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1. An Indian delegation led by Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare participated in 7th BRICS Health Ministers Meeting and BRICS High Level Meeting on Traditional Medicines, during 6-7 July, 2017 at Tianjin, China. The meeting discussed BRICS collaborative projects on various pressing health issues such as Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases, Non-Communicable Disease, Maternal and Child Health, Neglected Tropical Diseases, Strengthening of Health Systems and health related SDGs. On this occasion, the BRICS Health Ministers also adopted Tianjin Communique, reiterating their commitment to the BRICS Framework for cooperation in strategic projects on health, and the action plans on various health thematic areas.
2. On 12th July, 2017, Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare has launched National Strategic Plan 2017-2022 (NSP) for elimination of Malaria based on WHO recommendations for elimination of Malaria by 2017 in country.
3. 4th Summit on Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Healthcare Systems was held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha.
4. Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 has been amended vide Gazette Notification dated 31.07.2017 to provide that the DGHS shall conduct the counselling for all Super specialty courses and also for Broad-specialty courses in Medical Educational Institutions of the Central Government, Universities established by an Act of Parliament and the Deemed Universities and also for 50% All India Quota seats of the contributing States. State Governments will conduct combined counselling for admission to Diploma and MD/MS in all Medical Educational Institutions in a State/Union Territory, including, Medical Educational Institutions established by the State Government, University established by an Act of State/ Union Territory legislature, Municipal bodies, Trust, Society, Company or Minority Institutions.
5. Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997 has been amended vide Gazette Notification dated 04.07.2017 to notify Time Schedule for completion of the admission process for admission in First Year MBBS Course for the Academic Session 2017-18.
6. The provision in the "Opening of a New or Higher Course of Study or Training Regulation, 2000" prescribed for feasible and time bound programme to provide additional equipment and infrastructural facilities for starting higher courses by medical colleges/institution. The same has been deleted vide Gazette Notification dated 06.07.2017.
7. The Cabinet in its meeting held on 12th July, 2017 approved the proposal on signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Timor-Leste on cooperation in the field of Healthcare and Public Health.

8. The Cabinet in its meeting held on 12th July, 2017, ex-post facto approved the proposal on signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Palestine on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine. The said MoU was signed on 16th May, 2017.
9. The cabinet in its meeting held on 12th July, 2017, ex-post facto approved the proposal on signing of Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) between India and Germany on cooperation in the health sector. The said JDI was signed on 1st June, 2017.
10. Notifications/Letters for recognition in respect of 85 PG courses issued.
11. Letters of recognition of BDS degree in increased capacity in respect of 3 (three) dental college have been issued.
12. Notifications for recognition of MDS degree in respect of 4 (four) dental college have been issued.
13. Notification for DCI membership u/s 3 (e) of the Dentists Act, 1948 in respect of 1 (one) member has been issued.
14. 10 Applications for establishment of new dental college/increase of seats in BDS courses for academic session 2018-19 have been forwarded to DCI as per Dentists Act, 1948 and Regulations made thereunder.
15. Revised BDS Course (8th Amendment) Regulations, 2017 regarding common counselling; DCI (9th Amendment) Regulations, 2017 regarding stoppage of admission; DCI (11th Amendment) Regulations, 2017 regarding Hospital/Medical College Attachment have been notified in the Official Gazette.
16. A National Workshop was conducted to observe the World Population Day on 11th July, 2017 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
17. Guidelines for special provisions to CGHS beneficiaries aged 80 years and above has been issued.
18. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of July, 2017, approximately 4.30 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, about 15,384 free spectacles were distributed to school children and around 6,932 donated eyes were collected.
19. A workshop was chaired by Hon'ble MoS Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste in Nagpur from 28th – 29th July, 2017 on Centre State Summit for TB Elimination through Effective Partnerships and it was attended by policy makers, national/international experts, program the managers, development partners and representatives from media and civil society.

Active Case Finding Campaign was organized in 100 identified districts covering 26 States/UTs from 15-31 July, 2017 for reaching out to the suspected TB patients.
