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**Subject: - Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the month of August, 2022-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, 2022.



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

Monthly report in the format on important issues/ developments for the month of August, 2022 is submitted herewith for kind perusal.

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

**A) Global Corona virus Covid-19 management and measures in India:**

**16 Regional Depots of ICMR Depots responsible for coordination and distribution of COVID-19 diagnostic kits**

STATE/ UT	QUANTITY IN TESTS								
	RT PCR			RNA EXTRACTION			VTM		
	Central Institutes/L abs	State Institutes/L abs	Total	Central Institutes/La bs	State Institutes/Labs	Total	Central Institutes/Labs	State Institutes/La bs	Total
TOTAL	78,300	15,000	93,300	21,840	3,920	25,760	100	0	100

**B) Major achievements:**

- i. Major publications with significant health impact (more than 45, some of the important publication topics listed below)
  1. On Hereditary Elliptocytosis and Hereditary Pyropoikilocytosis Diagnosis.
  2. On gene expression of superoxide dismutases in Chlamydia trachomatis.
  3. On restricted phage invasion in Acinetobacter baumannii.
  4. A review on Infectious Diseases in Rajasthan
  5. On Clinical profile of SARS-CoV-2-infected neonates.
  6. On Concurrent cervical and anal high-risk human papillomavirus infection in women living with HIV: an observational case-control study
- ii. The Following Reports were released:

1. Release of the 'Report on monitoring survey of cancer risk factors and health system response in North East Region (NER)' for Meghalaya
  2. Release of survey report on "Monitoring Survey of Cancer Risk Factor and Health System Response in North East Region (Tripura)"
  3. Release of survey report on "Monitoring Survey of Cancer Risk Factor and Health System Response in North East Region, Nagaland Region"
- iii. **Major events hosted:** More than 50 meetings, workshops, webinars and conferences were hosted by various ICMR Institutes.
- iv. More than 15 major projects were undertaken. Some of them listed below:
1. On Burden of Scrub typhus infection and identification of chigger mites in Kerala.
  2. USAID- NPY project (Evaluation of the Direct Benefit Transfer (NikshayPoshanYojana ) among patients with TB notified under the NTEP in selected districts of India, 2022)
  3. Thoothukudi TB elimination project (A Demonstration Project For Reduction of TB in India- A Multicentric Study)
  4. Establishment of Tribal Health Observatory in Odisha (TriHOb)funded by the ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare, Govt. of Odisha
  5. Smart Mosquito Density System – Moskeet project
- v. Training and capacity building programmes, courses etc.: Training and capacity building programs were taken for journalists, trainers, state level officer engaged in the health programs by ICMR and ICMR institutes.
- vi. An Online "Stakeholder Engagement Training" was organized on 04<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 by the Health Technology Assessment in India Secretariat (HTAI Sec.), DHR to sensitize the Industry Partners about the methodologies and applications of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and the role and contributions of industry partners in HTA.
- vii. The 29<sup>th</sup> Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 to discuss the outcome Report of the Sickle Scan.
- viii. Other:
1. Compliance of CoS decisions: NIL
  2. No. of cases of 'sanction for prosecution' pending for more than three months:  
  
10 cases in Chennai CAT and 1 case in High Court

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. Patent filed/Approved: 6
5. Trademark filed: Logos of ICMR (5 in numbers)
6. MoU Signed: 3
  - (i) MoU between ICMR NIIRNCD Jodhpur and George institute for Global Health, New Delhi in project on "Capacity building training for doctors and nurses regarding screening and management of common mental health disorders".
  - (ii) MOU on the project entitled "Molecular profiling of common clinical phenotypes associated with congenital hypothyroidism- a pilot study" has been signed with BJWHC, Mumbai on June 30, 2022. Subsequently, the project is approved by IEC of BJWHC, Mumbai for bench work.
  - (iii) MOU between ICMR and Department of Medical Science, Thailand for cooperation and collaboration on health and medical research.
7. Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged Inter-Ministerial consultations: NIL
8. Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the Government: NIL
9. 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 including ICMR and its Institutes.
10. Status of Rationalization of Autonomous bodies: NIL
11. Information on specific steps taken for utilization of the space technology based tools and applications in Governance and Development: NIL
12. Vacancy position of senior level appointments in the Ministry/Department, including Autonomous Bodies/PSUs: NIL
13. List of cases in which ACC directions have not been complied with: NIL