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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 March, 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 March, 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 25 new testing labs (5 Govt. and 20 Private) were approved for covid-19 testing during the month. Accordingly, a total of 2,10,45,044 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 3331 (1429 Governments and 1902 Private) Labs for COVID-19 testing.**

-Real-Time RT PCR for COVID-19: 2207(Govt: 784 +Private: 1423)

- TrucNat Test for COVID-19: 955 (Govt: 593+ Private: 359)

- 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
85,600	49,080	11,500

- 4) **Initiated study on immune response to precautionary third dose of COVISHIELD/COVAXIN** among healthy adult population: an ICMR Cohort study, India.
- 5) **Initiated Pan India epidemiological, virological and genomic surveillance** for human influenza and COVID-19 through DHR-ICMR VRDL Network.
- 6) **Initiated study on Evaluation of Immunogenicity** of ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 (Covishield) vaccine in Adults with Diabetes.
- 7) **Conducted multiple data monitoring/hand holding sessions on "Registry for COVID-19 infected pregnant women and neonates".**
- b) **Published policy on Biomedical Innovation & Entrepreneurship** for Medical Professionals, Scientists and Technologists at Medical, Dental, Para-Medical Institutes/Colleges.

- c) **Operationalized and launched ICMR-DHR-Large Animal House facility** centre for excellence at AMTZ, Andhra Pradesh.
- d) **Launched the Online Certificate Course on Cervical Cancer Screening** for Pathologists.
- e) **Launched CMR-NIAID-BMGF Clinical Research Fellowship Programme** with Indo-US collaboration.
- f) **Obtained Indian Patent on** "A process for the preparation of a fibronolytic enzyme"
- g) **Obtained copyright on** "Fever tracker app for the health workers" registration no. SW-15093/2022.
- h) **Organized 'Mega Science Week** under the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' at Chennai, Dibrugarh, Gorakhpur, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Puducherry, Puri-Odisha through deliberation on Next 25 Years of Indian Science & Technology; and **partnered in Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyathe-National Science Week Festival 2022**, New Delhi and "displayed the Personal Cooling Garment (PCG) technology and other technologies.
- i) 27th Technical Appraisal Committee for evaluation of New Health Technology Assessment (HTA) proposals was conducted on 22nd March, 2022. The Annual Resource Centre Review Meeting was conducted to discuss the progress of all 18 resource centres on the 23rd of March, 2022.
- j) Under the scheme of Multi Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs), five new MRUs were sanctioned.

Under the scheme of Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs), two new MRHRUs were sanctioned during the month of March, 2022.

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):

Organized lecture on Swachhata entitled "Health effects of Environmental Pollution" at, Jodhpur, Kolkata.

6. Status of Rationalization of Autonomous bodies:

Action already taken.

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

Conducted webinar on: 'Applications of drones in service industry'

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

One post of Director, NARI, Pune, (Scientist G) is vacant.

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

Nil