

**Major Events & Achievements
(October, 2020)**

1. Progress of Flagship Programme:

1.1. Approvals for about 1,04,000 Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) have been accorded. Out of these, 48,840 Health & Wellness Centres have been operationalized till 23rd October, 2020 against the target of 70,000 till March, 2021.

1.2. Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

Metric	Upto 01.10.2020	Upto 01.11.2020	Progress in October, 2020
No. of E-Cards Issued*	12.59 Crores	12.68 Crores	9,39,513
No. of Hospital Admissions	1.30 Crores	1.38 Crores	7,18,817
Amount Authorized for Hospital Admissions (Rs. in thousands)	162152000	169300224	7148224
Hospitals empanelled	23,460	23,625	165

NOTE: E-Cards issued is inclusive of 4.68 crore State cards for PMJAY beneficiaries made by States using State IT systems.

2. COVID-19 Pandemic:

2.1. Three meetings of National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) were held on 10th, 14th & 23rd October, 2020 chaired by Dr. V. K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog and co-chaired by Secretary(HFW).

2.2. Guidelines on creation of healthcare worker database for future vaccination purpose has been developed and shared with the States/UTs and Central Government Ministries/ Departments.

2.3. All significant steps are being under taken by FSSAI in creating public awareness material on eating right during COVID. Measures on keeping food safe are being disseminated through various social media platforms on regular basis both in Hindi and English languages.

2.4. Webinar for Health education on relevant topics under “Your Health Our Goal” has been started for CGHS beneficiaries and the inaugural session took place on 28.10.2020. About 1000 beneficiaries and others participated. The first topic was “Managing pre-existing diseases in COVID times.”

3. Legislative and Regulative measures:

3.1. The proposal for examination of necessary amendments in the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act 2003 [COTPA, 2003] has been initiated to make it more effective.

3.2. Department of Higher Education and Department of School Education & Literacy have been requested to issue necessary instructions to Institutions/ Higher Education Departments of all States/UTs for avoiding any collaboration with tobacco industry-led foundations.

3.3. Standard Treatment Guideline (STG) for Drug Addiction Treatment has been circulated to 550 State/Central Government Medical Colleges for appropriate use.

4. Major Events:

4.1. World Food Day was celebrated virtually on 16.10.2020. Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare presided over the event on the theme "*Grow, Nourish, Sustain – Together.*" Hon'ble HFM launched Eat Right Creativity Challenge for school, the 'Eat Smart City' (Challenge) by FSSAI in partnership with Smart City Mission and a number of books/guidelines. Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare also joined.

5. Miscellaneous:

5.1. Under the chairpersonship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, a meeting was convened on 26.10.2020 to present the report prepared by the Committee to review the Role of National Blood Transfusion Council (NBTC) and State Blood Transfusion Councils (SBTCs).

5.2. A meeting between Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Australian High Commissioner was held on 07.10.2020 to discuss bilateral issues in the health sector between India and Australia.

5.3. Virtual meeting of Hon'ble MoS (Health) held on 05.10.2020 with Hon'ble Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State for South Asia and the Commonwealth.

5.4. High-level virtual roundtable discussion on "Unleashing the South Asian Century through Human Capital for all" was held on 21.10.2020 during the World Bank Group – International Monetary Fund Annual Meeting.

5.5. Joint G20 Finance and Health Deputies meeting was held virtually on 22.10.2020.

5.6. Bilateral virtual meeting between the health experts of India and Italy was held on 27.10.2020 to explore the concrete possibilities of India-Italy in health collaboration.

5.7. National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) has constituted the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Surveillance and Epidemiology under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) to guide the implementation of the activities of Surveillance and Epidemiology under NACP in terms of design, implementation, and findings in line with evolving programme needs and global recommendations.
