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

Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for October, 2019

The Monthly report on important issues/development for the month of October, 2019 in respect of Department of Health Research/Indian Council of Medical Research is submitted herewith for your kind perusal:

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

- a) **Inaugurated and Launched 'National TB Prevalence Survey, 2019 -20'.**
- b) **Signed three Memorandum of Understanding (3 MoUs)** with State Council on Science and Technology, Govt. of Odisha in connection with Skill Vigyan Programme; with Jiwaji University, Gwalior for academic collaboration; and with Hindustan Zinc Limited, Dariba, Rajasthan to execute a project entitled "Explorative study to assess the health status of lead smelting plant workers".
- c) **Under VRDL Influenza Surveillance Network:** Out of a total of 2777 samples tested, 393 samples were found positive.
- d) **Under Surveillance for Zika Infections in Humans in India,** total of 972 samples were collected and all were found negative.
- e) **Assessment of situation of vector borne disease outbreak in different post-flooded area of Patna:** Team of epidemiologists, entomologists and other experts surveyed the flood affected areas to assess any outbreak of water and vector borne diseases. Twenty camps were organized for dengue and chikengunya outbreak in different localities of Patna and recommendations conveyed to state Govt. on control measures.
- f) **Initiated/completed 32 projects** on various topics like Assessment of food and nutrients of young children to enable to develop local food models for improving infant and young child feeding in the states of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh; including Exploring hard to reach MSM network structure and dynamics in India, a multi-centric study; Assessment of Early Infant Diagnosis of HIV infection in India; and Comparing methods for assigning causes of death by verbal autopsy; Evaluation of prevalence, regional phenotypic variation, Co-morbidities, risk factors and the variations in response to different therapeutic modalities among Indian women with Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS): A Multicenter study across India; Clinical Phenotypes and genetic regulation of Indian women with endometriosis; adaptation plan for vector borne diseases in view of climate change in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh.
- g) **Published 18 lead papers** on various to subject like 'Mapping 123 million neonatal, infant and child deaths between 2000 and 2017; School-age children as

asymptomatic malaria reservoir in tribal villages of Bastar region, Chhattisgarh; Diagnosis: Strengthening key in the success of Malaria Elimination in India; Age-specific prevalence of TB infection among household contacts of pulmonary TB. Etiology of childhood diarrhoea among under five children and molecular analysis of antibiotic resistance in isolated enteric bacterial pathogens from a tertiary care hospital, Eastern Odisha.

- h) **Published Hindi Collector's edition** of Indian Journal of Medical Research on "**Gandhi aur swasthya @ 150**"
- i) **Conducted important meetings** with AU-STRC, Abuja for discussion on progress and further activities under the **India Africa Health Sciences Platform; with NITI Aayog** on Scientist Return to India (SRI) Programme; with **WHO SEARO** to finalize draft tool for "Assessing country capacity on Research for Health";
- j) Developed IEC material for outreach programs under the "**Nutrition Bharat**" for conducting awareness programs for NGOs, ASHA workers, Anganwadis, elected representatives of Panchayatraj and for Media Professionals.
- k) **Undertaken programme** on awareness for breast cancer and cancer screening for 51 ASHA workers.
- l) **Organized Curtain Raiser Event** cum Media Briefing for the '**India International Science Festival (IISF), 2019**' at National JALMA Institute for Leprosy & Other Mycobacterial Diseases, Agra.
- m) Organized training program on "**Air Quality Monitoring (Ambient & Source) and continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (CAAQM)**" jointly with Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), New Delhi.
- n) **Awarded ICMR prizes to 39 different scientists and researchers** of Indian origin for the year for their significant research contributions in the field of biomedical sciences and human health.
- o) **Organized 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'** commemorating '**150th Birthday celebration of Mahatma Gandhi**' along with 'No Plastic use' and Plastic Waste Management programmes at Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Jabalpur, Jodhpur, Kolkata, Mumbai and New Delhi.