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1. Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018 has been introduced in Rajya Sabha on 31.12.2018.
2. The Ministry has been making steady progress in implementation of the Ayushman Bharat. A total of 8,40,672 beneficiaries have received care under the PMJAY till 15th January since the launch of the scheme on 23rd September. As regards the operationalization of the Health & Wellness Centres to provide comprehensive primary health care, around 5475 HWCs have been operationalized.
3. A meeting between Hon'ble HFM and Dr. Natalia Kanem, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNFPA was held on 11th December, 2018 at New Delhi.
4. The Ministry, along with the partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH), Geneva, hosted the Partners' Forum 2018 in New Delhi during 12th -13th December, 2018. The Ministry organized a "Market Place" during the Partners' Forum, 2018 to showcase innovations and best practices from India on the theme of Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health. On the sidelines of the Partners' Forum 2018 meeting of PMNCH, the following bilateral meetings of Hon'ble HFM were held with:
 - (a) H.E. Mr. Anass Doukkali, Hon'ble Minister of Health of Morocco on 12th December, 2018 at New Delhi;
 - (b) H.E. Mr. Hasan Ghazi Zadeh Hashemi, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Medical Education of Iran on 12th December, 2018 at New Delhi;
 - (c) H.E. Mr. Upendra Yadav, Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Health & Population of Nepal on 12th December, 2018 at New Delhi;
 - (d) H.E. Dr. Abdulla Mohammed Dahan Al-Jabri, Vice Minister of Public Health and Population of Yemen on 12th December, 2018 at New Delhi;
 - (e) H.E. Mr. Abdulla Ameen, Hon'ble Minister of Health of Maldives on 13th December, 2018 at New Delhi;
 - (f) H.E. Mr. Molwin Morgorson Joseph, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Wellness & the Environment of Antigua & Barbuda on 13th December, 2018 at New Delhi;
 - (g) Mr. Omar Abdi, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF on 13th December, 2018 at New Delhi and
 - (h) Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa, Executive Director of Partners in Population & Development (PPD) on 13th December, 2018 at New Delhi.
5. A meeting between Secretary (HFW) and Additional Secretary (AD), Ministry of External Affairs (appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Japan), was held on 20th December, 2018 at New Delhi.
6. A meeting on Safety and Access to Fertility care was held during 5th - 6th December, 2018 at Geneva, Switzerland.

7. National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) organized a mega event on the occasion of the World AIDS Day on 1st December, 2018 in Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. The Chief Guest of the event was Smt. Anupriya Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.
8. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) organized 1st National Eat Right Mela (NERM) from 14th - 16th December, 2018 in New Delhi in association with the 10th edition of National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI)'s National Street Food Festival.
9. FSSAI launched a Mass Media Campaign entitled "Heart Attack Rewind" calling for the elimination of industrially produced trans fat in the food supply. The 30 second public service announcement (PSA), the first mass media campaign of its kind, will support FSSAI's global target of eliminating trans fat in India by year 2022.
10. Nikshay E-News started from the month of December, 2018.
11. Letter of permission for recognition in respect of 3 MBBS colleges issued.
12. Notification recognizing 4 PG (Broad Speciality) courses at various Colleges/Institutes have been issued.
13. Notification for membership of Dental Council of India in respect of one member elected under clause (e) of Section 3 of the Dentist Act, 1948 has been issued.
14. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of December, 2018, approximately 6.37 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, 88,817 free spectacles were distributed to school children and 7,262 donated eyes were collected.
15. In order to enhance productivity of officers in the Ministry, we had requested NIC to make a provision in e-office software to measure the average time taken for disposal of files. An award for "officer of the month" was instituted on this basis. The results have been very positive and the time taken for file disposal has steadily come down during the past three months. This has been a wonderful case study for leveraging data which was already available to improve work culture and a separate report will be sent shortly giving details.
