

Major Events and Achievements

(December -2021)

A brief report for the month of December, 2021 is as follows.

1. Progress of Flagship Programmes:

1.1. Approvals for about 1.5 lakh Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) have been accorded. Out of these, 82,741 Health & Wellness Centres have been operationalized till 27th December, 2021.

2. Miscellaneous

2.1 NACO organized World AIDS Day 2021 at Dr B.R. Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi on 1st December 2021. The event was also attended by students of Red Ribbon Clubs from the State of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa and Rajasthan and interacted with Hon'ble Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare and Secretary, Health & Family Welfare. Aligning with the theme of the World AIDS Day 2021 "End Inequalities. End AIDS. End Pandemics", the event emphasized on the need to focus and tackle gender inequalities, discrimination against the High-Risk Groups, inequalities in voice, income inequality and work on to provide Social Protection to the infected and affected population.

2.2 In-light of a need for newer and innovative strategies, NACO has developed evidence led National Technical Guidelines for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis through a multi-stage consultative process. The National Technical Guidelines for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis were released on World AIDS Day (1st December 2021).

2.3 In order to ensure identification, tracking and safe delivery for all high risk pregnant women ultimately resulting in reduction of material mortality in the country, an Extended PMSMA Scheme for tracking High Risk Pregnancies which is a modification of existing PMSMA scheme has been introduced and disseminated. It is a focused intervention strategy directed at 17 States(Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Assam, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya) reporting high maternal mortality.

2.5 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare participated or granted permission for participation in the following virtual important meetings/ event/ seminars/ conferences/ dialogues through officers/doctors/technical experts of the Ministry were attended during the month of December, 2021:-

- (a) A Meeting between Hon'ble HFM and Minister of AI and Foreign Trade of Dubai in Dubai was held on 13-14th December, 2021
- (b) A Meeting between Secretary (H) and Ambassador of India to US was held on 15th December, 2021

- (c) A Meeting between Secretary (H) and Ambassador of Colombia was held on 15th December, 2021
- (d) First Joint Working Group meeting was held on 16th December, 2021 between India and Qatar.