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1. Eligibility Requirement for taking Admission in an Undergraduate Medical Course in a Foreign Medical Institution Regulations, 2002 and Screening Test Regulations, 2002 have been amended so as to provide that any Indian Citizen/Overseas Citizen of India intending to obtain primary medical qualification from any medical institution outside India, on or after May 2018, shall have to mandatorily qualify the NEET. The result of the NEET shall deem to be treated as the Eligibility Certificate for such persons.
2. Medical Council of India (Prevention and Prohibition of Ragging in Medical Colleges/Institutions) Regulations, 2009 has been amended whereby definition of ragging has been broadened.
3. Amendment in Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 to make provisions to ensure that the permitted PG Degree / Diploma seat get recognized; for imposition of various penalties including monetary penalty, if found deficiency during the inspection; to allow colleges to start PG courses at the time of 3rd and 4th renewal of MBBS batches; teacher – student ratio in non-government medical colleges / institution has been relaxed; 5% reservations of PG medical seats for PwD in accordance with the provisions of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016; benefit of reservation of 50% of seats for the in-service Government Medical Officers (GMO) in diploma courses has been extended to GMO who have served in rural areas.

The Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 has been amended to make provisions to ensure that the permitted PG Degree / Diploma seats get recognized in time and to provide for imposition of monetary penalty, if a college is found deficient during any inspection. Colleges have been allowed to start PG courses at the time of 3rd and 4th renewal of MBBS batches; relaxation of teacher – student ratio has been extended to non-government medical colleges / institutions. This will lead to increase PG seats in the country. 5% reservations of PG medical seats for PwD in accordance with the provisions of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 has also been made.

States has been given flexibility to decide the extent of incentive marks for in-service doctors for admission to PG degree courses – ‘upto’ 10% marks of the marks obtained in NEET- PG for each year of service in remote and/or difficult areas or rural areas subject to a maximum of 30%. Benefit of reservation of 50% of seats for the in-service Government Medical Officers (GMO) in diploma courses has been extended to GMO who have served in rural areas.

A matrix has also been notified to prevent seat blocking during counselling for PG admissions.
4. On the recommendation of MCI, Ministry has issued Letter of Permission (LOP) for increase of 4 Seats in PG (Broad Speciality) for the Academic Session 2018-19.

5. Notifications/Letters for recognition in respect of 13 MBBS Colleges issued.
6. Letters for renewal of permission in respect of 1 MBBS College issued.
7. Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) signed with Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, West Bengal for establishment of new medical colleges in the States under Phase-II of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Establishment of New Medical Colleges attached with District / Referral Hospitals.
8. Letter of Intent (LOI) for increase of seats in BDS course from 40 to 50 seats in respect of one (1) dental college for academic session 2018-19 has been issued.
9. Import of Oxytocin in any form/name in India has been prohibited under Section 10A of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940.
10. The notification has been issued under Section 26A of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 to prevent misuse of drug Oxytocin by restriction of the manufacture of formulations for domestic use to public sector only and supply of oxytocin formulation for human use only to the registered Hospitals & Clinics in public/private sector directly instead of through retails chemists.
11. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 7th April, 2018 between India and Timor-Leste on cooperation in the field of Healthcare and Public Health.
12. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 9th April, 2018 between India and Swaziland on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine.
13. A meeting between Secretary (HFW) and H.E. Mr. Nils Ragnar Kamswang, Ambassador of Norway was held on 19th April, 2018 at New Delhi to discuss the update on the Norway Indian partnership Initiative (NIPI-III).
14. A meeting between Additional Secretary (AS) and Dr. Krish Valabjee, Chief Director, Policy and Strategy, Western Cape Government, South Africa was held on 26th April, 2018 at New Delhi to discuss various health issues.
15. The 3rd Conference on Parties (COP) bureau of FCTC meeting was attended by an Indian delegation led by Secretary (HFW) during 3rd - 6th April, 2018 at Geneva, Switzerland.
16. The 70th World Health Day Celebration on 7th April, 2018 at Colombo, Sri Lanka was attended by Joint Secretary (GM).
17. The Cabinet in its meeting held on 21.3.2018, has approved the launch of Ayushman Bharat - National Health Protection Mission [now Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Mission (PMRSSM)] in 2018-19, which will provide health insurance cover of upto Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary hospitalization, to over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families

(approx.. 50 crore beneficiaries). After the launch of PMRSSM, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana/Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme will be subsumed in it.

18. Ministry issued a clarification regarding demarcation of CGHS covered areas under CGHS Wellness Centre.
19. Under Intensified Mission Indradhanush, till 15th April, 2018, around 59.49 lakh children and 11.86 lakh pregnant women have been vaccinated.
20. Kayakalp Award was given away by at a function organized by this Ministry on 19th April, 2018. Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri J.P. Nadda, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Ashwani Kumar Chaubey and Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Smt. Anupriya Patel, gave away the prizes to different hospitals which were declared winners by way of rigorous evaluation.
21. Under Measles-Rubella (MR) campaign, till 23rd April, 2018, around 7.80 crore children have been vaccinated.
22. Hon'ble Vice President Shri Vankaiya Naidu gave away the certificates to the students of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research of Dr. RML Hospital on successful passing out of Post-Graduate Medical Examination at a ceremony attended by Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri J.P. Nadda, Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey and Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Smt. Anupriya Patel.
23. Hon'ble Mnister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri J.P. Nadda, presided over the platinum jubilee celebration of Safdarjung Hospital at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 25th April, 2018. Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey and Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Smt. Anupriya Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Dr. Mahesh Sharma, were present on this occasion.
24. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of April, 2018, approximately 1,37,560 cataract surgeries were performed, 1,676 free spectacles were distributed to school children and 658 donated eyes were collected.
