

## Major Events & Achievements (February, 2019)

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1. Cabinet note for transfer of 50.76 acres land at Sarangpur, Chandigarh to the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh has been approved by the Cabinet in the Cabinet Meeting held on 19.02.2019.
2. The Union Cabinet has given 'in principle' approval to the Implementation of Master Plan of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi to convert it into a world class Medical University.
3. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Mission Steering Group (MSG) of National Health Mission (NHM) was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019 at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare. The Mission Steering Group (MSG) is the highest policy making and steering institution constituted under National Health Mission (NHM). A summary of important policy decisions regarding the NHM taken by the MSG is given at Sl. No. 18.
4. Tuberculosis Free India by 2025 Summit was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019.
5. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare hosted the Fourth Summit of Global Digital Health Partnership (GDHP) from 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 and International Digital Health Symposium on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at New Delhi. The GDHP is an information collaboration of Governments, Territories, Government Agencies and the World Health Organization. Currently, 23 countries are the members of this group. The GDHP agenda mainly focused on the five work streams namely interoperability, cyber security, clinical & consumer engagement and policy environments.
6. National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) in collaboration with Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS) has successfully hosted the first mega event of North East Multimedia Campaign under the title *North East United Against HIV/AIDS*, at Kohima, Nagaland on February 18, 2019 with an objective to provide greater visibility for the issue of HIV/AIDS, encourage safe and responsible behaviour among the youth, reduce the level of stigma and discrimination by demystifying HIV/AIDS, promote HIV/AIDS related services, specially HIV Testing and increase general awareness about HIV/AIDS.
7. NACO has organized the Inter-departmental/ministerial meeting under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary & Director General (NACO & RNTCP), MoHFW on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at NACO with key Department/Ministries of Government of India with whom NACO has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The objective of the meeting was to review the progress of activities undertaken by the Department/Ministries in view of the MoUs signed with NACO, list out expectations and plan for next FY 2019-20. Representatives from 16 Department/Ministries and ILO participated in the meeting.

8. NACO launched "Routine Viral Load Monitoring" on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 to monitor the effectiveness of treatment of patients taking lifelong Antiretroviral Therapy. During the first year, 2.1 lakh viral load tests were targeted for the priority groups through public private partnership model. The four priority groups were PLHIV on ART with suspected treatment failure (immunological or clinical), all PLHIV on second and third line ART, all pregnant and breast feeding HIV positive women and all PLHIV identified as Key population. As on February 2019, annual target of 2.1 lakh tests among priority groups have been successfully achieved.
9. Notification recognizing 14 PG (Broad Speciality) courses of various Medical Colleges/Institution has been issued.
10. Minimum Requirement for 50/100/150/200/250 MBBS Admissions Annually Regulation, 1999 has been amended to provide for relaxation up to an extent of 5% in bed occupancy (Indoor patients) and OPD attendance, subject to the condition that the bed occupancy and OPD attendance on three corresponding dates as per date of assessment of preceding three months is in accordance with the applicable norms.
11. Establishment of Medical College Regulations, 1999 has been amended to provide for that prior to applying the sub-clause 3(1)(a) to 3(1)(d) of clause 8 i.e. Grant of Permission, a show-cause notice shall be issued to the Institute seeking an explanation as to why the punitive provisions contained in above-mentioned clauses should not be applied against it and the same shall be disposed off after granting an opportunity of hearing by a reasoned order.
12. Guidelines regarding admission of students with "Specified Disabilities" under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 with respect to admission in MBBS have been notified.
13. Grant-in-aid of Rs.332.25 crore to 10 States under Phase-I & Rs.96 crore to 7 States under Phase-II of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Establishment of New Medical Colleges attached with District/ Referral Hospitals'.
14. Grant-in-aid of Rs.7.70 crore has been released to 3 States for 5 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'.
15. An amount of Rs. 12.60 crore has been released under the scheme of Upgradation/Strengthening of Nursing Services (ANM/GNM) to the State of Bihar and an amount of Rs. 13,22,400/- has been released under the scheme of Development of Nursing Services (Training of Nurses) to the Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, New Delhi.
16. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of February, 2019, approximately 7.3 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, 19,595 free spectacles were distributed to school children and 6,299 donated eyes were collected.
17. Major Achievements under PMSSY:
  - i. Project of Super Speciality Block (SSB) under Phase-III of PMSSY at 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 PMCH, Patna and IGIMS, Patna by Hon'ble HFM held on 02.03.2019.
  - iii. OPD services at AIIMS Mangalagiri commenced on 12.03.2019.
18. The 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Mission Steering Group (MSG) of National Health Mission (NHM) was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019. The following key decisions were taken during the meeting:
- i. **Enhancement of Untied Funds for Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs):** The amount for untied funds for Sub Health Centres transformed into Health and Wellness Centres was approved to be raised from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000.
  - ii. **Rationalization of Operational cost norms for Emergency Transport Ambulances (Dial 108)** under National Health Mission was approved with the sharing pattern of 90:10 for NE & Hilly States, 100% for UTs without legislature and 60:40 for other States and UTs with legislature. However, the support under NHM for Capital cost of Dial 102 and Dial 108 ambulances would discontinue.
  - iii. **Expansion of Menstrual Hygiene Scheme** into urban areas for distribution of sanitary napkins to adolescent girls in urban slums was agreed to on same pattern as in rural areas.
  - iv. **Rollout of Home Based Care for Young Child (HBYC) Programme** under HBYC was agreed to be implemented in a phased manner.
  - v. To achieve targets for TB under the SDGs by 2025, five years ahead of the global timelines, MSG approved newer activities under the National Strategic Plan identified by RNTCP and the States/UTs will propose their costing accordingly.
  - vi. **Awarding States / UTs / Districts for achieving disease free status for TB / Leprosy / Malaria / Kala Azar / Lymphatic Filariasis / Cataract.**
  - vii. MSG approved the sub-national level disease elimination status documentation provision of "Awards" to respective State / Districts that achieve elimination targets.
  - viii. **National Viral Hepatitis Control Program.** The MSG approved the expansion of services for management of viral Hepatitis including treatment and management of Hepatitis B.
  - ix. **Inclusion of Climate Change & Human Health Related Activities in NHM-** Recognising the impact of Change in climate pattern on health and occurrence of diseases among human population, the MSG approved hiring of contract based Consultants -Climate Change in State Health Departments/Mission.
  - x. Revision of amount for morbidity management kit under Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis Programme of NVBDCP under NHM, in all the 256 identified LF endemic districts was approved.
  - xi. MSG approved that, the Multipurpose Health Workers (Male) could also be supported under the NHM in place of second ANM, based on State's proposal.

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