

Year End Review | Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

- **Network for Scientific Cooperation for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (NetSCoFAN)** - It involves 9 specialized groups and encompasses 23 research projects across a range of topics, conducted in collaboration with leading institutions.
- **Rapid Analytical Food Testing (RAFT) Scheme** - Aims to promote the use of advanced technologies for food testing.
- **47th Session of Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC47)** - India's new work proposal of group standard of whole millet grains was approved with overwhelming support from member countries across the globe.
- The session also witnessed adoption of several standards and new work proposals chaired/ co-chaired by India in different Codex Committees.

To know more about Codex Alimentarius Commission [click here](#)

- **First Inter Country workshop** - FSSAI, in collaboration with the WHO under the Codex Trust Fund (CTF) project, successfully conducted the first Inter Country workshop on "Enhancing Participation for Codex Activities".
- **Training and Awareness Program for Street Food Vendors** - Conducted by FSSAI, to train more than 1300 Street Food vendors.
- **PRASADAM** - 1st Healthy & Hygienic Food Street at Mahakal Lok, in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- 3 healthy and hygienic food streets were launched at Kadappa (Andhra Pradesh), Rourkela (Odisha) and Siliguri (West Bengal) in the year 2024.
- **Eat Right Quest' quiz** - Hosted by FSSAI on the MyGov platform to create awareness among people about food safety and nutrition in a fun and entertaining way.

International Health Regulations

- **WHO-managed Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH)** - Was launched during the India's G20 Presidency to advance digital health tools and strengthen health systems worldwide.
- **India has pledged a financial support of USD 10 million** to the Global Initiative for Digital Health (GIDH) to provide its Digital Public Infrastructures (DPIs) to countries in need.
- **77th Session of the World Health Assembly (WHA)** - It was held at **Geneva**, with **theme** "All for Health, Health for All".
- **Nelson Mandela Award to NIMHANS** - National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) was awarded by WHO with the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award.
- It was awarded for Health Promotion during the 77th World Health Assembly held in

Geneva.

- **Voice of Global South Summit (VoGSS)** - India hosted the *3rd Voice of Global South Summit* in virtual format on 17th August 2024 with the overarching theme of “An Empowered Global South for a Sustainable Future”.
- **"Trachoma-Free" India** - India has successfully eliminated Trachoma as a public health problem due to sustained efforts under the National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment (NPCBVI).

ICMR has been honoured with the prestigious 2024 UN Inter-Agency Task Force Award for outstanding achievements in advancing multi-sectoral action on the prevention & control of NCDs, mental health, and the broader NCD-related SDGs.

National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control

- **Malaria** - India has set the goal of *achieving malaria elimination by 2030*.
- Launch of National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination 2023-2027 by Hon'ble HFM on 2nd January, 2024.
- **Kala-Azar** - The Government has *achieved 'zero' number of endemic blocks* reporting more than 1 Kala Azar case/10000 population at block level and has sustained elimination status till date.
- **Lymphatic Filariasis (LF)** - It is commonly *known as Elephantiasis* is a serious debilitating and incapacitating disease transmitted through the *bite of a culex mosquito*.
- LF is a *priority tropical disease* targeted for elimination by the Government of India prior to Global target of 2030.

| Institutes of National Importance | |
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| All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi | AIIMS New Delhi is a pioneer in the field of medical education, research and healthcare in India since its establishment in 1956. |
| Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Sciences (CAPFIMS) | Run by the AIIMS, is a state-of-the-art Medical Institute with a 970-bedded Referral and Research hospital. |
| National Level Research and Referral Institute for Dental Sciences (NaRRIDS) at AIIMS, New Delhi | NaRRIDS is designed to be a premier Institution for dental research and education in India facilitating advance training. |
| Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh | An Institute of "National Importance" since 1967. |

Other initiatives/ schemes

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| Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Envisages creation of tertiary healthcare capacity in medical education, research and clinical care, in the underserved areas of the country. • It aims at correcting regional imbalances in the availability of affordable/reliable tertiary healthcare services and also augmenting facilities for quality medical education in the country. |
| MedTechMitra Platform | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims to empower healthcare innovators across India. |
| "First in the World" Challenge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims to inspire and support researchers to conceptualize and develop pioneering solutions for complex health challenges. |
| ICMR Data Repository | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A centralized, secure, and accessible platform of high-quality datasets, ensuring data integrity and privacy. |
| UNNATI Initiative (Upgrading Norms for Nutrition, Growth, and Development Assessment of Indian Children) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims to establish <i>India-specific growth and development standards for children</i>, addressing limitations of existing WHO benchmarks. |
| ICMR - Research Infrastructure Sharing Ecosystem (I-RISE) Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to advanced research infrastructure is often a limiting factor for many institutions, especially the start-ups and smaller institutes. |
| Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy of ICMR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguards the intellectual contributions of our researchers and collaborators by protecting innovations, we incentivize creativity and ensure that inventors receive due recognition and reward. |
| Healthcare delivery by Drones | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICMR in collaboration with AIIMS, Bibinagar launched the groundbreaking 'Drone Services for Health Outreach' initiative in October 2024. • Aims to revolutionize healthcare delivery in remote tribal areas, showcasing India's commitment to leveraging advanced technology for the greater good. |
| DengiAll | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Single dose</i> of Dengue Tetravalent Vaccine, <i>Live Attenuated</i> (Recombinant, Lyophilized) vaccine for dengue. • ICMR has signed a MoU with Panacea Biotec to study and evaluate 'DengiAll'. |
| National Pharmacovigilance Program of India | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Central Sector Scheme to collect, collate and analyse the Adverse Events reported with the use of medical products marketed in India. |

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| Strengthening of States' Drug Regulatory System' (SSDRS) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSDRS is a <i>Centrally Sponsored Scheme</i> to strengthen and upgrade the States Drug Regulatory System and laboratory infrastructure in the country. • The Scheme was initially approved for a period of three years, from 2015 to 2018. |
| Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides comprehensive healthcare facilities for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central Government employees and pensioners, Members of Parliament and former Members of Parliament and their dependents in CGHS-covered cities. |
| National Programme for Prevention and Management of Trauma and Burn Injuries (NPPMTBI) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is functional in the country <i>since 2007</i> and at present is functional among all the states and UTs. • It aims to <i>reduce the mortality and morbidities occurring due to injuries</i> (including trauma and burns), by developing a system of services at prehospital & hospital level. |
| Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was launched for chronic kidney disease during year 2016-17 to support in all district hospitals in-house mode / Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode under NHM. • Haemodialysis services are provided under the program. |
| National Viral Hepatitis Control Program (NVHCP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Launched in 2018 under the aegis of National Health Mission</i> in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.3. • The program aims to <i>combat hepatitis and eliminate hepatitis C by 2030</i> and reduce morbidity and mortality due to other types of viral hepatitis. |
| National One Health Mission (NOHM) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will help India to achieve integrated disease control and pandemic preparedness by institutionalizing One Health approach. |
| SANTUSHT portal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enables patients to register their grievances online, track the status, and provide feedback regarding the resolution. |
| Triage Register for Emergency Department | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a web application which helps to keep the record of patient's disease condition, medical examination and improves patient safety by ensuring timely cross-consultation by various departments. |
| PGI Sarathi initiative | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Launched in May 2024</i> to enhance healthcare delivery through volunteerism and community support. |

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