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



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

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

**a) Policy decisions:**

- i. Consensus on the dissolution of National Apex Committee for Stem Cell Research (NAC-SCRT).
- ii. 158th Meeting of Health Ministry's Screening Committee (HMSC).
- iii. Principal Investigators and expert group meeting for TB Vaccine trial at ICMR HQ

**b) Major achievements:**

**i. Major publications with significant health impact (More than 49, some of the important publication topics listed below):**

1. Molecular Evidence of Wolbachia Species in Wild-Caught Aedes albopictus and Aedes aegypti Mosquitoes in Four States of Northeast India.
2. Prevalence, regional variations, and predictors of overweight, obesity, and hypertension among healthy reproductive-age Indian women: Nationwide cross-sectional polycystic ovary syndrome task force study.
3. Protection against five prevalent pathotypes of diarrhoeagenic Escherichia coli in neonatal mice.
4. Structural and functional characterization of 6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase in Plasmodium falciparum.

**ii. Major events hosted (Conferences, Workshops, and Meetings etc): More than 48 meetings, workshops, webinars and conferences were hosted by various ICMR Institutes, some of the important one listed below:**

1. Workshop on Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention (MMDP) of lymphatic filariasis.
2. Brain storming meeting for "Development of SOP for Prevention, management and control of Dengue and Chikungunya", jointly organized by office of State Program Officer-VBD, Bihar and ICMR-RMRIMS, Patna at RMRIMS, Patna.
3. Technical Workshop on Building a Sustainable Biorisk Management Consortium of Excellence in Tamil Nadu.
4. Three-days' capacity-building workshop on Implementation Research (IR).
5. The two days' intensive training program was mainly focused on various aspects of designing & conduct clinical trials.

**iii. Major projects undertaken (New Projects initiated):**

1. Increasing access to postpartum contraception by linking family planning and infant vaccination services.
2. Development of vaccine against Helicobacter pylori based on immunogen formulated from circulating prevalent strains.
3. Diet and biomarkers study in India (Assam State).
4. Studies on molecular surveillance and Short Course, High Dose Primaquine.
5. Sentinel survey of the high risk population through community based organizations for the detection of Human Mpox virus infection in India.

**iv. Training and capacity building programmes, courses etc.: More than 55 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. Tissue Culture Techniques Training Workshop.

2. ICMR-NIMR Field Unit Chennai organized 4 days hands-on training on 'Insecticide resistance in Malaria Vectors'.
3. EQAS workshop Round I for the year 2023-24 was conducted by National Reference Laboratory of HIV testing.
4. Indo US Workshop- Clinical Research Ethics and Challenging Newer Areas".
5. Workshop on Rajbhasha.

**v. MoU Signed: 3**

1. Between ICMR-NIN and Human Space Flight Centre, Department of Space Bengaluru on Crew Nutritional Requirement for Indian Human Space flight programme.
2. Between MKCL and NARI – Recruitment of Technical and Administrative Cadre.
3. Between ICMR NARI and participating sites for MPOX study (Mansa Foundation Welfare Society UDAAN TRUST YRG Care CARB India PATH, India Amitie Trust India HIV Alliance) for Budget transfer and study implementation.

**vi.** A consultative workshop on cost-effectiveness Analysis and Value based pricing for Anti cancer Drugs was held on 13.09.2023.

**vii.** A meeting was held with three new DHR-ICMR Advanced Molecular Oncopathology Diagnostic Services (DIAMONDS) centres on 22.09.2023 in DHR.

**viii.** A manuscript titled "Overview of the National Ethics Committee Registry for Biomedical and Health Research in India: Stepping up to Safeguard the ethical aspect of Research Involving Human Participants" has been published in the Indian Journal of Pharmacology (Impact factor 2.9) in the current issue of journal.

**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 Swachhta 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 ICMR and DHR.

**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:** positions advertised for the post of Additional Director General, Head of Three divisions and Directors of 5 ICMR Institutes.

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