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



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Monthly Report in the format on important issues/ developments for the month of November, 2023 is submitted herewith for kind perusal.

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

**a) Policy decision:**

ICMR recognised 25 ICMR collaborating Centres of Excellence(ICMR-CCoE) among renowned medical colleges, research institutes and Universities working in the area of health research.

**b) Major achievements:**

**i. Major publications with significant health impact more than 46, some of the important publication topics listed below):**

1. Development and Validation of Knowledge Attitudes and Practices Questionnaire (Nu- KAPQ) with Arsenic, Genetic diversity and natural selection of apical membrane antigen-1 (ama-1) in Cameroonian Plasmodium falciparum.
2. Determinants of tuberculosis: an example of high tuberculosis burden in the Saharia tribe.
3. Disposal of medicines: a prospective view, One Health approaches to combat infectious diseases.
4. Strengthening the Diagnosis of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis using NGS-Based Approaches.
5. Trachomatis-associated recurrent spontaneous abortion.
6. Surveillance of stroke: a South-East Asia Region (SEAR) Perspective, the burden, risk factors and unique etiologies of stroke in South-East Asia Region (SEAR).
7. Clinical, epidemiological and molecular investigation of Kyasanur Forest Disease.
8. A fatal case of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever from Kutch.

**ii) Major events hosted (Conferences, Workshops, and Meetings etc):** More than 40 meetings, workshops, webinars and conferences were hosted by various ICMR Institutes, some of the important one listed below:

1. Visit by UCL Delegation to ICMR.
2. Selection Committee Meeting for ICMR-DIIR International Fellowships (longterm) for Indian Biomedical Scientists for the year 2023-24.
3. Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 was observed by ICMR .
4. An awareness and screening camp for diabetic retinopathy and peripheral neuropathy.
5. First Webinar of ICMR-CDC collaboration on Nipah Virus.

**(iii). Training and capacity building programmes, courses etc.:** (More than 36 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. Training Workshop for Hospital Based Cancer Registries.
2. Orientation Training Programme on Family of International classification (ICD-10 & ICF) for Medical and Non- Medical personnel.
3. Training on Biosafety and Working in Biosafety level-3 Laboratory.
4. Training on Biosafety and molecular and serological diagnosis of Kyasanur Forest Disease.
5. Training to Medical Officers, Senior Treatment Supervisor (STS) and Senior Tuberculosis Laboratory Supervisor (STLS) on high risk group mapping.
6. Seroepidemiology, Maternal Immune Status and Missed Diagnosis of Pertussis.

**(iv). MoU Signed: 1**

ICMR-NIIM, Belagavi and M. S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology (MSRIT), Bengaluru, to carry out an extramural project entitled Comparison of Noninvasive Infrared Thermal Imaging for Breast Cancer Screening with USG and Mammography in Raichur, Bengaluru urban and Bengaluru rural districts.

**2. Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged Inter-Ministerial consultations: 1**

**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 Swachhta Abhiyan (progress under Special campaign):**

Various aspects of the Swachhta like monitoring day to day cleaning work of the campus, organising sensitizing workshop on swachhta, shramdaan activities and digitization of office records are regular activities of DHR & 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:**

Vacancy was advertised for the director of ICMR NIV, Pune.

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