

Major Events & Achievements (March, 2019)

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1. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister has accorded approval on 8th March, 2019 for continuation of National AIDS Control Programme-IV (NACP-IV) beyond 12th Five Year Plan for a period of three years from April, 2017 to March, 2020. The total outlay will be Rs. 6434.76 crore.
2. The 17th Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) and North Eastern Council (NEC), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (M/o DoNER) on 8th March, 2019. This partnership aims to strengthen Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome(AIDS) response in North Eastern Region, primarily to reach out to large number of people through HIV/AIDS awareness information through NEC, DONER, enhance involvement of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in reaching out to High Risk Group and Youth in accessing prevention and testing services, enhance coordination and advocacy with State Governments in North Eastern Region for garnering support through major meetings, reduce social stigma and discrimination against people infected and affected by HIV, and to enhance access of social protection by people living with HIVs.
3. Eligibility Criteria in 'Eligibility Requirement for Taking Admission in an Undergraduate Medical Course in a Foreign Medical Institution Regulation, 2002' has been amended. Now, the result of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) shall be valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of declaration of result, entitling a candidate to pursue MBBS or equivalent medical course including pre-medical/language course, if any, followed by MBBS or equivalent medical course.
4. In the Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000, a new course namely M.Ch. (Paediatric Orthopaedics) has been notified. Also, prior requirements/serial number of courses in the list namely DM(Medical Oncology), DM(Interventional Radiology), M.Ch. (Surgical Oncology), M.Ch.(Gynaecological Oncology), M.Ch. (Head & Neck Surgery), M.Ch. (Reproductive Medicine & Surgery) have been amended.
5. Notifications recognizing 28 Post Graduate (Broad Speciality) courses of various Medical Colleges/Institution have been issued.
6. A National TB Co-morbidity Coordination Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HFW) to review the collaborative activities like TB-HIV, TB-Tobacco, TB-NCD etc.
7. A new Health Management Information System (HMIS) is being developed on Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP). During the month of March, 2019, prototype testing of new HMIS is being undertaken. Technical Upgradation/Maintenance is under process.

8. A video conference conducted with States/UTs on Home Based New-born Care and Home Based Care of Young Children on 6th March, 2019 which was chaired by Member, NITI Aayog, and co-chaired by AS&MD, MoHFW.
9. A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Export Inspection Council (EIC) and Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA) for cooperation in areas of food safety.
10. Guidelines regarding admission of students with "Specified Disabilities" under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 with respect to admission in PG Courses have been notified on 15th February, 2019.
11. Approval for 22,380 Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs) has been accorded during the Financial Year 2018-19. Out of these, 17,099 HWCs are operationalized till 31st March, 2019 as reported by the States/UTs on the HWC Portal.
12. Measles Rubella (MR) Campaign has been rolled out in 32 States/UTs by March, 2019. MR Campaign has been completed in 29 States/UTs. More than 30.31 crore children have been vaccinated under the campaign till 25th March, 2019.
13. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of March, 2019, approximately 6.28 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, 1,49,612 free spectacles were distributed to school children and 5,016 donated eyes were collected.
14. The progress under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB – PMJAY) in the month of March, 2019 is as under:

PMJAY Progress March 2019			
Metric	Overall 01/04/2019	Overall 01/03/2019	Progress through March 2019
E-Cards Issued	2,84,36,967	2,08,19,359	76,17,608
Beneficiaries Admitted in Hospital	17,96,966	13,66,614	4,30,352
Amount Authorized for Admissions	2417.2 Cr	1813.5 Cr	603.7 Cr
Claims Submitted	13,52,658	10,16,650	3,36,008
Claims Submitted Amount	1770.8 Cr	1312.4 Cr	458.4 Cr
Average Claim size	13,091	12,909	13,643
Claims Approved	9,89,898	7,86,041	2,03,857
Claims Approved Amount	1297.0 Cr	1014.7 Cr	282.3 Cr
Hospitals Empanelled	15,223	14,741	482
Total Calls Answered by NHA Call Centre (14555)	36,40,557	26,46,703	9,93,854
Total Users on mera.pmjay.gov.in	94,42,131	74,81,933	19,60,198
Total PMJAY App Installations	2.71 Lakh	1.27 lakh	1.44 Lakh

15. The progress under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) in the month of March, 2019 is as under:

- i. Project of Super Speciality Block (SSB) under Phase-III of PMSSY at Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Hubli completed and inaugurated on 06.03.2019 by Hon'ble Prime Minister. (Project cost of Rs. 150 crore)
- ii. Foundation stone laying of up-gradation projects at Patna Medical College & Hospital (PMCH), Patna and Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (IGIMS), Patna by Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare held on 02.03.2019.
- iii. Out-patient Department (OPD) services at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Mangalagiri commenced on 12.03.2019.
