

## Major Events & Achievements

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1. Draft National Medical Commission Bill to provide for the constitution of a National Medical Commission to replace the Medical Council of India has been finalised by Group of Ministers.
2. Minimum Qualification for Teachers in Medical Institutions Regulation 1998 has been amended to provide mandatory one year Senior Residency for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor.
3. The Ministry requested all Chief Secretary of the States/UTs to involve the students of medical colleges in health campaigns and attending to the problems faced by areas adjoining the medical college and to encourage students of medical college to adopt one village/mohalla voluntarily and take up disease profiling/preventive health interventions and health camps through frequent visit.
4. Graduate Medical Education Regulations 1997 has been amended thereby substitution have been made under Clause 5 Selection of Student sub – clause ‘5A’ (2) and (3). Now, Dte. General of Health Services, M/o Health & Family Welfare has been made the Designated Authority for counselling for the 15% all India Quota seats of the contributing States and all MBBS seats of Medical Educational Institutions of the Central Government Universities established by an Act of Parliament and the Deemed Universities. Also, the counselling for admission to MBBS course in a State/UT, including, Medical Educational Institutions established by the State Government, University established by an Act of State/Union Territory Legislature, Trust, Society, Minority Institutions, Municipal Bodies or a Company shall be conducted by the State/Union Territory Government.
5. Establishment of Medical College Regulations, 1999 has been amended thereby a further five years relaxation has been given in clause 2(2) under “QUALIFYING CRITERIA”.
6. One MCI member has been notified.
7. D. M. (Onco-Pathology) course has been added in Post Graduate Medical Education Regulation 2000.
8. Notification for DCI membership u/s 3(d) of the Dentist Act, 1948 in respect of 1 member has been issued.
9. Notifications/Letter for recognition in respect of 234 PG medical Courses issued.
10. Notification for recognition in respect of 2 Colleges for MBBS course issued.

11. Grant-in-aid of Rs. 165 crore has been released to States under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Establishment of New Medical Colleges attached with District/Referral Hospitals'.
12. The issue of ban of milk and milk products from China was reviewed with the concerned Departments/Ministries of the Government of India, wherein it was recommended to extend the ban on Import of Milk and Milk Products from China for a further period of one year.
13. Mr. Tetsuya Tanaka and Mr. Murakami from the Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry(METI), Japan, made a courtesy call on Additional Secretary (Health) at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.
14. Ministry has requested Department of Food & Public Distribution to provide iodized salt at subsidized rate of Rs. 2/kg to BPL families in various States/UTs in the country.
15. A Joint Implementation Review Mission, led by Ms. Sheena Chhabra, Senior Health Policy Specialist, World Bank, visited NACO from 12 to 22 June, 2017 and reviewed the progress made in the National AIDS Control Support Project during October 2016 to March 2017. The team presented the draft Aide Memoire with key findings and recommendations to the Ministry.
16. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in the month of June, 2017, approximately 2.07 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, about 9,267 free spectacles were distributed to school children and around 237 donated eyes were collected.

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