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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, 2022.



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

a) Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

- Foundation stone for the National Institute for One Health, Nagpur, Maharashtra laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated the ICMR Centre for Research, Management and Control of Haemoglobinopathies, Chandrapur, Maharashtra.
- National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research in Hyderabad was inaugurated by Hon'ble minister of Health and Family Welfare.
- ICMR RMRIMS Patna is recognized as WHO collaborating Centre for Leishmaniasis.
- ICMR Advanced Mycology & Diagnostics Research Centre inaugurated at AIIMS Bhubaneswar under ICMR Task Force project.

b) Major achievements:

i. Major publications with significant health impact (more than 30, some of the important publication topics listed below)

- Duration of Seroprotection of the live attenuated SA-14-14-2 Japanese encephalitis vaccine in children in India.
- In Silico Screening of Prospective MHC Class I and II Restricted T-Cell Based Epitopes of the Spike Protein of SARS-CoV-2 for Designing of a Peptide Vaccine for COVID-19.
- Spatial heterogeneity of risk factors associated with HIV prevalence among men who inject drugs in India.
- Cost-effectiveness of Janus Kinase inhibitors for Rheumatoid Arthritis.

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-

- 5-day Workshop on entomological capacity building, "Control of Malaria and other Vector-borne Zoonotic Diseases.
- Malaria elimination Hands on Training at RMRC Gorakhpur.
- Online lecture on "Malaria Surveillance in the Context of Elimination".
- Online Lecture on "A People's Movement Against Malaria:

iii. Major projects undertaken: More than 20 major projects were undertaken. Some of them listed below.

- Countrywide survey for Nipah virus in Pteropus bats
- Investigations of human clinical specimens collected during encephalitis outbreaks and diagnostic services to suspected Japanese encephalitis and Chandipura encephalitis patients from India
- Congenital Rubella Syndrome Surveillance in India

iv. Technology/ Kits launched: Pune NIV developed Nipah Virus Antibody Test

v. 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. MoU Signed: 1

An MoU has been signed between ICMR-National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)- Jodhpur,

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

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

7. Status of ongoing SwachhtaAbhiyan (progress under Special campaign):

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

8. Status of Rationalization of Autonomous bodies: NIL

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

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

Process to fill up vacancies of Additional DG, ICMR and Directors of 3 ICMR Institutes (ICMR-NIMS, ICMR-JALMA, ICMR-NIV) are under way.

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

12. Under the Central Sector Scheme of Multi-Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs), three new Multi-Disciplinary Research Units were sanctioned in December, 2022 for AIIMS, Bibinagar, Telangana, AIIMS, Kalyani, West Bengal, JNIMS, Imphal, Manipur.

13. 3rd Technical Appraisal Committee of Health Technology Assessment in India (HTAI_n) was held on 21st of December, 2022.