

Major Events and Achievements

(August -2021)

A brief report for the month of August, 2021 is as follows.

1. Progress of Flagship Programmes:

1.1. Approvals for about 1.5 lakhs Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) have been accorded. Out of these, 77,625 Health & Wellness Centres have been operationalized till 27.08.2021.

2. The National Fact Sheet Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS-4),

2.1 The National Fact Sheet Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS-4), India, 2019 was released by Hon'ble Union Health Minister for Health & Family Welfare on 10th August, 2021.

2.2 The fourth round of Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS-4) was conducted in 2019 by the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The survey was designed to produce national estimates of tobacco use among school going children aged 13-15 years at the State level and Union Territory (UT). The first three rounds of GYTS were conducted in 2003, 2006 and 2009. It is for the first time that the GYTS-4 is also providing State/UT level estimates of prevalence of tobacco use among school going children in 13-15 years age group.

2.3 The National Fact Sheet can be accessed at https://ntcp.nhp.gov.in/assets/document/National_Fact_Sheet_of_fourth_round_of_Global_Youth_Tobacco_Survey_GYTS-4.pdf

2.4 Vide D.O. Letter dated 24th August, 2021, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare has requested Hon'ble Minister of Education for taking appropriate measures for curbing tobacco usage among young children in schools.

2.5 Vide D.O. Letter dated 14th August, 2021, Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare has requested State Health Departments of all States/UTs regarding release of GYTS-4 State level data and for taking enforcement measures for implementation of COTPA, 2003 provisions and Tobacco Free Educational Institution (ToFEI) guidelines.

2.6 An Online reporting mechanism/Management Informatics System (MIS) for National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) activities was launched by Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare. This MIS will help in tracking the implementation of National Tobacco Control Programme and will generate the real time data, which will help in quick analysis of tobacco control measures.

3. Miscellaneous

3.1 A meeting with all development partners on the progress of "TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan" was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare on 5th August 2021.

3.2 TB sensitization meeting for all Hon'ble Members of the House of Parliament to solicit their cooperation and support towards Ending TB in India by 2025 which was chaired by Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Co-chaired by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 09th August, 2021.

3.3 'World Breastfeeding Week' was celebrated from 1st -7th August, 2021 across all the States/UTs.

3.4 To contribute in development of New India@75 under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) organized a virtual event to launch the awareness campaigns on HIV/ AIDS, Tuberculosis and Voluntary Blood Donation on International Youth Day, August 12, 2021. These awareness campaigns are being conducted by schools and Red Ribbon Clubs constituted in colleges in order to disseminate age-appropriate information among adolescents and youth. Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Hon'ble MoS, MoHFW attended the launch event. More than 1,23,000 students from schools and colleges across the country joined the event through different virtual platforms.