

Major Events & Achievements (September, 2018)

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1. The Medical Council of India has been superseded through promulgation of the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (as the Parliament is not in session) and the powers and functions of the Council has been vested under a Board of Governors, until a new Council is constituted in accordance with the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 or until the National Medical Commission is constituted or some other arrangement is made.
2. Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare chaired the 71st Session of the Regional Committee of the WHO Region for South East Asia (WHO-SEARO) and the Ministerial Round-table Meeting, held in New Delhi during 3 - 7 September, 2018.
3. An Indian delegation led by Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare participated in the United Nations High Level Meetings on TB and NCDs during 25 – 28 September, 2018 at New York, USA. Other side events during the High level meeting of the UN General Assembly includes Roll Back Malaria side event on malaria on 25th September, 2018, Side event hosted by US CDC on the Fight Against Tuberculosis on 26th September, 2018, Every Women Every Child- High Level Steering Group Meeting on 28th September, 2018 etc.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India was honoured with UN Interagency Task Force Award for recognition of outstanding contribution towards the NCD and related Sustainable Development Goals on 27th September, 2018 during the High level meeting of the UN General Assembly. AS & MD was also honoured with the UN Interagency Task Force Award for his outstanding individual contribution towards the NCD and related Sustainable Development Goals.

4. Notification recognising 8 PG (Broad Speciality) courses at various colleges/Institutes have been issued.
5. Grant-in-aid of Rs.1093.75 crore has been released to 19 States/UT under Phase-I & II of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Establishment of New Medical Colleges attached with District/ Referral Hospitals'.
6. Grant-in-aid of Rs.243.00 crore has been released to 10 States for 27 Government Medical Colleges under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government medical college to increase MBBS seats in the country'.
7. Grant-in-aid of Rs.74.0318 crore has been released to 15 States for 28 Government Medical Colleges under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Strengthening and up-gradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new PG disciplines and increasing PG seats'.
8. An amount of Rs. 5.96 crore has been released under the scheme of Development of Nursing Services (Upgradation of existing School of Nursing into College of Nursing) to the State of Rajasthan.
9. The following Regulations have been notified in the Official Gazette:

DCI Screening Test (2nd Amendment) Regulations, 2018;
DCI Revised Dentists (Code of Ethics) (2nd Amendment) Regulations, 2018;
Continuing Dental Education Regulations, 2018 and
MDS Course (2nd Amendment) Regulations, 2018.

10. Ministry has issued order for opening of CGHS Wellness Centres at Kochi, Varanasi, Srinagar, Jalandhar, Visakhapatnam and Baghpat.
11. Ministry has recognised Chugh Eye Surgery Centre, Ludhiyana and Vivekanand Netralaya & Phaco Centre, Jalgaon for treatment of Central Government employees under CS(MA) Rules, 1944.
12. Ministry has given extension of CGHS facilities to the retired employees of Statutory/Autonomous Bodies, whose serving employees are already covered under CGHS.
13. A meeting between Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Hon. Bradley Ronald Hazzard, Minister of Health & Medical Research, New South Wales, Australia was held on 13th September, 2018 at New Delhi.
14. The 1st Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between Indian and Germany on health cooperation was held through Video Conferencing on 17th September, 2018 at New Delhi.
15. A meeting between Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Dr. Hiroto Izumi, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan was held on 17th September, 2018 at New Delhi.
16. The HIV and TB Intervention in Prisons and Other Closed Settings was launched in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu on 6th September 2018 and 7th September 2018 respectively. During both the events in Karnataka & Tamil Nadu, Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between State AIDS Control Society, Department of Prisons, Department of Women and Child Development and Department of Social Defense to ensure effective implementation of the proposed HIV/TB prevention and treatment services.
17. To bring together innovators and start-up entrepreneurs to provide innovative solutions and transform country's food safety and nutrition landscape, FSSAI, MoHFW launched the 'Food Innovators Network (FINE)' programme during TiE Delhi NCR Food & Food Services Summit, 2018. FINE is in conjunction with the Government's initiative on 'Start-up India' and 'Digital India'.
18. FSSAI, MoHFW launched "Clean and safe meat" initiative with the objective to develop an ecosystem that will enable the availability of clean and safe meat to meat products to consumers.
19. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of September, 2018, approximately 5.07 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, 48,578 free spectacles were distributed to school children and 4,173 donated eyes were collected.
20. Launch of Sputum Sample Transportation under RNTCP through Indian Postal Services, as a Pilot took place in New Delhi on 19 September, 2018.
