

No.Q-11030/01/2022-HR/eoffice-8146114  
Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
(Department of Health Research)

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Red Cross Building, New Delhi  
Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

**Subject: - Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the month of December, 2023-Reg.**

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the **Monthly Summary for the Cabinet** pertaining to the Department of Health Research (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) for the month of December, 2023.



(H C Mondal)  
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India  
Email: dhrhq.icmr@gmail.com

To

1. All members of Council of Ministers
2. Deputy Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Principal Information Officer, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi

Copy to:

The Director, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Copy also forwarded for information to:

1. Secretary to the Government of India, All Ministries/Departments.
2. The Chairman, UPSC, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi.
3. Secretary to the President of India (RashtrapatiKeSachiv), Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Secretary to the Vice-President of India (Up-RashtrapatikeSachiv), Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. PS to Prime Minister of India, South Block, New Delhi
6. Secretary, Inter-State Council Secretariat, MHA, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi.

Monthly Report of the Department of Health Research to Cabinet Secretariat on Significant Developments for the Month of December, 2023.

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

**a. Policy decisions:**

1. Under the guidance of NITI Aayog, ICMR & CDSCO, "MedTechMitra" for nurturing innovation & offering strategic support to MedTech innovators launched.
2. Inauguration of 5 new facilities at ICMR-NIMR, Delhi.
3. An External Audit of the Polio Essential Facility was conducted.
4. A Working Group for development of SOPs and mock drills for the network of BSL-3 laboratories under the One Health Mission was created.
5. Collaborative efforts were initiated with Indian Immunologicals, Hyderabad, for the development of an indigenous KFD vaccine.

**b. Major achievements:**

**i) Major publications with significant health impact (More than 45, some of the important publication topics listed below)**

1. Low prevalence of antimalarial-resistance mutations in India.
2. Global distribution of  $\beta$ -thalassemia mutations.
3. Macronutrients level in Commonly Consumed South Indian Breakfast Meals, population-specific malaria susceptibility.
4. Artemisinin resistance in *P. falciparum*.
5. External quality assessment for laboratories in pan-India ILI/SARI surveillance for simultaneous detection of influenza virus and SARS-CoV-2.
6. Classifying stages in the gonotrophic cycle of mosquitoes from images using computer vision techniques.

**ii) Major events hosted (Conferences, Workshops, and Meetings etc): More than 44 meetings, workshops, webinars and conferences were hosted by various ICMR Institutes, some of the important one listed below-**

1. Laying of the foundation stone of BSL-3 facility of ICMR-National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune and new facility of ICMR-National Institute of Traditional Medicine, Belagavi.
2. The training program on "Biosafety in biomedical research 2023" was conducted in a hybrid mode. 93 staff and students of ICMR-VCRC participated in the training.
3. Hands-on training to the staff of Ministry of Health, Lao PDR on conducting molecular xenomonitoring surveys to assess filarial infection in vectors in the Attapeu Province of Lao PDR.

**iii) Training and capacity building programmes, courses etc.: More than 40 training and capacity building programs were taken for students, trainers, state level officer engaged in the health programs by ICMR and ICMR institutes. Some of them are listed below.**

1. Virtual training to staff of DABS project on survey schedules, anthropometry, diet and nutritional assessment
2. Training on Biosafety, Sample Collection and Diagnosis of mpox
3. International Workshop on Influenza and SARS-CoV-2 genome sequencing
4. 3-day training on Cancer Epidemiology and Surveillance Training Programme.

**iv) MoU Signed: 1**

Indian Council of Medical Research and the Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research. The MoA will support capacity building in the field of medical research and also strengthen research in India. A new faculty of medical research will be established in AcSIR that will support multiple scientific disciplines of research in the country.

v) A consultative Workshop on Health Technology Assessment in India (HTAIN), 2023 was organized on 07.12.2023 in Delhi.

vi) The Centre for Evidence for Guidelines organized Winter School Workshop on Systematic Reviews & Metaanalysis for participants at various levels from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 in Delhi.

vii) ICMR has filled up various Technical, Scientific and Administrative posts numbering 1012 under Mission Recruitment Programme.

**2. Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged Inter-Ministerial consultations: NIL.**

**3. Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the Government: NIL**

**4. No. of cases of 'sanction for prosecution' pending for more than three months: NIL**

**5. Status of ongoing Swachta Abhiyan (progress under Special campaign):**

Various aspects of the Swachhta like monitoring day to day cleaning work and digitization of office records are regular activities of DHR and ICMR.

**6. Status of Rationalization of Autonomous bodies: NIL**

**7. Information on specific steps taken for utilization of the space technology based tools and applications in Governance and Development: NIL**

**8. Vacancy position of senior level appointments in the Ministry/Department, including Autonomous Bodies/PSUs: NIL.**

**9. List of cases in which ACC directions have not been complied with: NIL**