

Government of India

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Department of Health and Family Welfare

Monthly Cabinet Summary, January 2024

Important policy decision taken and major achievements during the month:

1. Progress of Flagship Programmes:

1.1 Against revised target of 1,80,000 operationalised Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (erstwhile Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres), 1,64,478 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM) had been operationalized till 31.01.2024.

1.2 Under the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission, a total of 1,54,22,190 persons in 17 identified States/UTs had been screened and a total of 25,46,945 Sickle Cell Cards had been distributed till 31.01.2024.

1.3 'Ayushman Bhav' Campaign was initiated since 17.09.2023. In the month of January, 2024, 1.69 Crore Ayushman Cards and 2.6 Crore ABHA cards had been created and 3.37 lakhs Ayushman Melas had been conducted with a total footfall of more than 2.57 Crores. The number of free laboratory tests in Community Health Centres (CHC) was more than 15.29 lakhs and over 21 thousand people availed major and minor surgeries facility in CHC Melas. There were over 4.87 Crore screenings for Tuberculosis, Hypertension, Diabetes, Oral cancer, Breast cancer, Cervical cancer and Cataract. Additionally, over 1.63 Crore and 1.30 Crore people benefited from free drugs and diagnostic services respectively.

2. Miscellaneous:

2.1 Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra:

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) identified Schemes/Programs to be showcased during the course of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra such as Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) as the Flagship Scheme of MoHFW and national TB Elimination Programme for the campaign with additional focus on Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission in tribal areas. Further, health camps are also being organised at the places of halt of the mobile vans where screening and referral for Tuberculosis, Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) 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 are conducted.

MoHFW has 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 undertaken covering almost all the States/UTs wherein the Yatra is ongoing. Also, 171 District Health Nodal Officers nominated from the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Regional Offices of Health and Family Welfare (RoHFW), National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) had visited 643 Districts. Control Room has also been established to support the States/UTs. Sequence of trainings and meetings have been conducted with the States/UTs to orient and monitor the progress on regular basis. Data Entry Microsite has been developed by MoHFW to capture the real time data.

Till 31st January, 2024 information pertaining to 2,31,390 Gram Panchayats had been received with the total footfall of more than 7,15,40,012 people. 2,78,69,301 Ayushman Cards had been created and 50,98,841 Ayushman cards had been physically distributed. 3,81,50,979 people had been screened for Tuberculosis, out of which more than 11,64,063 were referred to higher public health facilities. 42,11,017 people had been screened for Sickle Cell Disease, out of which 71,069 were found to be positive and referred to higher public health facilities. Around 2,74,67,702 people were screened for Hypertension and 2,62,60,212 people screened for Diabetes. More than 20,02,421 people were suspected to be positive for Hypertension and more than 14,17,896 were suspected to be positive for Diabetes and more than 30,21,172 people were referred to higher public health facilities.

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

(a) Foundation stones for various health facilities laid by the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh on 07.01.2024.

(b) There were foundation stone laying / dedication / inauguration ceremony of facilities in North-Eastern States from the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 12.01.2024 by the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare (through VC from Ahmedabad) as under:

(i) Arunachal Pradesh: One Integrated Public Health Lab (IPHL) was inaugurated and foundation stones were laid for 5 IPHLs.

(ii) Assam: 16 Block Public Health Unit (BPHU) and 1 IPHL were inaugurated.

(iii) Manipur: Foundation stones were laid for 2 IPHLs. 3 IPHLs were dedicated to the nation. In addition, 5 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs were also inaugurated.

(iv) Meghalaya: Foundation stones were laid for 2 Critical Care Blocks (CCB), inauguration of 1 IPHL was inaugurated and 4 IPHLs were dedicated to the nation.

(v) Mizoram: Foundation stones were laid for 2 CCBs and 2 IPHLs.

(vi) Nagaland: Foundation stones were laid for 2 IPHLs.

(vii) Tripura: Foundation stones were laid for 3 IPHLs.

2.3 The Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the country's first Healthy and Hygienic Food Street "PRASADAM" on 7th January 2024 in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. The aim of this initiative is to promote safe and healthy food practices among street food vendors and consumers, reduce food-borne illnesses and enhance overall health outcomes. During this event, the Hon'ble Minister launched the website of Healthy and Hygienic Food Street initiative and unveiled a brochure comprising of detailed information on Healthy and Hygienic Food Streets.

2.4 Gazette Notification on 06.01.2024 vide G.S.R 922 (E) 28.12.2023 was published to amend the Drugs Rules, 1945 for revising the Schedule M regarding Good Manufacturing Practices and Requirements of Premises, Plant and Equipment for Pharmaceutical Products.

2.5 Public Notice dated 18.01.2024 in respect of guidelines related to temporary registration i.e. "Registration of medical practitioners and licenseto practice medicine Regulations, 2023" was issued by the National Medical Commission (NMC).

2.6 Public Notice dated 15.01.2024 regarding the finalization of Minimum Standard Requirement for Post Graduate Courses, 2023 (PGMSR, 2023) was issued by NMC.

2.7 The existing limit of delegation from Rs. 2 Lakhs to Rs. 5 Lakhs enhanced, to settle all CSMA cases without consultation of IFD, in line with the CGHS existing rules vide O.M. No. S.14025/24/2023-EHS dated 15.01.2024.

2.8 CGHS signed agreement with the Department of Posts on 30.01.2024 to initiate a pilot project for door-step delivery of indented medicines in respect of CGHS beneficiaries aged 70 years and above, in five CGHS Wellness Centres in Delhi.

2.9 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India and UAE on investment

cooperation in innovative health care project on 09.01.2024.

2.10 Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) was signed between India and France in the field of health and medicine on 23.01.2024.
