

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

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**1. Progress of Flagship Programmes:**

1.1. Approvals for 1,05,147 Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs) have been accorded. Out of these, as reported by the States/UTs in HWC Portal, 70221 Health & Wellness Centres have been operationalized till 22.03.2021 against the target of 70,000 till March, 2021.

1.2 During the month of March, 2021, National Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC) meetings with 14 States/UTs has been conducted.

**2. Legislative and Regulative measures:**

2.1. National Commission on Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2021 has been passed by the Parliament on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 to reform and regulate the hitherto unregulated sector of Allied and Healthcare education. After the assent of the President of India, the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021 has also been notified on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

2.2 The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021 has been notified in the Gazette of India on 25.03.2021.

**3. COVID Vaccination for CGHS Beneficiaries:**

3.1 As per Government of India policy, COVID-19 vaccine is being provided free of cost to all at the designated government facilities. The private hospitals are charging Rs. 250/- per dose. CGHS beneficiaries are free to use get themselves vaccinated at private hospitals. However, in such cases reimbursement of the charges paid to private hospitals cannot be claimed by them. Also, no referral from CGHS Wellness Centers to the private hospitals is required in such cases.

3.2 The planning and operational aspects for COVID-19 vaccination are in the domain of the State Governments. The District Health authorities are making arrangements for listing of the health facilities, for providing training, logistics, vaccinators and the vaccine to the identified facilities where COVID-19 vaccination centers are being planned and started. A request has been made to all states to consider utilising CGHS Wellness Centres as CVC (Covid Vaccination Centre), if feasible.



#### **4. National Health Authority**

4.1 The ongoing Aapke Dwar Ayushman campaign is successfully running in 10 States and UTs and has resulted in the verification of more than 1.5 Crore beneficiaries in March 2021.

4.2 A total amount of Rs. 896.56 crore was released to the States/UTs as part of the Central share towards the implementation of AB PM-JAY in the month of March 2021.

4.3 The newly designed Ayushman Cards have been deployed in the States of UP, MP, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and other Union Territories.

4.4 A total 176 out of identified top 256 hospitals across the country have been empanelled.

4.5 A total 765 out of identified 1270 identified 100-bedded private hospitals have been empanelled as on date.

#### **5. Miscellaneous:**

5.1. A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare to review the National Fact Sheet of the fourth round of Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS-4) conducted among 13-15-year-old school-going children and Management Informatics System/Online Reporting of National Tobacco Control Programme by States/UTs.

5.2 Observation of World TB Day and Launch of TB Mukht Bharat campaign by Hon'ble HFM and Hon'ble MoS on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021. On the occasion of World TB day many activities were conducted at NDTBC from 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Also, this year various programmes were conducted with SPYM (Society for the promotion of Youth and masses) in which children were encouraged to participate. Various activities like painting competition, slogan writing competition and poem recitation competition on TB were undertaken. A community meet in the Hauz Qazi area of Old Delhi was also undertaken whereby the community was sensitized about Tuberculosis, its treatment and prevention.

5.3 National Institute of TB and Respiratory Diseases (NITRD) Mobile App was launched by Union Health & Family Welfare Minister during World TB Day event on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.



5.4 Also, Hon'ble HFM, Hon'ble Minister for Tribal Affairs and Hon'ble MoS-HFW launched the Tribal TB Initiative on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

5.5 The activities of fifth round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) are under progress. In view of the scope of the survey attempting estimates at National, State and District level estimates for the 707 districts of the country (as on March, 2017) the survey is being conducted in an estimated sample of 6.09 lakh households.

5.6 The 42nd General Council meeting of International Institute for Population Sciences was held under the chairpersonship of Hon'ble HFM on 02.03.2021.

5.7 The 5th Dissemination Workshop of Population Research Centre was held during 01.03.2021-02.03.2021 at PRC, Lucknow University. During the workshop, Hon'ble MoS, Health and Family Welfare launched "PRC LOGO", PRC Website, PRC Compendium titled "Programme Evaluation under National Health Mission: Evidence to Policy", PRC Newsletter (October-December, 2020) and a book titled "Delivery of Maternal and Child Health Care services survey Covid-19 Pandemic: A Study of Rajasthan".

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