

**Major Event & Achievement  
(January 2021)**

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**1. Progress of Flagship Programme:**

**1.1.** Approvals for about 1, 04,000 Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs) have been accorded. Out of those, as reported by the States/UTs on HWC portal, 56,747 Health & Wellness Centres have been operationalized till 22.01.2021 against a target of 70,000 for FY 2020-21.

**2. COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout:**

**2.1.** Two meetings of National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) were held in January 2021 (9th and 21st January, 2021) under the Chairpersonship of Dr. V. K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog and Co-Chair of myself).

**2.2.** Training of Trainers on COVID-19 vaccine roll-out for 13 countries (Bangladesh, Bahrain, Brazil, Bhutan, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Mauritius, Morocco, Oman, Nepal, Seychelles, and Sri Lanka) were conducted in two slots on 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**2.3.** Co-WIN (Winning over COVID) - Digital Platform for COVID-19 vaccination has been developed and actively functioning which supports the vaccination activity, helping the programme managers in registration and tracking of every beneficiary for COVID-19 vaccination along with real time information on the available stocks of vaccine, their storage temperature, actual vaccination process, generation of digital certificates, etc.

**2.4** Hon'ble Prime Minister launched COVID-19 vaccination drive on 16th January 2021 via video conferencing, which is the world's largest vaccination program covering entire length and breadth of the country. A total of 23, 28,779 beneficiaries were vaccinated through 41,599 sessions as on 27th January, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

**3. Legislative and Regulative measures:**

**3.1.** The draft Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Amendment Bill, 2020 was placed in public domain for inviting the stakeholder comments / views.

**3.2** Amendment of Drug Price Control Order, 2013 to incorporate the processing charges of Blood and Blood components under DPCO is pending with National Pharmaceutical Pricing authority (NPPA).

**4. Miscellaneous:**

**4.1.** Since (2015-16), Ministry is conducting one integrated survey with a periodicity of about three years. The survey is being conducted in an estimated sample of 6.09 lakh households over 707 households. Under NFHS-5, information is being collected on key areas of family welfare, maternal and child health, fertility, certain communicable and non-communicable diseases etc.

**4.2.** An orientation session on HMIS was organised for Indian council of Medical Research-National Institute of Medical Research, National Data Quality Forum (NDQF) team on 18 January 2021. A brief introduction to the HMIS 1.0 including the description of different modules, process of data collection and validation checks were presented. The NDQF team was also briefed on HMIS 2.0 highlighting the various reporting formats, validation rules, analytics, and dashboard.

**4.3.** National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment (NPCBVI) is acentrally sponsored scheme under implementation in the Ministry of Health & FW since 1976 with the goal of reducing the prevalence of blindness to 0.3% by 2020. As per the findings of the National Blindness & Visual Impairment Survey (2015-19) conducted under NPCBVI, the prevalence of blindness (visual acuity <3/60) has come down to 0.36% (2019) from 0.68% (2007).

**4.4.** The 'Grand Finale of the Red Ribbon Quiz Competition' was organized by NACO on 12th January 2021 on the occasion of National Youth Day. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare graced the grand finale event as the Chief Guest and Sh. Aswini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare as the Guest of Honour. The objective of the quiz competition was to generate awareness among youth on HIV/AIDS and related issues. 'The Red Ribbon Quiz Competition' was conducted across the Country. The event was organized through online platform and live telecasted on different social media platforms.

**4.5.** A virtual roundtable discussion titled Value in Healthcare Meeting for Health ministers and CEOs, hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Health and the World Economic Forum was attended by Hon'ble HFM on 19 January 2021.

**4.6.** First virtual meeting of the Health Working Group (HWG) under Italian G20 Presidency was attended virtually on 26-27 January 2021.

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