

**Major Event & Achievement  
(February 2021)**

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**1. Progress of Flagship Programme:**

**1.1.** Approvals for 1,05,147 Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) have been accorded. Out of these, 60,191 Health & Wellness Centres have been operationalized till 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 against the target of 70,000 till March, 2021.

**1.2.** National Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC) meetings under NHM are being conducted for appraisal of States/UTs NHM Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) since 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. During the month of February, 2021 NPCC meetings were conducted with 8 States/UTs.

**2. Legislative and Regulative measures:**

**2.1.** Amendment of Drug Price Control Order, 2013 to incorporate the processing charges of Blood and Blood components under DPCO is pending with National Pharmaceutical Pricing authority (NPPA). The last meeting for bringing the processing charges of blood and blood components under the ambit of DPCO was held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 by NPPA.

**3. Miscellaneous:**

**3.1.** As per the findings of the National Blindness & Visual Impairment Survey (2015-19) conducted under National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment NPCBVI, the prevalence of blindness (visual acuity <3/60) has come down to 0.36% (2019) from 0.68% (2007).

**3.2.** During April, 2020 to February, 2021, 1.46 lakh COVID-19 tests were performed through Public Sector Laboratories for HIV-1 Viral Load testing under NACP.

**3.3.** A virtual capacity building session was conducted by NACO for the counsellors of the National Toll-Free AIDS Helpline - 1097 on 19th February 2021 with the objective to equip the counsellors with the National AIDS Control Programme updates and recent initiatives undertaken at the national level.

**3.4.** A meeting was convened under the chairmanship of AS&DG, NACO on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 to discuss the recommendation of LGBTQI held under the aegis of National Human Right Commission.

**3.5.** The Ministry is harnessing the potential of Social Media. Its Twitter handle has more than 2.1 M followers. It's You Tube channel has new videos with its viewing graph regularly moving upwards. It has more than 52.45 M views. Website is updated at regular intervals and is now a useful resource for the information on the Ministry's initiatives.

**3.6.** First round of intensified Mission Indradhanush 3.0 has been launched in February, 2021 and is underway.

**3.7.** Measles-Rubella (MR) campaign started in a phased manner from February, 2021.

**3.8.** Inputs from MoHFW (Tobacco Control and Drug De-Addiction) have been provided to National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) for drafting a Joint Action Plan on Prevention of Drugs & Substance use among children.

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