

## Major Events & Achievements (October, 2016)

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1. The Cabinet approved amendments to “The Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Bill 2014”.
2. An amendment has been made in the “Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002” that physicians should prescribe drugs with generic names and there is rational prescription of drugs.
3. A delegation led by Hon’ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare visited Cuba during 23-26 October, 2016. The Government of India(MoHFW) committed to donate USD one (1) million equivalents of medicines and expendables to Cuba.
4. Secretary(HFW) participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> Partnership for Maternal, New Born and Child Health (PMNCH) Board meeting during 26-28 October, 2016 at Maputo, Mozambique and Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) Reference Group Meeting from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016 at Dar es Salam, Tanzania.
5. Grant-in-aid of Rs. 400 crore has been released to 12 States under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of “Establishment of New Medical Colleges attached with District/Referral Hospital”.
6. Grant-in-aid of Rs. 10 crore has been released to 4 States for 4 Government Medical Colleges under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of “Central Assistance to Government Medical Colleges under the scheme for strengthening and upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges for increase in PG seats”.
7. An order regarding “prescription of Timelines under CGHS for settlement of Medical claims of Pensioner CGHS beneficiaries” issued.
8. An order for “delegation of powers for settlement of reimbursement claims /permission/ex-post facto approval in respect of Pensioners CGHS beneficiaries etc.” issued.
9. Hon’ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Mizoram and Joint Secretary, NACO launched the HIV intervention in Aizawl Central Prison, Mizoram in the presence of Commissioner & Secretary(H&FW), Govt. of Mizoram on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016.
10. An “Arrangement” on Food Safety Cooperation between Food Safety & Standard Authority of India(FSSAI) and the Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand has been signed on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.
11. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in October, 2016, approximately 3.52 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, about 23,572 free spectacles were distributed to school children and around 5,544 donated eyes were collected.

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