

Major Events & Achievements (March, 2018)

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1. Cabinet note for continuation of National Health Mission (NHM) from 1.4.2017 to 31.3.2020 has been approved by Cabinet on 20.3.2018.
2. Official amendments to the National Medical Commission Bill have been moved to Lok Sabha for consideration and passing.
3. On the recommendation of MCI, Ministry has issued Letter of Permission (LOP) for:
 - i. Starting/Increase of 05 Seats in PG (Super Specialty) courses for the Academic Session 2018-19.
 - ii. Establishment of a new Medical College with 150 MBBS Seats and for increase of 120 MBBS Seats in two Existing Medical Colleges. Total 270 MBBS Seats are increased during the month.
 - iii. Increase of 524 Seats in PG (Broad Specialty) courses under one time increase of seats for the Academic Session 2018-19.
4. Notifications for recognition of 31 PG medical courses issued u/s 11(2) of IMC Act, 1956.
5. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Jordan on cooperation in the field of Health and Medical Science was signed on 1st March, 2018.
6. The Cabinet in its meeting held on 14th March 2018 approved the proposal of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Iran on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine signed on 17th February, 2018.
7. During the visit of DG, WHO a Memorandum of Agreement was signed between MoHFW and WHO towards sustainability of polio free status in the country and/or any other activities agreed to by the Parties. GoI shall provide the funds whereas WHO shall provide the technical support.
8. A meeting between Hon'ble HFM and H.E. Prof. Issac F. Adewole, Nigerian Minister for Health to discuss bilateral health matters was held on 14th March, 2018 in New Delhi.
9. Grant-in-aid of Rs.65 crore has been released to States under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Establishment of New Medical Colleges attached with District/ Referral Hospitals'.
10. Grant-in-aid of Rs.17.64 crore has been released to States under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical College to increase MBBS seats in the country'.

11. Grant-in-aid of Rs.13.66 crore has been released to States under the Scheme for 'strengthening and up-gradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new PG disciplines and increasing PG seats'.
12. Notifications/ letters of recognition regarding recognition of MDS degrees in various specialities in respect of 76 Dental colleges have been issued.
13. Delhi End TB Summit wherein the Global Leaders and Head of the key partners agencies and all other stakeholders in TB Control had renewed their commitment for ending TB by 2025 under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister held on 13.3.2018 in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi; World TB Day 2018 held on 24.3.2018 at Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi under the Leadership of Secretary, HFW.
14. DCI, MDS Course (1st Amendment) Regulations, 2018 and DCI (10th Amendment) Regulations, 2018 have been published in the Official Gazette on 15.03.2018.
15. National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) organized "Expert consultation on newer methods of HIV surveillance and estimations in India" during 21st to 24th March 2018 in collaboration with UNAIDS, WHO and Centre for Disease Control (CDC), USA.
16. HIV & TB intervention in prisons & other closed settings in MP was launched by Additional Director General, NACO, MoHFW during a high level meeting held in Bhopal, MP on 28.3.2018.
17. Grouping Guidelines for Medical Devices Application were issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
18. To amend the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945, a Notification dated 13.03.2018 was issued to provide that proper name of the drug shall be written in the same font as the brand name but it would be two font sizes larger than the brand name.
19. Second Meeting of the Global Tobacco Regulators Forum (GTRF) was held during 6th March, 2018 at Cape Town, South Africa.
20. 17th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH) was held during 7th - 9th March, 2018 at Cape Town, South Africa.
21. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of March, 2018, approximately 6.91 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, 1.14 lakh free spectacles were distributed to school children and 6,613 donated eyes were collected.
