

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(Department of Health & Family Welfare)
Monthly Summary for the month of October, 2018

Major Events & Achievements:

- 5th National Summit of Good and Replicable Practices and Innovation in Public Healthcare Systems in India was held from 30th October, 2018 to 1st November, 2018 at Kaziranga, Assam. The summit was inaugurated under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam as Chief Guest and in the august presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Health (AKC), Hon'ble Health Minister and Minister of State for Health, Govt. of Assam.
- Indian Delegation led by Hon'ble Union Health & Family Welfare Minister attended the Second International Conference on Primary Health Care towards Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals held in Astana, Kazakhstan during 25-26 October, 2018. The objectives of the conference were to commemorate the 1978 Declaration of Alma-Ata, to renew the political commitment of all Member States and stakeholders to developing people-centred primary health care at the heart of the UHC movement and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, to set the stage for the 2019 United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on UHC and to signal the need for immediate implementation of the outcome document of the Second International Conference on Primary Health Care between 2019-2030.
- Indian Delegation led by Secretary (HFW) attended the 8th Session of Conference of Parties (COP8) to WHO-Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), held from 1st to 6th October, 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland. Secretary (HFW) is the President to COP Bureau and chaired the COP8 Session. The delegation also participated in the High-Level Segment (HLS) on "Tobacco Control and Global Climate Action".
- A meeting between Hon'ble Union Health & Family Welfare Minister and Dr. Isatou Touray, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Social Welfare, Gambia was held on 1st October, 2018 at New Delhi.
- The 10th Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between India and Sweden on health cooperation was held on 12th October, 2018 at New Delhi.
- A meeting between Secretary (HFW) and H.E. Ms. Harinder Sidhu, High Commissioner of Australia to India was held on 26th October, 2018 at New Delhi.
- A Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India and Japan on cooperation in the field of Healthcare and Wellness was signed on 29th October, 2018.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on food safety was signed between Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and 4 Japanese agencies viz. the Food Safety Commission of Japan, the Consumer Affairs Agency of Japan, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan. The same was exchanged during the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to Japan.

- Minimum Qualifications for Teachers in Medical Institutions Regulations, 1998” has been amended whereby clause 4A has been added in Schedule – I for determination of equivalence of the qualification of DNB (Broad Specialities) with MD/MS & DNB (Super-Specialities) with DM/M.Ch.
- Notification recognizing 3 PG (Broad Speciality) courses at various colleges/ Institutes have been issued.
- Notification for membership of Dental Council of India in respect of 1 (one) members elected under clause (d) of Section 3 of the Dentist Act, 1948, has been issued.
- On occasion of the World Food Day 16th October, 2018, the Swasth Bharat Yatra was launched at Leh, Panaji, Thiruvananthapuram, Puducherry, Ranchi and Agarthala.
- Under the chairpersonship of the Additional Secretary and Director General (NACO & RNTCP), the meeting of Technical Resource Group (TRG) on HIV Surveillance and Estimation was organized on 30th October, 2018.
- JS(Reproductive Child Health) participated in the Gavi Programme and Policy Committee (PPC) meeting at Geneva to pursue the case for Gavi support for IPV. The proposal was approved by PPC to be taken up in the Board of Gavi.
- Ministry has given recognition of Narad Hospital, Hoshiarpur, Punjab and EMC Super Speciality Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Amritsar, Punjab for treatment of Central Government Employees under CS (MA) Rules, 1944.
- Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of October, 2018, approximately 4.51 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, 97,340 free spectacles were distributed to school children and 5,256 donated eyes were collected.
- **Ayushman Bharat**
 - (i) Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) has since progressed with MoUs having been signed with 33 States and the scheme rolled out in 27 States. Simultaneously, MoU has also been signed with Common Service Centres (CSCs) for leveraging 3 lakh CSCs for e-card generation. 14,778 hospitals have been empanelled (6650 Public and 8128 Private); 3,100 CSCs have been activated for issuance of E-cards and 3,39,613 E-cards issued; 1,44,924 patients have been treated for a fee of Rs. 225.2 crore and 1,15,170 claims were submitted for an amount of Rs. 204.0 crore. The programme has generated tremendous interest with 24.32 lakh visitors on <https://mera.pmjay.gov.in> with 25,000+ hits per day.
 - (ii) As part of Ayushman Bharat, 1.5 lakh Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) are to be operationalised in phases by 2022 for provision of expanded package of primary healthcare services near to the community. Against target of 15000 HWCs for the current year, approval has been accorded for over 21000 HWCs to State/UTs and 3508 health and Wellness Centres have been operationlised across States as on 31st October, 2018.
