

Government of India

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Department of Health and Family Welfare

Monthly Cabinet Summary, March 2024

Kindly refer to D.O. letter No. 502/1/2/2014-CA.V dated 5th August, 2014 from Cabinet Secretary to all Secretaries regarding monthly report on the activities of the Department. A brief report on major activities, events and achievements of the Department of Health and Family Welfare for the month of March, 2024 is as follows:

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, 1,72,148 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM) have been operationalized till 31.03.2024. In reporting month, 4,104 AAMs have been newly operationalized.

1.2 Under the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission, a total of 2,61,38,391 persons in 17 identified states has been screened and a total of 1,04,51,371 Sickle cell cards had been distributed till 31.03.2024. In reporting month, 41,34,219 persons have been screened for Sickle Cell Anemia.

1.3 'Ayushman Bhav' Campaign was initiated since 17.09.2023. During this campaign, more than 9.5 crores Ayushman Cards and 13.48 crores ABHA IDs have been created. In the month of March 2024, 2.38 crores Ayushman Cards and 2.14 crores ABHA cards have been created. Total 24.66 lakhs Ayushman Melas have been organized at Ayushman Arogya Mandir with more than 17.84 crores footfall. In month of March, 3.63 lakhs Ayushman Melas have been organized with total footfall of 2.51 crore. In this Ayushman Arogya Mandir melas, over 34.39 crore screenings were conducted for TB, hypertension, diabetes, oral cancer, breast cancer, cervical cancer, and cataract. In March 2024, there were over 4.85 crore screenings for the same diseases. Additionally, so far over 11.69 crore and 9.28 crore people benefited from free drugs and diagnostic services respectively, while in March 2024, over 1.68 crore and 1.33 crore people received these benefits. To ensure specialist services at every Block, so far 59,193 Ayushman bhav Melas have been conducted at Community Health Centres (CHCs) in coordination with medical colleges with a total footfall of more than 2.82 crore. In month of March, 7397 Ayushman Melas have been conducted at CHCs with a total footfall of 40.53 lakhs. In these CHC level Ayushman bhav Melas, 1.11 crore free laboratory tests have been conducted. In the month of March, the no. of free laboratory tests in CHC level was more than 16.04 lakhs. Additionally, over 2.61 lakhs people availed major and minor surgeries facility in CHC level Melas, while in March 2024, over 31 thousand people availed these free surgeries.

1.4 Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Augmenting Nursing Education Establishments of new Colleges of Nursing (CoN) in co location with Medical Colleges 4 proposals have been approved by the empowered Committee.

1.5 Gazette Notification in respect of Rules of the NNMC was notified on 13.3.2024.

2. Miscellaneous:

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

Administrative approval under PM-ABHIM has been accorded to following States/UTs:

- **Tamil Nadu:** Approval accorded amounting Rs.14.47 Cr. for FY 2022-23, Rs.40.08 Cr. for FY 2023-24, Rs.182.45 Cr. for FY 2024-25, and Rs.459.09 Cr. for FY 2025-26 on 6th March, 2024.
- **Telangana:** Approval accorded for additional 4 Basti Dawakhana (Urban-Ayushman Arogya Mandir) for FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26 on 6th March, 2024.
- **Odisha:** Approval accorded amounting Rs.285.85 Cr. for FY 2024-25 and Supplementary approval amounting Rs.100.59 Cr. for FY 2025-26 on 6th March, 2024.
- **Jammu & Kashmir:** Approval accorded amounting Rs.153.32 Cr. for FY2024-25 on 6th March, 2024.
- **Punjab:** Approval accorded amounting Rs.197.373 Cr. for FY2024-25 on 6th March, 2024.
- **Maharashtra:** Approval accorded amounting Rs.172.58 Cr. for FY 2024-25, and Rs.373.95 Cr. for FY 2025-26 on 15th March, 2024.
- **Jharkhand:** Approval accorded for four 50-bedded Critical Care Blocks (CCBs) one each at Giridih and Ramgarh districts costing Rs. 44.50Cr. for FY 2025-26 on 15th March, 2024.
- **Karnataka:** Approval accorded amounting Rs.524.06 Cr. for FY 2024-25, and Rs.404.87 Cr. for FY 2025-26 on 15th March, 2024.

2.2 Meeting of Hon'ble HFM with Minister of Education and Science, Denmark as part of study tour of Danish Minister to India on 06.03.2024 in person to learn about India's strengths and priorities within research, innovation and education.

2.3 Last date for submission of applications for NEET-UG 2024 was extended till 16th March, 2024. The intitial windows was 9th February, 2024 to 9th March, 2024. Public Notice dated 20.03.2024 regarding the schedule for the conduct of NEET-UG 2024 published.

