

## Major Events & Achievements (January, 2017)

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1. Tribal TB Project launched in Mandla district, Madhya Pradesh on 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 by Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste.
2. Active Case Finding Campaign for Tuberculosis has been implemented in 50 districts across 18 States from 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.
3. A meeting between Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare with H. E. Ms. Rosy Sofia Akbar, Minister of Health and Medical Services, Fiji was held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 to discuss bilateral health issues at New Delhi.
4. The teacher:student ratio in Public funded Government Medical Colleges for Professors has been increased from 1:2 to 1:3 in all clinical subjects and for Assoc. Prof. from 1:1 to 1:2 if the Assoc. Prof. is a unit head for PG Courses.
5. The eligibility criteria stipulated under the "Establishment of Medical College Regulations, 1999" has been relaxed to allow all companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956 to establish Medical Colleges in the country.
6. Notifications/Letters for recognition in respect of 9 MBBS Colleges, Letters for renewal of permission in respect of 10 colleges for 2017-18 and LOP for starting/increase of PG course in respect of 6 colleges issued.
7. Letters of permission for starting/ increase of seats for the MDS schemes for academic year 2017-18 in respect of 18 dental colleges have been issued.
8. An order regarding "Revision of rates of subscription under Central Government Health Scheme" issued on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. The revised rates will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017.
9. A clarification regarding option of beneficiaries to avail specific brand of stent/implant issued on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.
10. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has notified Medical Devices Rules, 2017 on 31.01.2017 vide Gazette Notification No. GSR 76(E). The new rules conform to best international practices and seek to remove regulatory bottlenecks to Make in India.
11. A final Gazette Notification dated 17.01.2017 has been published in the Official Gazette for the amendment of Rules 43 of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 to include three more ports as ports of entry for drugs.

12. A final Gazette Notification dated 19.01.2017 has been published in the Official Gazette for the amendment of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 for regulation of import and manufacture of cosmetics containing Mercury.
13. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has developed a “Safe Water Portal” for building the confidence level among the consumers regarding safe packaged drinking water.
14. The National Orientation cum Review Workshop on “MAA-Mother’s Absolute Affection” Programme was held at New Delhi on 11-12 January, 2017.
15. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in January, 2017, approximately 9.44 lakh cataract surgeries were performed, about 0.9 lakh free spectacles were distributed to school children and around 6,444 donated eyes were collected.
16. The project management software (PRIMAVERA) has been implemented in all the upgradation projects under Phase-III of PMSSY, assigned to HSCC and HLL.

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