

Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health and Family Welfare

Monthly Cabinet Summary, February 2024

Important policy decision taken and Major achievements during the month:

1. Progress of Flagship Programmes:

1.1 Against the revised target of 1.80 lakh operationalised Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (erstwhile Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centres), as reported by the States/UTs on the HWC Portal, 1,68,044 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM) have been operationalized till 29.02.2024. In the month of February 2024, 3,566 AAMs have been newly operationalized.

1.2 Under the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission, a total of 2,18,42,012 persons in 17 identified States has been screened and a total of 27,76,169 Sickle Cell cards had been distributed till 29.02.2024. In the month of February 2024, 61,40,313 persons have been screened for Sickle Cell Anemia.

1.3 'Ayushman Bhav' Campaign was initiated since 17.09.2023. During this campaign, more than 7.12 Crore Ayushman Cards and 11.34 Crore ABHA IDs have been created (In the month of February 2024, 77.27 lakhs Ayushman Cards and 3.44 Crore ABHA Cards have been created). Total 21.03 lakhs Ayushman Melas have been organized at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs with more than 15.33 Crore footfall (In the month of February, 3.56 lakhs Ayushman Melas have been organized with total footfall of 2.48 Crore). In this Ayushman Arogya Mandir melas, over 29.54 Crore screenings were conducted for TB, hypertension, diabetes, oral cancer, breast cancer, cervical cancer and cataract (In the month of February 2024, there were over 4.76 Crore screenings for the same diseases). Additionally, over 10.01 Crore and 7.95 Crore people so far benefited from free drugs and diagnostic services respectively (In the month of February 2024, over 1.63 Crore and 1.28 Crore people received these benefits). To ensure specialist services at every Block, so far 51,796 Ayushman Bhav Melas have been conducted at Community Health Centres (CHCs) in coordination with Medical Colleges with a total footfall of more than 2.41 Crore (In the month of February 2024, 7952 Ayushman Melas have been conducted at CHCs with a total footfall of 39.57 lakhs). In CHC level Ayushman Bhav Melas, 95.34 lakhs free laboratory tests have been conducted (In the month of February 2024, the number of free laboratory tests at CHC level was more than 15.82 lakhs). Additionally, over 2.29 lakhs people availed major and minor surgeries facility in CHC level Melas (In the month of February 2024, over 33,000 people availed the free surgeries). 1.4 Foundation stone of AIIMS Rewari, Haryana had been laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 16.02.2024. AIIMS Jammu was dedicated to the nation by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 20.02.2024 and following 5 AIIMS were dedicated to the nation by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 25.02.2024:

- i. AIIMS, Kalyani
- ii. AIIMS, Rajkot
- iii. AIIMS, Mangalagiri
- iv. AIIMS, Bathinda
- v. AIIMS, Raibareli

1.4.1 Offers of appointment were issued to four Executive Directors, each in AIIMS at Jodhpur, Raipur, Nagpur and Awantipora.

2. Miscellaneous:

2.1 Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra:

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) had identified Schemes/ Programs to be showcased during the course of the Yatra such as Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) as the Flagship Scheme of MoHFW and National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) for the campaign with additional focus on Sickle Cell Anaemia

Elimination Mission in Tribal Areas. Further, Health Camps were also organised at the places of halt of the mobile vans wherein screening and referral for Tuberculosis, Non-Communicable Diseases and Sickle Cell Disease, Nikshay Mitra Registration and Consent under Nikshay Mitra, Seeding of Bank Accounts for Nikshay Poshan Yojna, Ayushman Card creation and Physical Card distribution were conducted.

MoHFW had constituted a Central Co-ordination Committee along with 31 senior officials being nominated as State Nodal Officers to oversee the activities of the Yatra and visits had been done covering almost all the States/UTs wherein the Yatra was ongoing. Also, 169 District Health Nodal Officers nominated from DGHS, Regional Offices of Health and Family Welfare (RoHFW), National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) had visited 654 Districts. Control Room had also been established to support the States/UTs. Sequence of trainings and meetings had been conducted with the States to orient and monitor the progress on regular basis. Data Entry Microsite had been developed by MoHFW to capture the data real time. Till 29.02.2024, information pertaining to 2,38,006 Gram Panchayats had been received with the total footfall of more than 7,34,08,564 people. 2,79,74,148 Ayushman Cards had been created and 51,05,148 Ayushman cards had been physically distributed. 3,91,33,509 people had been screened for Tuberculosis, out of which more than 11,90,526 were referred

to higher public health facilities. 43,00,584 people had been screened for Sickle Cell Disease, out of which 84,048 were found to be positive and referred to higher public health facilities. Around 2,81,83,990 people were screened for Hypertension and 2,69,33,141 people screened for Diabetes. More than 20,61,409 people were suspected to be positive for Hypertension and more than 14,83,717 were suspected to be positive for Diabetes and more than 31,04,665 people were referred to higher public health facilities.

