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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 July, 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 July, 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: Following new measure and initiatives were taken besides the timely Covid-19 testing and reporting.**

a. Regional Depots of ICMR responsible for coordination and distribution of COVID-19 diagnostic were distributed Covid-19 Diagnostic kits.

QUANTITY IN TESTS								
RT PCR			RNA EXTRACTION			VTM		
Central I nstitutes/ Labs	State I nstitut es/Lab s	Total	Central I nstitutes/ Labs	State Instit utes/Labs	Total	Central Instit utes/Labs	State Institut es/Labs	Total
67,300	10,900	78,200	25,020	12,500	37,520	3,300	850	4,150

b. Procurement for Covid-19 management: 20 RT PCR machines were procured.

c. Procurement for Covid-19 management

**B. Various outbreaks related development**

a. Preparedness for the Monkeypox virus threat in India and detection of the First two Monkeypox cases in India:

- Towards the capacity building for Monkeypox testing in the country, 15 identified VRDLs (who manage referrals from the major international airports) were trained on the virtual platform on 'Monkeypox-Clinical features and Diagnosis'.
  - ICMR-NIV Pune, detected the first two cases of Monkeypox from the travelers returning from UAE.
  - Real-time PCR reagents and positive controls for Orthopoxvirus and Monkeypox virus detection were supplied to the 15 trained VRDLs.
  - ICMR-NIV Pune extended support to 7 SEAR member countries [Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Indonesia] and supplied reagents for the Monkeypox diagnosis.
- b. Surveillance for Zika virus infection: A total of 20+28 samples were received for Zika testing from different centers and all tested negative Real-time RTPCR and ELISA respectively.

**C. Major achievements:**

- More than 25 major publications with significant health impact.
- Major events hosted (Conferences, Workshops, and Meetings etc): More than 45 meetings, workshops, webinars and conferences were hosted by various ICMR Institutes.

iii. More than 25 major projects undertaken: Some of them listed below.

1. RDS phase of Exploring social and sexual networks of hard to MSM (Men having Sex with Men) initiated.
2. Exploring Hard to Reach MSM network structure and dynamics in India-A multi-centric study: Phase II RDS (NACO sponsored).
3. A demonstration project for reduction of Tuberculosis in different parts of India- a multicentric study. (ICMR sponsored).
4. *National Program: HIV-1 Viral Load Estimation* - Testing facility for HIV-1 viral load. 598 samples under NACO ART program and 1 referred case to support as WHO Collaborating Centre have been tested & reported during this period.
5. Burden of Scrub Typhus infection and identification of Chigger mite vector transmitting the disease in Kerala South India.
6. A national model to measure burden and map quality of care for type 2 diabetes mellitus in India, involving medical colleges through primary healthcare setup - Feasibility study (DNMS study)

iv 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.

D. One Medical College level VRDL has been sanctioned for AIIMS, Bhatinda.

2. Compliance of CoS decisions: NIL

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

ICMR has 10 cases in Chennai CAT and 1 case in 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. Patent filed/Approved: **Two**.

6. MoU Signed: **Two**

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 Swachhta Abhiyan (progress under Special campaign): A cleanliness drive was organised in the Department during the month of July, 2022 which also included disposal of waste/obsolete items.

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: One (Additional DG, ICMR).

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

