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1. A roundtable of State Health Ministers was held. This was presided over by the Hon'ble Union Minister for health & Family Welfare. This was the first ever meet of State Health Ministers and State Health Secretaries that has huge implications for the health and wellbeing of citizens and is the key to preventive healthcare. During the roundtable, the Union Health Minister also released Guidelines for 'Clean Street Food Hubs' and 'Safe and Hygienic Food Festivals'. This will help in building capacities of street food vendors and will go a long way to inspire citizens' trust in unorganized street food vending.
2. 26th Meeting of the Central Supervisory Board constituted under the Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act (PC&PNDT Act, 1994) was held on 24th January, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare.
3. Meeting of the Expert Committee was held for implementing Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement of 13-12-2017 in WP (C) 341/2008 held on 24th January, 2018.
4. Amendment in the Minimum Standard Requirement for 50/100/150/200/250 MBBS Admissions Annually Regulation, 1999 was done.
5. Manner of conducting NEET (SS), 2018 would be on the basis of Super-Specialty with an option to students to appear for a maximum of two super specialties so that chances of candidates blocking seat unnecessarily during counselling are minimized. 60% questions may be come from the particular Specialty and 40% questions may come from the Feeder Course Broad Specialty.
6. On the recommendations of MCI, Ministry has issued Letter of Permission (LoP) for starting /increase of 12 seats in PG (Broad Speciality) for academic session 2018-19.
7. Letters of Renewal Permission to 52 Dental Colleges for various MDS courses for the academic year 2018-19 have been issued.
8. Letters of Permission for Starting/ Increase of MDS courses in respect of 4 Dental Colleges for the academic year 2018-19 have been issued.
9. The 27th Meeting of Governing Body of the National Blood Transfusion Council (NBTC) was organised under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary & Director General, NACO and President NBTC on 30th January 2018 at NACO.
10. Under the Chairmanship of AS&DG, NACO, a meeting has convened on 30th January, 2018 to review the progress of Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and syphilis in 5 States (Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh) at NACO.

11. Review of TB Programme under Chairmanship of Secretary (HFW) with Principal Secretaries/Mission Directors of all States/UTs through video conferencing was held on 16th January, 2018.
12. Till 25th January, 2018, around 58.66 lakh children and 11.71 lakh pregnant women have been vaccinated in the four rounds of Intensified Mission Indradhanush.
13. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of January, 2018, approximately 5.21 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, 0.97 lakh free spectacles were distributed to school children and 3,751 donated eyes were collected.
