

Major Events & Achievements
(November, 2020)

1. Progress of Flagship Programme:

1.1. Approvals for about 1,04,000 Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) have been accorded. Out of these, 50,687 Health & Wellness Centres have been operationalized till 26th November, 2020 against the target of 70,000 till March, 2021.

1.2. Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

PMJAY Progress Summary -November, 2020			
Metric	01.11.2020	01.12.2020	Progress in November, 2020
Number E-cards Issued*	12.64 Cr	12.69 Cr	4,54,196
Number of hospital Admissions	1.37 Cr	1.43 Cr	5,85,575
Amount Authorized for hospital admissions (Rs. In thousands)	Rs 16,974 Cr	Rs 17,664 Cr	Rs 689.9 Cr
Hospitals empanelled	23,626	24,002	376

NOTE: The above information relates to beneficiaries supported under PMJAY in alliance with state schemes. Historical data is being pushed by a few States in the API, therefore, there may be fluctuations in the figures. *Additional 4.68 Cr state cards for PMJAY beneficiaries made by states using their own IT systems

2. COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout:

2.1. Three meetings of National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) were held on 11th, 19th & 27th November, 2020 under the chairmanship of Dr. V. K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog and co-chaired Secretary(HFW).

2.2. Guidance note on target audience, training framework, training platforms for COVID-19 vaccine rollout has been approved. Digital training materials are being finalized.

2.3. CoWIN Software module is in the final stage of development.

3. Legislative and Regulative measures:

3.1. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has been requested vide letter dated 25.11.2020 to regulate advertising and depiction of tobacco use scenes in the content broadcast/ webcast on the Over-the-top (OTT) platforms. As per the Cigarettes and other Tobacco products (Prohibition of advertisement and regulations of Trade and Commerce production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 (COTPA, 2003) and rules made thereunder as well as other appropriate legal instruments, it is required that the digital media and other new technology platforms like OTTs comply with the law.

- 3.2.** The following draft notifications notified by FSSAI:
- i. Draft Food Safety and Standards (Health Supplements, Nutraceuticals, and Food for Special Medical Purpose, Functional Foods and Novel Foods) Amendment Regulations, 2020 (notified on 03.11.2020).
 - ii. Draft Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Amendment Regulations, 2020 w.r.t the standards of fortified milk powder (notified on 10.11.2020).
 - iii. Draft Food Safety and Standards (Imports) Amendment Regulations, 2020 related to inclusion of registration and inspection of Foreign Food manufacture facilities (notified on 10.11.2020).
 - iv. Draft notification on Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Regulations, 2020 w.r.t labelling of multi-sourced edible vegetable oils (notified on 10.11.2020).
 - v. Draft Notification on Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2020 prohibiting blending in Mustard Oil (notified on 10.11.2020).
 - vi. Draft Notification on Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations, 2020 (notified on 17.11.2020)

4. National Health Authority:

4.1. A policy decision was taken by National Health Authority (NHA) towards automating an escalation matrix in case of non-action by State Health Agencies on confirmed fraud cases. The Authority is also developing an escalation matrix for handling whistleblower information or other complaints from the States/UTs.

4.2. NHA visited Odisha to explore the possibility of bringing the State onboard AB-PMJAY.

4.3. An advisory was issued regarding the compliance required from States/UTs towards anti-fraud related enhancements implemented in the PMJAY IT system.

4.4. NHA organized a campaign on All India Radio for generating awareness about the portability feature of the scheme.

4.5. MoUs were signed between NHA and various hospitals to provide treatment to eligible beneficiaries of (i) Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) & their dependents; and (ii) CGHS beneficiaries.

5. Miscellaneous:

5.1. Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare chaired a meeting on 19.11.2020 to undertake a review of nature of engagement of international organizations relating to National TB Elimination Programme with this Department.

5.2. Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare participated in the virtual Ministerial Meeting of the Global Prevention Coalition (GPC) – HIV Prevention 2021-2025,

hosted by UNAIDS and UNFPA on 18th November 2020 for taking stock and planning the future. The meeting focused on strengthening HIV Prevention and Roadmap. India reaffirmed its commitment for expanding and amplifying HIV prevention efforts in the next five years.

5.3. Mapping of all States & UTs with five Drug De-Addiction Programme (DDAP) institutes, to provide help in all aspects related to technical support and training of medical professionals in the field of substance abuse for the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan districts, under the scheme of M/o Social Justice and Empowerment – National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) has been done & shared with all States & M/o SJ&E.

5.4. Webinar for Health education on “Life Style Diseases (NCD) and impact of COVID-19” and “Healthy Life Style” have been held under CGHS and the inaugural session took place on 10.11.2020 and 24.11.2020 respectively. About 1000 beneficiaries and others participated.

5.5. The survey field operations of National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5) in Phase-II States/UTs, suspended due to COVID-19 pandemic, has been restarted from November, 2020 by International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai. The meeting on the presentation of NFHS-5 States level factsheet for 22 Phase-I States/UTs was held on 27th November, 2020 before the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare.

5.6. The 43rd session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) was held virtually. The discussions were held on 24th, 25th, 26th September, 12th, 19th October 2020, and then the report was adopted on 5th and 6th November 2020. Following agenda items were discussed in CAC43 which are of concern to India: Drafts Finally adopted as Codex texts/ Standards:

- i. Proposed draft standard on Chilli Sauce
- ii. Proposed Draft Standards on Mango Chutney
- iii. Proposed Draft Standard on Ware Potatoes
- iv. Draft Code of Practices (General Principles of Food Hygiene(CXC 1-1969) and its HACCP annex)
- v. Draft Code of Practices (on food allergen management for food business operators)

The commission adopted above said draft standards (1-iv) at step 5/8 and 8, which were originally proposed and prepared by India.

- (a) The following draft standards have also been adopted as Codex texts at step 5.
- i. Standards for Follow- up Formula: Section B: Proposed draft scope, definition and labelling
 - ii. Guidance for Ready-to- Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF)
 - iii. Guidance for the management of biological food borne outbreaks
 - iv. Revision of the Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance (CXC 61-2005)

(b) The Guidelines for the safe use and reuse for water in food production has been approved by the Commission as a new work proposal, which will be Co- chaired by India.
