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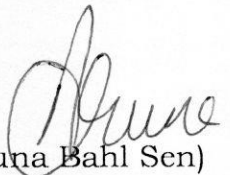
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**MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for August, 2019

An update on the Principal activities and key initiative undertaken by the Department of Health Research (DHR) during the month of August 2019 is indicated below:-

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

- i. **Viral Research & Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs)** were trained for biosafety, biosecurity and testing for high risk pathogens like: Ebola, MERS-CoV; Yellow Fever; Marburg and Nipah during 13 August, 2019-18th August, 2019 at National Institute of Virology, Pune.
- ii. **Regional Advocacy Workshop** was conducted at Bhubaneswar on 20th August, 2019.
- iii. **Launched National Data Quality Forum (NDQF)** and nationwide expansion of **India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI)** program.
- iv. **Cabinet, its meeting held on 24th July, 2019 has approved the Decision to merge National Institute of Miners' Health (NIMH), Nagpur with National Institute of Occupational Health (NIOH), Ahmedabad.**
- v. **Impact of Measles Rubella Vaccination on Population Immunity in India (IMRVI) study:** Completed pre- and post-vaccination serum samples testing of Measles and rubella IgG from Dahanu, Maharashtra. Also tested another 504 post-vaccination serum samples received from Ghatampur and Thiruvananthapuram.
- vi. **Identification, detection, genetic determinants and prevalence of drug resistance and transmitted drug resistance tuberculosis in Southern India:** The overall prevalence of transmitted drug resistance (TDR) is found to be 11.3%, which is categorized as moderate level of TDR according to WHO survey guidelines. Of the 799 HHCs in 355 households of adult tuberculosis, 67 (8%) found pLTBI at 12 months, 52 (6.5%) as resisters in 39 households and a complete absence of response was found in 27(53%) resisters.
- vii. **Launch of National Digital Health Mission by MOHFW**, based on an ICMR field-tested phase one -logistics, manpower and infrastructure requirements; Task Force study (2013-19) on Health Account Scheme, 2nd phase study ready for further improvements.
- viii. **Initiated/completed 18 projects** including 'National survey for state-wise prevalence of microbiologically confirmed pulmonary tuberculosis in India; including, Mission SHAKTTI (School based Health Awareness, Knowledge Test and Training Initiative)

and Therapeutic intervention of *Shigella flexneri* host pathogen interaction by a small molecule herbal compound.

- ix. **Published 3 policy briefs on:**
 - a) On Implementation and operational research projects funded by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM),
 - b) Social & behavioural research studies on tuberculosis and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).
 - c) Smoking, alcohol use disorder and tuberculosis treatment outcomes: A dual comorbidity burden that cannot be ignored.
- x. **Obtained Copyright certificate for software titled I-AMRSS-** a suit for collection management and analysis of antimicrobial resistance data.
- xi. **Received Design certificate for a device titled ‘Wireless mouse and keyboard device for handicapped’.**
- xii. **Published 14 lead papers** on various subjects including on First report on the transmission of Zika virus by *Aedes (Stegomyia) aegypti* (L.) (Diptera: Culicidae) during the 2018 Zika outbreak in India and An interventional study on comprehensive emergency care and trauma registry for road traffic injuries in India etc.
- xiii. **Conducted important meetings with various stakeholders like** Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) for exploring future possibility under India-Africa Health Sciences platform; with **Team United Kingdom Research & Innovation (UKRI)**, India for addressing issues on India-UK Collaboration; **WHO South East Asia Region Office; Joint working Group (JWG) of Indo US Collaboration** and Israeli Collaboration platform to discuss the various health related studies.
- xiv **Conducted training programmes** to medical officers and entomologist from **Sri Lanka** on malaria entomology and vector control involved for anti-malaria campaign.
- xv. **Announced competition on “Clinical images and Medical innovations”** submissions open from August 19, 2019 to November 20, 2019.
- xvi. **Exhibited ICMR technologies** at Expo on “Technology Outreach as an Enabler for Inclusive & Sustainable Development – **Tech for Seva**” held at IIT, Delhi and participated in **Ujwal Himachal**, held at Chamba District.