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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 February, 2022 is submitted herewith for kind perusal.

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

- a) **Global coronavirus COVID-19 management and measures in India:** Following new measures and initiatives were taken besides the timely COVID-19 testing and reporting.
- 1) **Expansion of COVID-19 testing facilities:** A total of 79 new testing labs (20 Govt. and 59 Private) were approved for covid-19 testing during the month. Accordingly, a total of 4,57,96,748 samples have been tested during the month and the testing capacity was increased up to more than 20,00,000/day.
- 2) **Approved a total of 3306 (1424 Governments and 1882 Private) Labs for COVID-19 testing.**

State-wise details: Andhra Pradesh (157); Arunachal Pradesh (27); Assam (61); Bihar (87); Chandigarh (13); Chhattisgarh (60); Delhi (155); Gujarat (191); Goa (13); Haryana (87); Himachal Pradesh (37); Jammu & Kashmir (42); Jharkhand (55); Karnataka (222); Kerala (192); Maharashtra (339); Madhya Pradesh (137); Manipur (19); Meghalaya (22); Mizoram (14); Nagaland (15); Odisha (67); Puducherry (17); Punjab (80); Rajasthan (84); Tamil Nadu (334); Telangana (150); Tripura (6); Uttar Pradesh (322); Uttarakhand (69); West Bengal (180); Andaman & Nicobar Islands (5); Dadra & Nagar Haveli (1); Sikkim (4); Leh-Ladhak (4); Lakshdweep (10); Mobile testing lab (28).

-**Real-Time RT PCR for COVID-19:** 2179(Govt: 778 +Private: 1401)

- **TrueNat Test for COVID-19:** 955 (Govt: 594+ Private: 361)

- **CBNAAT Test for COVID-19:** 131(Govt: 42 + Private: 89)

-**Other Molecular-Nucleic Acid (M-NA) Testing Platforms for COVID-19:** 41(Govt: 10 + Private: 31)

Note: Other Molecular-Nucleic Acid includes Abbott ID NOW, RT-LAMP, CRISPR-Cas9, and Accula™

3) Kits Distributed to Lab/States across the country during the month:

RT PCR	RNA Extraction	VTM
1,56,600	64,990	13,500

- b) **Finalized 'National Guidelines'** on Prevention and Management of Stigma and Discrimination associated with HIV and AIDS.

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- c) **Released Report on** "Monitoring Survey of Cancer Risk Factors and Health System Response in North East Region (NER) of India".
- d) **Inaugurated Mobile Biosafety Level-3 Laboratory, Pune** by Honorable Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. *
- e) **Undertook more than 20 important meetings (Videoconferencing/ Webinar/ Virtual)** including virtual meeting with The Swedish Trade & Invest Council, Bangalore & Sweden Embassy, New Delhi for announcement of winners of 2nd edition of the India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Challenge; virtual & in-person meetings regarding cabinet notes on MoUs of ICMR (ICMR-Oxford University, UK; ICMR-NIAID/NIH, USA & ICMR-DFG, Germany); virtual meeting with Republic of Colombia and India Joint Working Group (JWG) on 'Health Cooperation'; virtual meeting of stakeholders for ICMR-DFG MoU in medical research; virtual meeting on 'Regulatory mechanism for research on micro-organisms'; virtual meeting with German Embassy on Indo-German cooperation in Science & Technology-Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav etc.
- f) **Obtained Indian Patent on** "A kit for extended blood group determination and method thereof" no. 389461; Patent Application no. 201721046817.
- g) **Filed patent on** "portable protein gel electrophoresis" application no. 202211008794.
- h) **Signed 4 MoUs** with NCDC for "Climate change initiative"; with Sri Venkateshwara Medical college Hospital & Research Centre for collaborative research, Puducherry; with Indian Association for Preventive and Social Medicine for "Implementation of District Level Annual Survey for Sub-National Certification towards TB Free Status in India" with the Medical & Health and Family Welfare Department (State Health Authority), Govt. of Rajasthan and Department of Medical Education, Govt. of Rajasthan for 'Rajasthan Cancer Atlas Project' and for strengthening Cancer Registration and subsequent cancer related prevention and control activities.
- i) **Partnered in the event "Vigyan Sarvatre Pujiyate"** organized at 75 locations across India and participated in Mega Expo being organized at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.
- j) Two Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDLs) at AFMC, Pune and Medical College Baramula, J&K have been established during the month of February, 2022.
- k) Virtual workshop was conducted on "Introduction to priority setting & Health Technology Assessment (HTA) on the 16th of February, 2022". A total of 91 participants were trained.

2. Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged inter-ministerial consultations:

Nil

3. No. of cases of 'sanction for prosecution' pending for more than three months:

8 cases in Chennai CAT (7 cases are adjourned with directions and 1 case is in admission stage) and 1 case in Chennai High Court.

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

Nil

5. Status of ongoing Swachhata Abhiyan (progress under Special campaign):

In DHR the following activities have been performed:

- Creation of "Swacchta Wall" under Awareness Campaign for cleanliness.
- Cleaning of drinking water coolers and water purifiers on regular basis.
- Beautification of corridors.

ICMR has undertaken equipments and other items condemnation activities and delivered series of talks on infection control, biosafety' and cleanliness.

6. Status of Rationalization of Autonomous bodies:

The recommendation of the Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) was relating to merger of various institutes and it was implemented by the ICMR resulting in the reduction of the then 32 ICMR institutes to 24 institutes, vide its OM dated 30.01.2017.

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

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare launched ICMR's Drone Response and Outreach in North East (i-Drone). i-Drone is another pioneering initiative undertaken by ICMR to transform India's health ecosystem.

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

Following senior level appointments were made:

Addl. Director General, ICMR Hqrs, New Delhi	7/12/2021
Director, NITM, Belagavi	16/11/21

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

Nil

10. Details of FDI proposals cleared during the months and status of FDI proposals awaiting approval in the Ministry/Department

No such proposal in consideration.