

Major Events & Achievements (July, 2018)

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1. The appropriate regulations of MCI have been amended so as to make a medical college / medical institution entitled to seek equal number of postgraduate degree (MD/MS) seats by surrendering Diploma seats in corresponding courses. This will increase the number of PG degree seats without any additional effort on part of the colleges.
2. Establishment of Medical College Regulations, 1999 has been amended so as to extend the benefit of reduced minimum land requirement of 10 acres for establishing a medical college to capitals of States/UTs. Further, the metropolitan cities as defined under Article 243P(c) of the Constitution are already exempted from any minimum requirement of land.
3. Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI), MoHFW launched 'The Eat Right Movement' to improve public health in India and combat negative nutritional trends to fight lifestyle diseases. To kick start and popularize the movement, a powerful infotainment campaign through a short video starring National Award winning actor Shri Raj Kumar Rao was also launched that encourages citizens to reduce salt sugar and fat on mass media and social media, and has the potential to go viral with its simple messages 'Aaj Se, Thoda Kam'.
4. A meeting between Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Shri Sujan R. Chinoy, Hon. Ambassador of India to Japan was held on 3rd July, 2018 at New Delhi.
5. A meeting between Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Dr. Silva Lutucuta, Hon'ble Health Minister of Angola was held on 5th, July, 2018 at New Delhi to discuss bilateral health issues.
6. A meeting between Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Mr. Kabi Nkaku, Hon'ble Health Minister of Lesotho was held on 5th July, 2018 at New Delhi to discuss bilateral health issues.
7. A meeting between Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Mr. Kenneth I. Juster, Hon'ble US Ambassador to India was held on 12th, July, 2018 at New Delhi to discuss bilateral health issues.
8. A meeting between Secretary (HFW) and Shri Ashok Das, Hon. Ambassador of India to Brazil was held on 3rd July, 2018 at New Delhi.
9. A meeting between Secretary (HFW) and Shri Vishwas Sapka, Hon. High Commissioner of India to Fiji was held on 3rd July, 2018 at New Delhi.
10. A meeting between Secretary (HFW) and Hon. Ambassador of India to Peru was held on 4th July, 2018 at New Delhi.
11. On the recommendation of MCI, Ministry has issued Letter of Permission (LOP) for increase of 27 Seats in PG (Broad Speciality) for the Academic Session 2019-20.

12. Notifications have been issued recognising 35 Postgraduate medical courses.
13. Notifications/ letters of recognition regarding recognition of BDS degrees in respect of 03 Dental colleges have been issued.
14. Notifications for membership of Dental Council of India in respect of 13 (thirteen) members under Section 3 of the Dentist Act, 1948, have been issued.
15. 11 (eleven) applications for establishment of new dental college/ increase of seats in BDS course for the academic session 2019-20, have been forwarded to DCI for further evaluation and recommendations.
16. The 1st Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between India and Morocco on health cooperation was held on 19th July, 2018 at New Delhi.
17. MoHFW observed the 11th July, 2018 as World Population Day (WPD), to augment the awareness and advocate the need of population stabilization.
18. MoHFW has given extension of CGHS facilities to the retired employees of Institute of Hotel Management, Pusa and Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti.
19. MoHFW recognised Nayati Multi Super Speciality Hospital, Mathura; Grant Medical Foundation, Ruby Hall Clinic, Sassoon Road, Pune and New Ruby Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Jalandhar for treatment of Central Government Employees under CS (MA) Rules, 1944.
20. A consultation meeting with Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE), Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in the context of Drug use & HIV in prisons and other Closed Settings was chaired by Joint Secretary, NACO and Joint Secretary, Social Defense Division, MSJE on 10th July, 2018 at NACO, New Delhi.
21. National AIDS Control Organization in collaboration with Center for Community Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi organized a Pre-Surveillance Consultation, Planning and Review Meeting from 17th to 18th July, 2018 at New Delhi. It was recommended that NACO and NCDC will develop the operational plan together to ensure integration of hepatitis as additional biological marker under NACO's HIV Sentinel Surveillance System.
22. Under the chairmanship of AS & DG, (NACO&RNTCP), a review meeting was convened at NACO, New Delhi on 11th July, 2018 to access the development made in Global Fund planned activities. During the meeting, activities of Alliance India, Plan India, SAATHII, TISS and WJCF were reviewed.
23. Following a series of complaints related to sub-standard food being supplied by food businesses listed on e-Commerce food service platforms, FSSAI, MoHFW has directed 10 such platforms to delist the un-licensed/un-registered food operators and ensure compliance of food safety rules and regulations. The current list includes Box8, Faasos, FoodCloud, Foodmingo, Foodpanda, JusFood, LimeTray, Swiggy, UberEats and Zomato.
