

## Major Events & Achievements (August, 2018)

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1. Against a target of 15,000 Health Wellness Centres (HWCs) upto March, 2019, approval has been accorded for over 21400 HWCs so far. As on date, 2286 HWCs have been made operational (including 570 HWCs operationalized in Aspirational Districts).
2. An Indian delegation led by Secretary (HFW) attended the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) Board Retreat during 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 at Stockholm, Sweden.
3. On recommendation of MCI, Letters of Permission (LOP) have been issued for 50 PG (Broad Speciality) seats. Notifications recognising 42 PG (Broad Speciality) courses at various Colleges/Institute have been issued.
4. The orders for allocation of 227 MBBS and 40 BDS Central Pool seats to various beneficiary States/UTs/Government of Department have been issued.
5. Notifications/letters of recognition regarding recognition of MDS degrees in respect of 08 Dental colleges have been issued.
6. Under the chairpersonship of Additional Secretary & Director General (NACO & RNTCP), MOHFW/GOI, consultation meeting with Medical Council of India for Mandatory reporting of treatment for HIV/AIDS from private sector was convened on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at New Delhi.
7. National Inspection and Monitoring Committee (NIMC) visited the Jammu & Kashmir State from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018 to see the compliance of implementation of PC&PNDT Act, 1994.
8. On World Biofuel Day, Food Safety & Standard Authority of India (FSSAI), MoHFW launched Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO), an ecosystem that will enable the collection and conservation of used cooking oil to biodiesel.
9. FSSAI, MoHFW has started developing and disseminating guidance notes for consumers to address common concerns around food adulteration, concerns and other food safety issues. Two guidance notes on “Artificial ripening of fruits” and “Egg Quality and Safety: dispelling the myth about plastic eggs” have been developed and shared by FSSAI through its website and social media handles.
10. A total grant of Rs. 15 crore has been sanctioned/released to 7 States (Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Punjab) towards creation/renovation of infrastructure; setting/up-gradation of microbiology laboratory and procurement of high end equipments.
11. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of August, 2018, approximately 4.18 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, 22,176 free spectacles were distributed to school children and 4,195 donated eyes were collected.

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