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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 January, 2022.



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

Monthly report in the format on important issues/ development for the month of January, 2022 is submitted herewith.

**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 117 new testing labs (43 Govt. and 74 Private) were approved for covid-19 testing during the month. Accordingly, a total of 4,58,65,812 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 3227 (1404 Governments and 1823 Private) Labs for COVID-19 testing.**  
**State-wise details:** Andhra Pradesh (150); Arunachal Pradesh (27); Assam (59); Bihar (83); Chandigarh (12); Chhattisgarh (60); Delhi (153); Gujarat (171); Goa (13); Haryana (89); Himachal Pradesh (36); Jammu & Kashmir (42); Jharkhand (54); Karnataka (217); Kerala (192); Maharashtra (336); Madhya Pradesh (133); Manipur (19); Meghalaya (22); Mizoram (14); Nagaland (15); Odisha (66); Puducherry (16); Punjab (71); Rajasthan (83); Tamil Nadu (330); Telangana (146); Tripura (6); Uttar Pradesh (315); Uttarakhand (69); West Bengal (178); Andaman & Nicobar Islands (5); Dadra & Nagar Haveli (1); Sikkim (4); Leh-Ladhak (4); Lakshdweep (10); Mobile testing lab (26).

-**Real-Time RT PCR for COVID-19: 2115 (Govt: 757+Private: 1358)**

- **TrueNat Test for COVID-19: 948 (Govt: 595 + Private: 353)**

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

- **Other Molecular-Nucleic Acid (M-NA) Testing Platforms for COVID-19: 33(Govt: 10 + Private: 23)**

*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<br>Extraction | VTM    |
|----------|-------------------|--------|
| 2,75,000 | 1,05,100          | 33,050 |

- 4) **Obtained Emergency Use Authorization for ICMR coordinated COVOVAX-SII trial [A Phase 2/3, Observer blind, Randomized Controlled, Multicentric, Study To Determine The Safety And Immunogenicity of COVOVAX In Indian Adults].**
- 5) **Initiated the Solidarity Trial for Hospitalized COVID 19 patients at AIIMS, New Delhi.**

- b) **Inaugurated ICMR-CNCD new campus of the Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI), New Town, Kolkata by Hon'ble PM virtually, in the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and in virtual presence of Chief Minister of West Bengal.**
- c) **Organized the release of the COVID-19 vaccine (BBV-152) Commemorative postal stamp by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare on the occasion of anniversary of COVID-19 Vaccination Drive on 16th January 2022, held press release and communications activities.**
- d) **Developed Regional Manual for the Laboratory Diagnosis of Nipah Virus' jointly by ICMR and World Health Organization Regional Office for South-East Asia.**
- e) **Validated new technology of handheld X-ray machine 'Mine-2' as a new tool for diagnosis of Tuberculosis in Suspected TB / TB cases residing in remote & hard to reach areas under programmatic settings.**
- f) **Signed a MoU with Central University of Odisha, Koraput for collaborations on research and academics.**
- g) **The surrogacy (Regulation) ACT, 2021 commencement date was Gazette Notified on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, 2022.**
- h) **The Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) ACT, 2021 commencement date was Gazette Notified on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, 2022.**