

Major Events & Achievements (August, 2016)

1. Ministry organized the 3rd National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Health Care System at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh from 29th to 31st August, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare to share and learn from various good and replicable practices and innovations adopted by different States in addressing health challenges being faced by them. The summit was attended by the Senior Officials from the States and UTs, Mission Directors and Directors, various Development Partner Agencies and Civil Society Organizations.
2. Mothers' Absolute Affection (MAA) Programme was launched on 5th August, 2016 by Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare. Hon'ble Ministers of States for Health & Family Welfare were also present.
3. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) organized a commemorative event on 22nd August, 2016 to celebrate a decade of enactment of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare was the Chief Guest and Secretary (HFW) was the Special Guest on this occasion. A Special Commemorative Edition and a Coffee Table Book on "Commemorating a decade of 10 Years of Integrated Food Law the Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006" was released.
4. Letter of Permission for establishment of 26 new Medical Colleges (total 3850 MBBS seats), increase of 350 MBBS seats(to 6 Medical Colleges), increase of 60 PG seats in 30 Super-Speciality Courses and Renewal of permission to 31 Medical Colleges issued for the academic year 2016-17.
5. The Standing Finance Committee under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (HFW) in its meeting held on 31.08.2016 recommended a Central Sector Scheme for "Strengthening of Food Testing System" in the Country with a total outlay of Rs. 481.95 Crore. The Scheme is to be implemented within three years starting from 2016-17.
6. A Telemedicine Node has been established at Panjtarani enroute holy Amarnath Cave in Jammu & Kashmir.
7. The Dentists (Amendment) Act, 2016 (no. 40 of 2016) related to "Insertion of new section 10D for Uniform entrance examination for undergraduate and post-graduate level" has been notified and published on 5th August, 2016 in the official gazette.
8. Recognition notifications for MDS degrees in respect of 4 dental colleges in 9 specialties with total number of 26 seats have been issued.
9. Recognition notifications for BDS degrees in respect of 6 dental colleges with total number of 340 seats have been issued.

10. Allocation of 236 MBBS and 38 BDS seats under Central Pool Scheme (Nominees of GOI) for the academic year 2016-17 has been made to beneficiary States/UTs/Govt. Departments.
11. The Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 2016 has been notified on 5th August, 2016 in the Gazette of India to insert the relevant clause for “Uniform Entrance Examination” to all medical educational institutions at UG and PG level.
12. DPRs of Diphu[Assam], Sikar [Rajasthan] and Bahraich [Uttar Pradesh] were approved by the Ministry under the CSS for establishment of new medical colleges by upgrading District/Referral hospitals.
13. Ministry launched National Deworming Day 2nd round on 10th August, 2016 in 18 States/UTs covering 11 crore children.
14. Ministry organized a BRICS workshop under the theme “Strengthening Health Surveillance: System and Best Practices” from 1-2 August, 2016 at Bengaluru, Karnataka.
15. Sanction for an amount of Rs. 25 Crore under recommendation of the oversight committee for year 2016-17 has been issued to AIIMS, New Delhi.
16. FSSAI initiated 10@10 new initiatives:
 - Safe and Nutritious Food @ Home
 - Safe and Nutritious Food @ School
 - Safe and Nutritious Food @ Workplace
 - Serve Safe
 - Corporate for Safe and Nutritious
 - Connect to Citizens
 - Diet4Life
 - Food Safety Training and Certification
 - Integrated Food Standards – Quick Access System
 - Strengthening of food Testing Laboratories
17. Following Notifications have been notified in August, 2016:
 - Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (Transaction of Business at its meetings) Amendment Regulations, 2016.
 - Maximum permitted pack size for Blended Edible Vegetable Oils to be 15 kg including 15 litres.
 - Inclusion of use of Ethylene gas for ripening of fruits.
 - Inclusion of New Atomic Energy (Radiation Processing of Food and Allied Products), Rules, 2012 in Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additive) Regulations, 2011.
18. NACO has organized three Capacity Building National Workshops on Data Systems of NACO at Hyderabad (1st - 2nd August 2016), Delhi (5th - 6th August 2016) and Guwahati (9th - 10th

August 2016). The aim of the workshop was to strengthen the Knowledge and working experience of various IT applications of NACO across the States.

19. National Coordination Centre, NIB has organized the 28th Continuing Medical Education (CME) on Haemovigilance Programme of India at King George's Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow held on 22nd August 2016.
20. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in August, 2016 during 2016-17, approximately 1.56 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, about 13,059 free spectacles were distributed to school children and around 1,385 donated eyes were collected.
21. Commemorating the milestone of a decade of integrated food law, a dedicated website was launched by FSSAI on 22nd August, 2016. 'Food Safety Voice', a web-portal created for the consumers to register their complaints and grievances related to packaged food and food premises, was also launched on this occasion.
22. Five States i.e. Haryana, Odisha, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh and Telangana are online as on date and working online with complete technical support from Training Management Information System (TMIS) - MoHFW team.
