007).

4.5. To commemorate the World AIDS Day 2020, a National Level Virtual Event was organized on 1st December 2020. The event was graced by virtual presence of Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Hon'ble MoS Health & Family Welfare, GoI, Secretary, MoHFW, Additional Secretary & Director General, NACO, Joint Secretary, NACO, Dr. Roderico H. Ofrin, WHO Representative India, Dr. Bilali Camara, Country Director, UNAIDS. More than 70,000 participants attended the virtual event comprising of development partners, SACS officials, civil societies, NGOs, service centre staff, community members etc.

4.6. The Ministry is harnessing the potential of Social Media. Its Twitter handle has more than 2.1 M followers. Its YouTube channel has new videos with its viewing graph regularly moving upwards. It has more than 1.45 M views. Website is updated at regular intervals and is now a useful resource for the information on the Ministry's initiatives.

4.7. The Operational Guidelines for TB Services at AB-HWCs was released by Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare during the 7th National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Healthcare System in India on 28th December, 2020.

4.8. Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare attended the virtual event to celebrate the completion of one year of the India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre and also to announce the winners of the Innovation Challenge on 02 December 2020.

4.9. Agreement between Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health of the State of Israel on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine, signed on 21.12.2020.
