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**Subject: Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the month of August, 2018-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 August, 2018.

  
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MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2018

An update on the principal activities and key initiatives undertaken by the Department of Health Research (DHR) during the month of August, 2018 is indicated below:

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

- a) Teams were deputed by the ICMR for Kerala floods. Also commenced diagnostic testing laboratory for leptospirosis (rat fever) at Alappuzha, NIV-Kerala.
- b) Carried out
  - (i) Investigation of encephalitis outbreak across India.
  - (ii) Suspected Dengue outbreak investigations in MP State.
  - (iii) Investigation of acute encephalitis syndrome cases admitted to BRD medical college (BRDMC), Gorakhpur
  - (iv) Antiviral profiling of Influenza viruses across India.
  - (v) Outbreaks and epidemic investigation of high-risk group of viral pathogens causing respiratory infections.
- c) Published 47 research papers in the area of tuberculosis, cancers, HIV, reproduction and fertility, occupational and environmental risk for health, chikungunya, influenza A H<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub>pdm09, dengue, diabetes mellitus, malaria, Kawasaki disease etc. and published 6<sup>th</sup> issue of IJMR journal for year 2018.
- d) Conducted 8 workshops/ seminars/ conferences/ CMEs in the area of viral hepatitis; cervical cancer screening; research methodology for biomedical research; intensified TB control; establishment of biosafety level-3 laboratory; augmenting local resources for primary healthcare and better livelihood in tribal's; bench top flow cytometer system and organized Odisha Vikash Conclave (OVC)-2018.
- e) Undertaken 33 major projects including Tuberculosis control among Saharia tribal of MP, Malaria elimination in Mandla district of MP; Control and prevention of dengue and chikungunya by NVBDCP etc.
- f) Conducted a total of 15 training programs for clinical faculties, state medical officers, maternity care specialist, microbiologists, medical undergraduates and post graduate doctors, nursing staff, research assistants, laboratory technologists, on various subjects.
- g) Celebration events held on ORS Day-1<sup>st</sup> August, 'Independence Day', 15<sup>th</sup> August and 'Sadbhavana Diwas-20<sup>th</sup> August' 2018 at Kolkata, Jabalpur, Pune , & New Delhi.
- h) Organized National Health Exhibition Mela, at Nimta, Kolkata and community awareness camp for oral, breast and cervical cancer at Noida.