

## Major Events & Achievements

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1. "Nikushth" an online reporting system with patient tracking mechanism for National Leprosy Eradication Programme has been launched by Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at Rajkot, Gujarat.
2. Mycobacterium Indicus Pranii (MIP) Vaccine for Leprosy has been launched by Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at Rajkot, Gujarat.
3. A delegation from India attended the 70<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly at Geneva in May, 2017. India also organized two Side events, (i) on access to medicines in the context of the U.N. High Level Panel Report and (ii) a global event on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day. India played a substantial role in reaching agreed decision points on the agenda items on access to medicines, action plan on non-communicable diseases and the implementation plan on the recommendations of the Commission on ending childhood obesity. India's interventions on many other agenda items were appreciated by other country delegates.
4. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Palestine on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine was signed on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at New Delhi.
5. Secretary(HFW) participated in the "Global Adolescent Health Conference" and the "20<sup>th</sup> PMNCH Board Meeting" held in Ottawa, Canada during 16-19 May, 2017.
6. A delegation led by Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare participated in the 29<sup>th</sup> Stop TB Partnership Meeting" and the "G20 Health Ministers Meeting" held in Berlin, Germany on 18-20 May, 2017.
7. A meeting between Hon'ble MoS(AP) and Ms. Jill Hennessy, Hon'ble Victorian Minister for Health & Ambulances, Victoria (Australia) was held to discuss bilateral health issues at New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.
8. A meeting between Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Czech Parliamentary Delegation was held to discuss bilateral health issues at New Delhi on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.
9. In National Florence Nightingale Award Ceremony, 2017 held in Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi, 35 outstanding nursing personnel were awarded with Florence Nightingale Award.
10. Letters of permission for establishment of 14 new Medical Colleges (1800 MBBS seats increased) and for establishment of 4 new Dental Colleges (250 seats in BDS admission intake) for academic year 2017-18 have been issued.

11. Letters of permission for increase of intake capacity of 390 seats in MBBS course in respect of 8 Medical Colleges and for increase of seats from 40 to 100 seats in BDS course in respect of 1 Dental College for academic year 2017-18 have been issued.
12. Letters of renewal of permission for admission in MBBS course to 138 existing Medical Colleges (14562 MBBS seats renewed) and for admission in the BDS course to 11 Dental Colleges for academic year 2017-18 have been issued.
13. Letters of Permission issued for 63 Super Speciality seats in 34 courses. Further, as one time measure 76 Super Speciality seats increased in Govt. Medical Colleges for 2017-18.
14. Notifications/Letters for recognition in respect of 155 PG Courses issued.
15. Rs. 1270 crore released to States under the CSS for Establishment of New Medical Colleges.
16. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, upto May, 2017, approximately 2.25 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, about 6,550 free spectacles were distributed to school children and around 2,140 donated eyes were collected.

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