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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) holds technical sessions on the sidelines of Two-day Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) held symposium with technical sessions on promotion and awareness of Millets on the sidelines of Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This Two-day Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference began at NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi. The plenary session of the concluding day of the Two-day conference began with a special address by Dr. D Ian Givens, Director, Institute of Food, Nutrition and Health (IFHN), University of Reading, UK. Dr. Givens emphasized on millets as sustainable solution to curtail micronutrient deficiency.

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Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addresses Global Conference on Digital Health themed 'Taking Universal Health Coverage to the Last Citizen'

"Digital solutions hold the capacity to revolutionize the healthcare delivery systems. Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, India aims to launch a global initiative on digital health as an institutional framework. This framework aims to converge the global efforts for digital health and scale up digital solutions with use of cutting-edge technologies. It is time to move from 'Silos to Systems' with collaboration of all countries for enhanced coverage and quality of healthcare services." This was stated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare as he virtually addressed the "Global Conference on Digital Health — Taking Universal Health Coverage to the Last Citizen" a co-branded event under India's G20 Presidency organized by WHO — South-East Asia Region in collaboration with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

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Government to promote AYUSH treatment through health tourism

'Heal in India' is an Initiative of the Government to promote the Medical Tourism in the country. Under this initiative, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of AYUSH has been working with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) and Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC) for developing a 'One Step' Heal in India portal for Promotion of Medical Value Travel.

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Growth of AYUSH Industry

As per the research report on AYUSH Sector by Forum on Indian Traditional Medicine (FITM) under Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), the market size of AYUSH industry is US\$ 18.1 billion (INR 1,49,451 Crore as per current INR-Dollar rate) in 2020 whereas it was US\$ 2.85 billion (INR 23,532 Crore as per current INR-Dollar rate) in 2014-15

(Goraya and Ved). <u>Link to press release</u>

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India has been ranked 10th in Medical Tourism Index (MTI) for 2020-2021 out of 46 destinations of the world by Medical Tourism Association. As per information provided by Ministry of Tourism, foreign tourist arriving in India for medical purposes were 3.04 Lakhs in 2021 compared to 1.83 Lakhs in 2020.

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Update on setting up of New Cancer Centres in the country

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 focuses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion & awareness generation for Cancer prevention, early diagnosis, management, and referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment of the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), including Cancer. Under NPCDCS, 708 District NCD Clinics, 301 District Day Care Centres, and 5671 Community

The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, provides technical and

Health Center NCD Clinics have been set up. **Link to press release**

States/UTs have set up Special Courts for trial of offences under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act for speedy disposal

Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) in coordination with various State Licensing Authorities (SLAs) conducts inspections of pharmaceutical manufacturing units in order to assess the status of compliance, to the requirements of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) under the Drug Rules 1945, as per risk-based approach. There are laid down guidance and checklist for conduct of inspections to assess the compliance of manufacturing facilities with the specified GMP and Good Laboratory Practice requirements.

<u>Link to press release</u>

Health Benefits Package under PMJAY consists of 1,949 treatment procedures including secondary, tertiary, and palliative care

Government of India has enacted the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010 (CE Act, 2010) and notified Clinical Establishments (Central Government) Rules, 2012 for registration and regulation of clinical establishments (both government and private) in the country. Link to press release

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