

## Major Events & Achievements (December, 2017)

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1. The National Medical Commission Bill which seeks to constitute a National Medical Commission with 4 Autonomous Boards under it to replace the Medical Council of India (IMC) was introduced in Lok Sabha on 29.12.2017.
2. The Dentists (Amendment) Bill, 2017 which seeks to remove mandatory requirement of nomination of member from Part B of the Dental Register has been introduced in the Lok Sabha.
3. A meeting between Hon'ble HFM and H. E. Dr. Roberto Morales Ojeda, Minister of Public Health of Cuba was held to discuss bilateral health issues at New Delhi on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, followed by signing of Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of India and the Ministry of Public Health of Cuba on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine.
4. A meeting between Hon'ble HFM and H. E. Dr. Abdelkader Amara, Minister of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water of Morocco was held to discuss bilateral health issues at New Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, followed by signing of (a) Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of health & Family Welfare of India and the Ministry of Health of Morocco on cooperation in the field of Health and (b) Memorandum of Understanding between the JIPMER, Puducherry, India and the Marrakech Mohamed VI University Hospital of Morocco on cooperation in Telemedicine.
5. A meeting between Hon'ble HFM and Ambassador of India to Japan, Hon'ble Sujan Ray Chinoy was held to discuss health matter related with Japan at New Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.
6. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Empowered Programme Committee (EPC) of National Health Mission (NHM) was held on 22.12.2017 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HFW) at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. The 16<sup>th</sup> Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has signed between National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) and Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE) on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at NACO.
8. The Ministry has taken decision that applications of Clinical Trial, Marketing Authorization, Registration Certificate and Import Licence of Human Vaccines shall be accepted through online SUGSM portal from 01.01.2018.
9. Meeting on Exposure visit of SAARC Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS Centre (STAC) members to observe the best practices on TB in India was held on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

10. Secretary (HFW) attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Partnership for Maternal, New Born and Child Health (PMNCH) Board Meeting held on 12 – 15 December, 2017 in Lilongwe, Malawi.
11. NACO organized a mega event on the occasion of the World AIDS Day on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.
12. 98 PG (Broad Specialty) seats permitted for the Academic Session 2018-19.
13. Annual renewal permission for the year 2018-19 granted to 15 Medical Colleges renewing 1425 M BBS seats.
14. Letters of Renewal Permission to 34 Dental Colleges for various MDS courses for the academic year 2018-19 have been issued.
15. Notifications recognising 58 PG Courses offered by various Medical Colleges/Institutes issued.
16. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of December, 2017, approximately 5.72 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, 2.88 lakh free spectacles were distributed to school children and 8,461 donated eyes were collected.

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