

Major Events & Achievements

(February, 2018)

1. The Cabinet, in its meeting held on 07 February, 2018, approved the proposal of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Oman on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine. The said MoU was signed on 11 February, 2018 during Hon'ble Prime Minister's State visit to Oman.
2. A MoU between India and Iran on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine was signed on 17th February, 2018 during the visit of Hon'ble President of Iran to India.
3. The Cabinet, in its meeting held on 28th February, 2018, approved the proposal of MoU between India and Macedonia on cooperation in the field of Health.
4. The Cabinet, in its meeting held on 28th February, 2018, approved the proposal of MoU between India and Jordan on cooperation in the field of Health and Medical Science.
5. A delegation led by Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare attended the "Inaugural meeting of the Global Digital Health Partnership" in Canberra, Australia and addressed & attended the "International Digital Health Symposium" in Sydney, Australia during 19-23 February, 2018.
6. Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare on 26th February, 2018 has launched the Viral Load testing for all People living with HIV/ AIDS (PLHIV) who are on treatment in the Country to provide free of cost Viral Load Testing at least once a year.
7. 5th Meeting of Mission Steering Group (MSG) of National Health Mission was held under the Chairpesonship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, on 27th February 2018.
8. 1st Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between India and Croatia on Cooperation in the field of Health & Medicine was held on 9th February, 2018 at New Delhi.
9. Participation in 9th Meeting of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (STAG-AMR) was held on 26-27 February, 2018 in Salle D, WHO Headquarter, in Geneva Switzerland.

10. Participation in WHO Informal consultation on Regulatory expectations for the evaluation of nucleic acid vaccines was held during 21-23 February, 2018 at Geneva, Switzerland.
11. Participation in WHO Technical Consultation on Universal Access to Core Malaria Interventions was held during 12-15 February, 2018 at Geneva, Switzerland.
12. Month Long Media Campaign on All India Radio and Doordarshan on awareness regarding TB launched w.e.f. 28 February, 2018.
13. WHO Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) Consultant Network meeting was held on February 9-10, to discuss the strategy of programme implementation.
14. Meeting on inter-operability and development of bridge between software of NACP and RNTCP for TB-HIV related data was held on 2nd February, 2018.
15. Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997 has been amended to notify Time Schedule for completion of the admission process for admission in First Year MBBS Course for the Academic Session 2018-19 and onwards.
16. Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 has been amended to notify Time Schedule for completion of admission process for postgraduate courses (Broad Speciality) for the Academic Session 2018-19 and onwards.
17. On the recommendation of MCI, Ministry has issued Letter of Permission for starting/increasing of 706 Seats in PG (Broad Speciality) for the Academic Session 2018-19.
18. Letters of Renewal Permission to 114 Dental Colleges for various MDS courses and 34 Dental Colleges in BDS courses for the academic year 2018-19 have been issued.
19. Letters of Permission for starting/increasing of MDS courses in respect of 4 Dental Colleges for the academic year 2018-19 have been issued.
20. Notifications/letters of recognition of BDS degrees in respect of 9 Dental colleges have been issued.
21. A meeting of the Technical Resource Group (TRG) on HIV Surveillance and Estimation was convened to review and approve the results from HIV estimation 2017.

22. HIV intervention in Prisons and other closed settings was launched by NACO in Jaipur on 20th February, 2018. During the event, MoU has been signed between Rajasthan State AIDS Control Society (SACS) and Dept. of Prisons, Govt. of Rajasthan to rollout HIV intervention in prisons and other closed settings.
23. Till 24th February, 2018, more than 7.6 crore children have been vaccinated under the Measles-Rubella (MR) campaign which covered 15 states/UTs.
24. Till 21st February 2018, around 59.42 lakh children and 11.85 lakh pregnant women have been vaccinated in the States of Assam, Bihar and Kerala during February, 2018 round of Intensified Mission Indradhanush.
25. A meeting was organised on dissemination of findings of data verification & data validation of Elimination of Mother to Child transmission of HIV & Syphilis for 6 States (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Telangana & Tamil Nadu) on 22nd February 2018 at New Delhi.
26. First National Malaria Elimination Task Force meeting was held on 21.02.2018 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, HFW to assess the current Epidemiological Situation of Malaria and strategies for malaria elimination.
27. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of February, 2018, around 7.10 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, 0.97 lakh free spectacles were distributed to school children and around 8,273 donated eyes were collected.
