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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 September, 2022.

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6. Secretary, Inter-State Council Secretariat, MHA, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi.

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

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

1. Hon'ble President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu unveiled the foundation stone for ICMR-National Institute of Virology, South Zone at Bengaluru
2. Received 2022 UNITAF & WHO Special Program on Primary Health Care Award at UNGA for the exemplary work in improving hypertension treatment at PHC level: India Hypertension Control Initiative, a collaborative effort of ICMR, MoHFW, WHO and state governments.
3. ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad is conferred the prestigious 'POSHAK Anaaj Award 2022' at National NutriCereal Convention organized by ICAR.

Table 1: Distribution of COVID-19 diagnostic kits to Regional Depots

STATE/UT	QUANTITY IN TESTS								
	RT PCR			RNA EXTRACTION			VTM		
	Central Institutes/Labs	State Institutes/Labs	Total	Central Institutes/Labs	State Institutes/Labs	Total	Central Institutes/Labs	State Institutes/Labs	Total
TOTAL	57200	0	57200	21190	0	21190	0	5000	5000

A) Major achievements:

i) Some of the major publications with significant health impact are listed below:

1. Prioritization and Meta-analysis of regulatory SNPs identified associated with cervical cancer.
2. Prevalence of smoking and smokeless tobacco use during Breast feeding: A cross-sectional secondary data analysis based on 0.32 million sample women in 78 low-income and middle-income countries.
3. Molecular basis of epigenetic regulation in cancer diagnosis and treatment.
4. Role of Oxidative Stress and the Protective Effect of Fermented Papaya Preparation in Sickle Cell Disease.
5. Changing paradigm in the epidemiology of Japanese encephalitis in India.
6. Development of lab score systems for predicting COVID-19 Patient severity: A retrospective analysis.

ii) Some of the major events (Conferences, Workshops, and Meetings etc) are listed below:

1. Dr Bharti Pravin Pawar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, visited ICMR-NCDIR, Bengaluru to Review the activities and discuss the studies that the Institute is conducting in areas of qualitative health
2. "Cyberspace: Unknown to Appears to be Known" as a celebration of Cyber Jagrookta Diwas.
3. Hindi Diwas celebrated at various ICMR Institutes and ICMR Hq.
4. A training program on Bio-Medical Research Ethics, GCP & NDCT Rules 2019.
5. Field visits in four northeastern states (Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura) under the National Task force project on snakebites.
6. Capacity building of young researchers for carrying out Nutrition Research.

iii) More than 27 major projects were undertaken. Some of them are listed below:

1. Development of a vaccine against Helicobacter pylori, based on immunogen formulated from circulating prevalent strains .
2. A demonstration project for reduction of Tuberculosis in different parts of India- a multicentric study
3. A School based and follow-up survey of Soil Transmitted Helminth Infections among School aged children in Uttarakhand
4. A feasibility study for implementation of innovative RBSK-NTEP collaboration module for active case finding of tuberculosis among school students: Multicentric Study

iv) Training and capacity building programmes, courses etc.: More than 30 training and capacity building programs were taken for students, trainers, state level officer engaged in the health programs by ICMR and ICMR institutes.

v) Other activities:

1. Meeting with WHO officials and International Decision Support Initiative (IDSI) officials was held on 27.09.2022 for the upcoming HTA International Symposium.
2. Four Viral Research & Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDL) have been approved at R.R.Military Hospital, Delhi, AIIMS, Bilaspur, Government Medical College Anantnag (J&K) and TRIHMS, Neharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh.

B). Others:

1. Compliance of CoS decisions: NIL
2. No. of cases of 'sanction for prosecution' pending for more than three months:

10 cases in Chennai CAT and 1 case in High Court
3. Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the Government: NIL
4. Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged Inter-Ministerial consultations: Nil

5. Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the Government: NIL.

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

Various aspects of the Swachhta like monitoring day to day cleaning work of the campus, organising sensitizing workshop on swachhta, shramdaan activities and digitization of office records are regular activities of ICMR Institutes and DHR.

7. Status of Rationalization of Autonomous bodies: NIL

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

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

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