2.2 Pradhan Mantri - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM):

Foundation stones for various health facilities under PM-ABHIM were laid by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare at AIIMS (Jodhpur), Rajasthan on 03.02.2024. Foundation stones for 4 Building-less Sub-Health Centres costing Rs.1.64 Crore and inauguration of 36 Building-less Sub-Health Centres costing Rs.14.76 Cr. was done by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare.

Under PM-ABHIM, the Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid foundation stones of 115 projects on 25.02.2024 at Rajkot, Gujarat online. These include 78

projects under PM-ABHIM. Of these, foundation stones were laid for 57 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs) with costs of more than Rs.1,625 Crore; 8 Integrated Public Health Laboratories (IPHLs) with costs of Rs.10 Crore and 4 Block Public Health Units (BPHUs) with costs of more than Rs.3 Crore. In addition, 7 IPHLs with costs of more than Rs.8 Crore and 9 BPHUs with costs of more than Rs. 6 Crore were dedicated to the nation.

2.3 10 new microbiology laboratories had been inaugurated online by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 25.02.2024. The 10 microbiology laboratories had been successfully established in State Food Testing Laboratories (SFTLs) across eight States:

- i. Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow, Meerut)
- ii. Kerala (Ernakulum, Kozhikode)
- iii. Maharashtra (Mumbai)
- iv. Chhattisgarh (Raipur)
- v. Assam (Guwahati)
- vi. Delhi (North West Delhi)
- vii. Andhra Pradesh (Vishakhapatnam)
- viii. Tamil Nadu (Coimbatore)

2.4 A total of 53 Food Safety on Wheels (FSWs) had been inaugurated online by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 25.02.2024 for Assam (17), Andhra Pradesh (4), Chandigarh (1), Himachal Pradesh (3), Jammu & Kashmir [6 i.e. Jammu (3) & Srinagar (3)], Meghalaya (2), Uttar Pradesh (18) and Uttarakhand (2).

2.5 The first G20 Joint Finance and Health Task Force (Task Force or JFHTF) meeting under the Brazilian Presidency was held online on 01.02.2024. The Co-Chairs of the JFHTF, Italy and Indonesia facilitated the meeting.

2.6 The Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare had a meeting with Prof. Dr. Edgar Franke, Parliamentary State Secretary of Health (MoS) of Germany held on 12.02.2024.

2.7 The Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare had a meeting with Mr. Cesar Guillermo Castillo Reyes, former Vice President of Guatemala, and currently Advisor to the Chamber of Commerce of Guatemala on 14.02.2024.

2.8 The Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH) – a WHO Managed Network was launched on 20th February 2024.

2.9 G20 Brazil Health Working Group Meeting was held online on 22.02.2024.

2.10 In the month of February 2024, Food Safety on Wheels (FSWs) had been sanctioned for the State of Orissa. This has increased the total number of sanctioned FSWs to 408.

2.11 Order dated 02.02.2024 w.r.t. Usage of the term "ORS" along with brand names was released in which FBOs were directed to ensure compliance with the conditions that they may use "ORS" along with prefix or suffix in consonance with Section 17, Trade Marks Act, 1999 and to comply with the prominent declaration on their Front-of-Pack that 'The product is

NOT an ORS formula as recommended by WHO'. Also they have to provide appropriate disclaimer as per FSS (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018.

2.12 MoHFW participated in GAVI 6.0 Alliance workshop and vaccine partnerships for Outbreaks & Pandemics on February 27-29, 2024 in Togo, West Africa.

2.13 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MoHFW and Centre for Health Informatics (CHI), National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW) for hosting and maintenance of Facility based Newborn Care (FBNC) online software on CHI controlled server of NIHFW was signed on 22.02.2024.

2.14 Under the Scheme 'Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing District/ Referral Hospitals', Rs.70.47 Crore had been released to the State of Andhra Pradesh. Under the Scheme 'Strengthening and upgradation of State Government starting new PG disciplines and increasing PG seats in Medical Colleges' , Rs.85.05 Crore had been released to the State of Andhra Pradesh.
