

## Year End Review | Ministry of Health & Family Welfare - Part 3

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### 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.
- **47<sup>th</sup> 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** - 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- **77<sup>th</sup> 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 77<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly held in Geneva.
- **Voice of Global South Summit (VoGSS)** - India hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Voice of Global South Summit in virtual format on 17<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	
<b>All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi</b>	AIIMS New Delhi is a pioneer in the field of medical education, research and healthcare in India since its establishment in 1956.
<b>Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Sciences (CAPFIMS)</b>	Run by the AIIMS, is a state-of-the-art Medical Institute with a 970-bedded Referral and Research hospital.
<b>National Level Research and Referral Institute for Dental Sciences (NaRRIDS) at AIIMS, New Delhi</b>	NaRRIDS is designed to be a premier Institution for dental research and education in India facilitating advance training.
<b>Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh</b>	An Institute of "National Importance" since 1967.

### Other initiatives/ schemes

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

<b>Strengthening of States' Drug Regulatory System' (SSDRS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSDRS is a <i>Centrally Sponsored Scheme</i> to strengthen and upgrade the States Drug Regulatory System and laboratory infrastructure in the country.</li> <li>• The Scheme was initially approved for a period of three years, from 2015 to 2018.</li> </ul>
<b>Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides comprehensive healthcare facilities for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central Government employees and pensioners, Members of Parliament and former Members of Parliament and their dependents in CGHS-covered cities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>National Programme for Prevention and Management of Trauma and Burn Injuries (NPPMTBI)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is functional in the country <i>since 2007</i> and at present is functional among all the states and UTs.</li> <li>• 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 &amp; hospital level.</li> </ul>
<b>Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Haemodialysis services are provided under the program.</li> </ul>
<b>National Viral Hepatitis Control Program (NVHCP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Launched in 2018 under the aegis of National Health Mission</i> in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.3.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>National One Health Mission (NOHM)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It will help India to achieve integrated disease control and pandemic preparedness by institutionalizing One Health approach.</li> </ul>
<b>SANTUSHT portal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enables patients to register their grievances online, track the status, and provide feedback regarding the resolution.</li> </ul>
<b>Triage Register for Emergency Department</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>PGI Sarathi initiative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Launched in May 2024</i> to enhance healthcare delivery through volunteerism and community support.</li> </ul>

## References

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