

Major Events and Achievements

(January -2022)

A brief report for the month of January -2022 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, 88,548 Health & Wellness Centres have been operationalized till 25th January, 2022.

2. Legislative and Regulative measures:

2.1 Gazette notification on Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations related to non-transparent packaging material of water was notified on 25.01.2022.

3 Miscellaneous

3.1 A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Minister of State for Health (HFW) on 20.01.2022 with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)/Department of Science & Technology (DST)/ Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)/Department of Biotechnology (DBT) to discuss the updated on TB Research & Artificial Intelligence models related to TB Detection, Diagnosis and Treatment.

3.2 A Committee has been constituted under Additional Secretary (Health), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to examine the impact of banning indigenous chewing tobacco products vis-a-vis the action taken replies on the Sixty Eighth (68th) Report of the Committee on Petitions (16th Lok Sabha). Nomination of experts in this regard have been sought from stakeholder Ministries/Departments of NITI Aayog, Agriculture, Law, Department of Health Research and Directorate General of Health Services.

3.3 MoHFW has now decided to provide an option to store CGHS Card in Digilocker. The downloaded CGHS card shall be equivalent to the original CGHS card as per the provisions of Rule 9A of the Information Technology Rules, 2016, notified on February 8, 2017 via G.S.R. 711(E).

3.4 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 January, 2022:-

- (a) Meeting of Secretary (H) with Ambassador of Singapore was held on 14.01.2022.
- (b) Meeting of Secretary (H) with Ambassador of Poland was held on 21.01.2022.
- (c) Meeting of Secretary (H) with Ambassador of Cuba was held on 24.01.2022
- (d) Secretary (H) and JS (LA) attended India Sweden Health Session at Dubai Expo and virtually inaugurated Innovation Incubation centre at AIIMS Jodhpur on 31.01.2022.