

Major Events and Achievements

(October -2021)

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

1. Progress of Flagship Programmes:

1.1. Approvals for about 1.5 lakh Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) have been accorded. Out of these, 79,671 Health & Wellness Centres have been operationalized till 30th October, 2021. The target is operationlization of 1.5 lakh AB-HWCs by December, 2022

2. Legislative and Regulative Measures:

2.1 The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Rules, 2021 had been published in The Gazette of India on 12th October, 2021.

2.2 Gazette Notification on Food Safety and Standards (Organic Foods) First Amendment Regulations, 2021 has been issued on 14-10-2021.

2.3 Corrigenda for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, published the Food Safety and Standards (Health Supplements Nutraceuticals, Food For Special Medical Purpose, Functional Food and Novel Food) First Amendment Regulations, 2021 was notified on 14-10-2021.

3. Tuberculosis Prevention :-

3.1. 2021 TB Seal campaign was inaugurated at Rashtrapathi Bhawan on 2nd October 2021. The President of India released the TB Seals on the theme “TB and Covid”.

3.2 A High Level WHO SEARO meeting of all South East Asian Countries, for Renewed TB Response was held on 26th October, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India.

3.3 Hon’ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare participated in and guided the States/UTs during the National Consultative Workshop on State Strategic Plans for Ending TB by 2025 held during 29th -30th October, 2021 at New Delhi.

4 Miscellaneous

4.1 "Quit Tobacco Be a Hero Campaign" was launched by Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare on the occasion of World Mental Health Day, 10th October, 2021. The campaign is being undertaken by National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru. This will be a nation-wide campaign with the following objectives;

- **To provide a platform to tobacco users to share their narrative of quitting or attempting to quit through a self-made video.**
- **Promotion of the National Tobacco Quitline Toll-Free 1800-11-2356 and m-Cessation services.**

4.2 Under the auspice of the country-wide campaign "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav", National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) launched the Phase II of awareness campaigns on HIV&AIDS and Tuberculosis on 12th October 2021 in virtual mode. The Hon'ble Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar was the Chief Guest for the launch event.

4.3 6th edition of NFI (National Formulary of India) released on 28.10.2021 by Hon'ble HFM Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.