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National Strategic Plan & Roadmap for Leprosy (2023-27) to achieve zero transmission of leprosy by 2027

The Government of India has launched National Strategic Plan (NSP) & Roadmap for Leprosy (2023-27) on 30th January, 2023, to achieve zero transmission of leprosy by 2027 i.e. three years ahead of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.3. The NSP and Roadmap contain implementation strategies, year-wise targets, public health approaches, and overall technical guidance for the programme. The strategy and roadmap focuses on awareness for zero stigma & discrimination, promotion of early case detection, prevention of disease transmission by prophylaxis (Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis), and roll out of web-based information portal (Nikusth 2.0) for reporting of leprosy cases.

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Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya delivers keynote address on Digital transformation Challenges, Opportunities and Success on the concluding day of the Global Conference on Digital Health

"Digital Health interventions are not just limited to individual healthcare delivery programs, but are spread across multiple health outcomes, catering to both communicable and non-communicable diseases across the health and disease burden spectrum". This was stated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare during his address at the concluding day of 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 the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. He was joined by Mr. Joe Bejang, Minister of Health and Human Services, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Dr. Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region. Other dignitaries who were present at the High-Level Plenary included Ms. Nina Bergstedt, Senior Adviser, Office for Data Infrastructure and Cyber Security, Ministry of Interior and Health of

Denmark; Mrs. Bernardina De Sousa, National Deputy Director for Health Training, Ministry of Health, Mozambique; Mr. Bader Awladthani, Director-General of Information Technology, Sultanate of Oman and Dr. Preetha Rajaraman, Health Attache and South Asia Regional Representative, US Dept of Health and Human Services.

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Ministry of AYUSH felicitates Padma Awardees of 2023 who have contributed in the field of Ayush

Ministry of AYUSH organized a felicitation ceremony on Tuesday evening to honour Padma Awardees of 2023, who have contributed in the field of AYUSH. Union Minister of AYUSH Shri Sarbananda Sonowal honoured Shri Kamlesh Patel (Padma Bhushan), President, Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Hyderabad. Dr. Manoranjan Sahu (Padma Shri), eminent Ayurveda practitioner and surgeon, and Dr. Gopalsamy Veluchamy (Padma Shri), veteran Siddha practitioner for their contribution in popularizing AYUSH systems.

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FSSAI reconstitutes its Scientific Panels (SP) and Scientific Committee

FSSAI has reconstituted its Scientific Panels (SP) and empanelled about 200 scientific experts from different scientific organisations such as ICMR, CSIR, ICAR, NIFTEM, IIT's and various institutes working in the area of food safety and nutrition. These scientists will work with FSSAI for the next three years and suggest FSSAI the scientific aspects of food safety. This will further make way to notify food standards and regulations.

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Union Health Ministry organises Two-day Technical Symposium to develop a Strategic Framework and Roadmap for Dengue control in India

Union Health Secretary, Shri Rajesh Bhushan inaugurated a Two-day technical symposium to develop a strategic framework and roadmap for dengue control in India. The purpose of this symposium being organized by the National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) is to bring together identified ministries, states, govt institutions and development partners under a common platform to develop strategic framework for dengue control and envision a Country roadmap with the objective of maximising efficiency through convergence of efforts across multiple dimensions.

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Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates CGHS Wellness Centres at Shambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra and Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu in the presence of Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare virtually inaugurated the CGHS Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) in Shambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra, and Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu in the presence of Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar. Shri Atul Moreishwar Save, Minister for Cooperation and OBC Welfare, Government of Maharashtra, Shri PR Natarajan, Member of Parliament, Shri Syed Imtiaz Jalil, Member of Parliament, Mrs. Vanathi Srinivasan, MLA from Coimbatore South were also present to grace the occasion.

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MoU signed between Ministry of AYUSH and Department of ex-servicemen welfare, Ministry of Defence

Ministry of AYUSH and Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare/ECHS, Ministry of Defence (ECHS/DoESW) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to integrate Ayurveda in ECHS Polyclinics as an OPD service for five years period. These will be established at 10 polyclinics based at Ambala, Mysore, Ranchi, Nagpur, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Meerut, Danapur, and Alleppey (Alappuzha). Ayurveda centres are already in place in 37 cantonment Hospitals, 12 military hospitals of AFMC and Ayurveda OPD in AH R&R, AF Hospital Hindan, and five ECHS polyclinics.

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Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya chairs 36th Board Meeting of Stop TB Partnership

“We have seen the unwavering commitment of Hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to end TB in India. We are ready to lead from the front and be voice of the Global South in the collaborative fight against TB.” This was stated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare during his address to the 36th Board Meeting of the Stop TB Partnership. He was joined by Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Mandaviya stated that “India has identified 3 important health priorities under the G20 Presidency. All of these are focused on universal health coverage and relevant to our response for TB elimination”. He added that a lot of “exceptional work is being done at the ground level through innovation in case finding, mathematical modelling, digital interventions, and surveillance”. “India would be happy to share technical assistance with other countries to replicate such good practices”, he stated.

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