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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 November, 2022.



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Monthly report in the format on important issues/ developments for the month of November, 2022 is submitted herewith for kind perusal.

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

a) Policy Decisions:

1. ICMR Advanced Mycology & Diagnostics Research Center inaugurated at AIIMS Bhubaneswar under ICMR Task Force project.
2. ICMR-Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna is recognized as WHO Collaborating Centre for Leishmaniasis.

b) Major achievements:

i) Major publications with significant health impact: (more than 30 articles were published, some of the important publication topics listed below)

1. Development of a simple PCR-RFLP technique for detection and differentiation of *E. histolytica*, *E. dispar* and *E. moshkovskii*, Metagenomic analysis of diarrheal stools in Kolkata, India, indicates the possibility of subclinical infection of *Vibrio Cholerae*, Existing policies/Guidelines on the Environmental Dimension of Antimicrobial Resistance in India: An Insight into the key Facets through Review and SWOT Analysis.
2. The development of QERM scoring system for comprehensive assessment of the Quality of Empirical Research in Medicine - Part 1, Estimating the quantity of smokeless tobacco consumption among older adults in India. Clinical Epidemiology and Global Health, Social desirability and under-reporting of smokeless tobacco use among reproductive age women: Evidence from National Family Health Survey.
3. Multisite surveillance for influenza and other respiratory viruses, "Profile of diseases prevalent in Datia District of Madhya Pradesh, The Impact, Emerging Needs, and New Research Questions Arising from 12 Years of the Center for the Study of Complex Malaria in India, Characterization of the Anopheline vector breeding habitats in tribal inhabited Car Nicobar Island".
4. Lifestyle and other factors are affecting the incidence of Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma and survival in patients, Sociodemographic determinants of high tobacco use in Gond tribe of central India, Prenatal exposure to environmental pro-oxidants induces mitochondria-mediated epigenetic changes: a cross-sectional pilot study

ii) Major events hosted (Conferences, Workshops, and Meetingsetc): More than 70 meetings, workshops, webinars and conferences were hosted by various ICMR Institutes, some of the important one listed below-

1. Varied dimensions of projects from TB, Malaria, NCDs to Behaviour Change Communication were presented in 35th SAC of ICMR-NIRTH, Jabalpur with the aim to improve the health of the tribal and marginalised population.
2. First contact session of Health Communication Course ended successfully. It focussed on all the intricacies of Communication from community engagement to media management. Super 30 joining the course are all set to create new milestones in Health Research.

3. ICMR participated in the Mega Science Exhibition "Rise in Uttar Pradesh 2022" held in Ghaziabad.

4. ICMR-NICED organized 16th Asian Conference on Diarrhoeal Diseases and Nutrition (ASCODD).

5. Organized for training on community based nutrition models using local food preparation of Pearl Millet to address the problem of Anemia and Malnutrition in Rajasthan to program managers.

iii) Major projects undertaken. Some of the newly initiated projects listed below:

1. Evaluation of transvaginal digital VIA facilitated by telehealth, and AI
2. For improving the quality of screening and triaging in low resource settings in the post-Covid era.

iv) **Training and capacity building programmes, courses etc.:** More than 35 training and capacity building programs were taken for students, trainers, state level officer engaged in the health programs by ICMR and ICMR institutes.

v) **MoU Signed: 1**

ICMR signed a MoU with Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ), Vishakhapatnam for creating an International Assistive Technology Hub.

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:**

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. **Status of ongoing Swachta Abhiyan (progress under Special campaign):**

Various aspects of the Swachhta like monitoring day to day cleaning work of office premises and digitization of office records are regular activities of DHR and ICMR.

6. **Status of Rationalization of Autonomous bodies: NIL.**

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

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

Application process for the post advertised in the previous month is in process.

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