

## Major Events & Achievements

(March, 2020)

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### 1. Progress under Flagship Programmes:

1.1 **Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centers (AB-HWCs):** So far, approvals for above 62,000 Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) have been accorded. Out of those, as reported by the States/UTs on the HWC portal, 38,595 H&WC have been operationalized till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.

1.2 **Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY): Progress made under PMJAY during March 2020 is as under:**

| Metric   | As on 03.03.2020 | Up to 31.03.2020 | Progress    |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| <b>E-Cards Issued*</b>                           | 12,30,95,377     | 12,44,77,584     | 1382207     |
| <b>Hospital Admissions</b>                       | 88,39,113        | 95,07,555        | 668442      |
| <b>Amount Authorized for Hospital Admissions</b> | 12191.9 Cr       | 12945.4 crore    | 753.5 crore |

NOTE: The above information relates to beneficiaries supported under PMJAY in alliance with state schemes. \*E-Cards Issued includes 4.68 crore state cards for PMJAY beneficiaries made by states using their own IT systems.

1.3 **Intensified Mission Indradhanush:** Around 3.76 crore children and 94.6 lakh pregnant women have been vaccinated under various phases of Mission Indradhanush. In March 2020, 4<sup>th</sup> round of IMI 2.0 have been conducted, wherein 7.36 lakh children and 1.52 lakh pregnant women were vaccinated.

### 2. COVID-19 Pandemic:

2.1 In view of the **COVID-19** scenario, NACO has issued guidance notes for ‘**persons engaged in HIV/AIDS response under National AIDS Control Programme**’ on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 and “**Blood Transfusion Services**” on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to all State AIDS Control Societies (SACS) and State Blood Transfusion councils (SBTC) respectively.

2.2 A consultation meeting was held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at NACO, New Delhi to develop guidance note for preventive measures to be taken in blood centers and blood transfusion services during the COVID-19 scenario. An expert group meeting was held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at NACO, New Delhi to develop guidelines for management of Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) services during the scenario of COVID-19.

2.3 A batch-wise online meeting was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to understand the measures undertaken and challenges faced by various States in ensuring uninterrupted ART service delivery to People Living with HIV (PLHIVs) in the scenario of COVID-19 pandemic and countrywide lockdown.

2.4 States/UTs have been informed with respect to incentives for ASHAs and ASHA Facilitators for COVID-19 work undertaken by them, guidance letter for utilisation of additional Rs. 1100 crore fund by the States/UTs as part of Emergency responsiveness plan, guidance regarding dialysis services during COVID-19.

2.5 Few RoPs were released to the States during March, 2020. Since, the onset of COVID-19 pandemic, the daily data collection with respect to logistics facilities and creation of standalone COVID-19 hospitals was collected.

2.6 Guidelines, advisories, protocols for COVID-19 management issued in the month of March 2020 are as under:

- (i) 02-03-2020 - Cluster Containment Plan for COVID-19
- (ii) 10-03-2020 - Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for COVID-19 Management- International Cruise Ships at major Indian Ports
- (iii) 15-03-2020 - Guidelines on Dead Body Management
- (iv) 17-03-2020 - Guidelines for notifying COVID-19 affected persons by Private Institutions
- (v) 17-03-2020 - Updated Guidelines on Clinical Management of COVID-19 (updated on 31st March 2020)
- (vi) 17-03-2020 - Discharge policy for suspect or confirmed Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) cases
- (vii) 24.03.2020 - Model Micro-plan for containment of local transmission of COVID-19
- (viii) 24.03.2020 - Guidelines on rational use of Personal Protective Equipment
- (ix) 29.03.2020 - Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for transporting a suspect/confirmed case of COVID-19
- (x) 29.03.2020 - Guidelines on disinfection of common public places including offices
- (xi) 31-03-2020 - Advisory for quarantine of migrant workers
- (xii) 31-03-2020 - Essential Technical Features for Ventilator for COVID-19
- (xiii) 31-03-2020 - Revised National Clinical Management Guidelines for COVID-19

### **3. Major events:**

3.1 G20 Digital Health Workshop and 2<sup>nd</sup> G20 Health Working Group (HWG) meeting held during 29<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

3.2 The Ministry commemorated the World TB Day on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 with a function to mark the occasion, and reiterated the commitment to eliminating TB in the country by 2025.

3.3 The Ministry has launched a photo-exhibition “Fourteen Extraordinary stories of TB survivors” on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at Central Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

### **4. Miscellaneous:**

4.1 Hon’ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare has written to Hon’ble Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, recommending necessary concessions in transport fares to the persons suffering from physical disabilities due to leprosy (with disability certificate of > 40% disability) and also to one companion accompanying such disabled person.

4.2 A meeting through an online platform was conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 to discuss the details of Dolutegravir (DTG) transition preparedness [transition plan, information dissemination, capacity building, data management, issues related to supply chain management etc.].

4.3 The letter to the States/UTs regarding measures to be taken in public health facilities after enactment of Transgender related Act was sent.

4.4 The draft on Jan Arogya Samitis for AB-HWCs have been circulated to all the States/UTs.

4.5 Ministry's comments have been sent to NITI Aayog regarding NITI's report on Health sector-building blocks for 21<sup>st</sup> century.

4.6 All States/UTs have been requested to assess the requirement of replacement drugs (Pyrazinamide, Amikacin, Ethionamide, PAS and Ethambutol) for the States/UTs and send to Ministry to ensure the availability of replacement drugs at all districts to ensure the appropriate management of DR-TB patients.

5. Minimum Government, Maximum Governance: Nil.

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