

## Major Events & Achievements (December, 2016)

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1. The 6<sup>th</sup> BRICS Health Ministers Meeting was held in New Delhi on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.
2. "Swachh Swasth Sarvatra" - A joint initiative of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation was launched on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 to commemorate Good Governance Day.
3. Ministry won the Gold medal for its website [www.mohfw.nic.in](http://www.mohfw.nic.in) under Web Ratna category of the Digital India Awards, 2016 conferred by the Ministry of Electronics and IT to promote e-governance initiatives by the Government entities on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.
4. Foundation stone was laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in respect of Super Speciality Block (SSB) at IMS, Varanasi.
5. Foundation Stone was laid by Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare in respect of Super Speciality Block(SSB) at LLRM Medical College, Meerut; MLN Medical College, Allahabad and MLB Medical College, Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh and RNT Medical College, Udaipur, SP Medical College, Bikaner and Government Medical College, Kota in Rajasthan during the month of December, 2016.
6. Signing of Memorandum of Understanding among New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), Japan and Ministry of Finance (D/o Economic Affairs), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi concerning the Demonstration Project for Information & Communication Technology (ICT) based Green Hospital at AIIMS in Delhi.
7. H. E. Mr. Roberto Sarmiento de Oliveira Soars, Hon'ble Vice Foreign Minister of Timor Leste met Hon'ble HFM on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 in New Delhi to discuss bilateral health issues.
8. A delegation led by Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the International Congress on Controlling Diabetes and its more severe complications during 5 - 9 December, 2016 at Varadero, Cuba.
9. A decision was taken to hold NEET 2017 in these languages viz. Hindi, English, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Tamil and Telugu.
10. National AIDS Control Organization organized a mega event on the occasion of the World AIDS Day on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2016 at New Delhi.
11. Food Safety Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) in collaboration with Global Food Safety Partnership (GFSP) of World Bank organised a pilot training programme in Singapore for selected candidates from India on Food Testing from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.
12. Online reporting system for information on DBT payments in identified schemes of MoHFW was made live.
13. Ministry launched Leprosy Experts India Directory.
14. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in December, 2016, approximately 9.78 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, about 1.33 lakh free spectacles were distributed to school children and around 4,146 donated eyes were collected.

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