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**MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for December, 2019**

The Monthly report on important issues/development for the month of December, 2019 in respect of Department of Health Research/Indian Council of Medical Research is submitted herewith for your kind perusal:

**1. Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:**

- a) Presented suggestions on **“The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2019”** to the Standing Committee on Labour Branch, Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
- b) **Inaugurated specialized vans for National Tuberculosis Prevalence Survey** in Bihar.
- c) **Participated and showcased** the ICMR technologies and major contributions in biomedical research at **Global Exhibition on Services-2019** and in **"Bengaluru Tech Summit-2019"**.
- d) **Released ICMR-BSL-3 guidelines.**
- e) Renamed **Desert Medicine Research Centre (DMRC), Jodhpur** as **National Institute for Implementation Research on Non-Communicable Diseases (NIIR-NCD), Jodhpur.**
- f) **Developed a new rapid immunochromatographic assay for diagnosis of hepatitis E infection**, which is currently under laboratory evaluation and validation.
- g) **Interaction with Media to disseminate the research findings** of **“The burden of mental disorders across the states of India: the Global Burden of Disease Study 1990-2017”** & **“Mortality due to road injuries in the states of India.**
- h) **Initiated/completed projects** on Sentinel Surveillance for influenza, including avian influenza, in India; A prospective facility based study of arthropod borne viral and bacterial aetiologies of non-malarial fever cases in Tripura; BSS-Lite Main Survey for HIV Surveillance in West Bengal; Bacterial etiology, antimicrobial susceptibility, and resistance determinants in gram negative bacteria isolated from intensive care units in Agartala: focusing transmissible carbapenem and colistin resistance; Metabolic profiling of Amaranth for high squalene yielding chemotypes in control of hypertension; Developing guidelines for



mapping, size estimation and HIV risk behavior survey; Phenotypic and functional characterization of CD4+Th17 cells during long term non-progression of HIV; Assessment of risk factors for the development of Cardiovascular disease (CVD) in patients with active HCV infection'; Japanese Encephalitis Epidemiology in Central Part of India: Enhanced sentinel surveillance for etiological contribution and burden following vaccination in Maharashtra and Telangana; Clinical Phenotypes and Genetic Regulation of Endometriosis in Indian Women; Development and validation of a diagnostic kit for early detection of Human Papilloma virus (HPV) infection in cervical cancer; etc.

- i) **Conducted important meetings with Japan Agency for Medical Research & Development- (AMED) for proposed MoU'; with WHO-SEARO (Regional Office of South-East Asia) representatives from 10 countries to leverage the existing capacities of SEAR countries to work on infectious diseases, which are of priority to this region, focusing mainly on dengue; with Her Majesty Queen Silvia during India-Sweden Roundtable on Health & Dignified Aging at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and presented the status/progress of collaboration with FORTE (Sweden); with Prof. Antoine Petit, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research); 133<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Health Ministry's Screening Committee (HMSC), wherein 87 projects were considered for international collaboration/assistance; etc.**
- j) Organized fifth sub-national training for **Rapid Response teams on preparedness and response to Ebola Virus Disease.**
- k) Organized regional training on '**Monitoring Survey of cancer risk factors and health system response in North East Region**' for the research team from Guwahati, Cachar, Karimganj and Nagaland, Tripura and Mizoram Population Based Cancer Registries.
- l) **Training** to staff members of the National Institute of Health and Research (NHRD), **Ministry of Health and University of Indonesia (FKUI), Jakarta, Indonesia** on HIV Drug Resistance Genotyping using Dried Blood Spot (DBS) and plasma specimens; training to ART centre Laboratory Technicians under **NACO program for SysmexCyflow** on CD4 GLP;
- m) **Conducted advanced Cancer screening and training programs** for Gynecologists and Medical Officer.
- n) **Organized Indo-African workshop** on "Epidemiological data analysis and inference" at Chennai; **symposium on 'TB free India: Tribal Perspective'** at Jabalpur and **conference on 'AYUSH for future health challenges:**

**Strengthening trans-disciplinary research'** at Belagavi and **5<sup>th</sup> IUPHAR World Conference on the Pharmacology of Natural Products & 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Pharmacological Society** at Hyderabad.

- o) Observed and organized '**World AIDS Day!**' through AIDS awareness campaign among general public through educational videos and posters, hosted an open house for 1250 individuals including students from 25 different organization, universities, colleges, schools, media personnel and visitors from various parts of Pune and nearby cities going with the theme 'Communities make the difference' at Pune and distribution of IEC materials and lectures at Kolkata.