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Update on Early Detection of Life-Threatening Diseases

The Department of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States / UTs under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), as part of National Health Mission (NHM), based on the proposals received from the States / UTs and subject to the resource envelope. Cancer is an integral part of NPCDCS. The programme focusses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion & awareness generation, screening, early diagnosis, management, and referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment of the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), including Cancer. Under NPCDCS, 707 District NCD Clinics, 193 District Cardiac Care Units, 268 Day Care Centres, and 5541 Community Health Centre NCD Clinics have been set up.

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Scheme on conservation, development, and sustainable management of medicinal plants

Till date, NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH has supported 1498 projects throughout the country under Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development, and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants since its inception. Under the same scheme, NMPB, Ministry of AYUSH has supported 103026.32-hectare area under *In-situ* / *Ex-situ* Conservation and Resource augmentation, 24,000 herbal gardens, 1175 JFMCs, 233 seminars / workshops / conferences / buyer-seller meets / trainings and 57 nurseries. Besides this, NMPB has developed “e-CHARAK” application to provide a platform for the trade of Medicinal Plants and to provide easy market access and developed an NMPB helpline in collaboration with CDAC Hyderabad.

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AYUSH System of Medicine

The primary responsibility for ensuring healthcare services lies with respective State/UT Governments. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India provides financial and technical support to the States / UTs for strengthening their healthcare systems including support for engagement of doctors and for mainstreaming of AYUSH through co-located facilities, based on the requirements posed by the States / UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope.

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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launches nationwide Sarva Dawa Sevan or Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (LF)

Union Secretary for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Rajesh Bhushan launched a nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign aimed at ending disease transmission through the door-to-door administration of anti-filarial drugs, especially in 10 filaria-affected states. This launch comes a month after the program received resounding support from the Hon'ble Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya to eliminate Filariasis by 2027, three years ahead of the global target.

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Update on Upgradation of District Hospitals to Medical Colleges

The Government has increased a number of medical colleges and subsequently increased MBBS seats. There is an increase of 69% in Medical Colleges from 387 before 2014 to 655 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 95% in MBBS seats from 51348 before 2014 to 100163 as of now and an increase of 110% in PG seats from 31185 before 2014 to 65335 as of now. Further, as informed by the National Medical Commission (NMC), the details of MBBS (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) seats in the country as of now is at Annexure.

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Update on Free Drugs & Diagnostics Service Initiative

Under National Health Mission financial support is provided to States / UTs for provision of free essential medicines in public health facilities based on the requirements posed by States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope. Ministry has recommended facility-wise Essential Drugs List (EDL) to be made available at public healthcare facilities to ensure widespread access to essential medicines.

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Update on Cancer Care Hospitals

Cancer is diagnosed and treated at various levels in the healthcare facilities. The treatment in Government Hospitals is either free or highly subsidized for the poor and needy. The Central Government implements Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centres Facilities Scheme in order to enhance the facilities for tertiary care of cancer. 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) have been approved under the said scheme.

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AYUSH Minister inaugurates International Conference on Unani Medicine

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of AYUSH reiterated how India has taken the lead in the field of Traditional Medicine in the world and emphasized on the need for bolstering evidence based scientific research in AYUSH sector. Minister participated as Chief Guest in the event organized on Unani Day 2023 and formal inauguration of International Conference held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

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Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addresses Plenary Session of Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit

“Government of India is improving the healthcare and medical education sectors through a holistic approach that not only envisages creating more quality healthcare infrastructure but also trained manpower to efficiently run institutions. Health is being linked with development because only a health society can become a developed society”. This was stated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya,

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare during his address to the plenary session of the Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit in the presence of Shri Brajesh Pathak, Deputy Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh and Shri Mayankeshwar Sharan Singh, Minister of State, Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education, Govt of Uttar Pradesh.

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