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1. Amendment in Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997 and Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 to introduce a common counseling for admission to all Undergraduate and Postgraduate Courses in all Medical Educational Institutions on the basis of merit list of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test issued.
2. Amendment in Minimum Qualifications for Teachers in Medical Institutions Regulations, 1998 issued.
3. A notification dated 15.3.2017 has been published to amend the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 to declare 3 laboratories of National Institute of Biologicals, Noida namely Enzymes & Hormones; Bacterial Vaccine and Viral Vaccine as Central Drugs Laboratories.
4. After the review of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), the following important systemic innovations have been introduced:
 - a) PSUs have been engaged as “Executing Agency” rather than as “Project Management Consultant” (PMC) for all new projects;
 - b) Third party quality assurance agencies have been appointed for better assurance and monitoring of quality, independent of the executing agencies;
 - c) Project Management Softwares (PRIMAVERA/MS Project) have been implemented for improved project management;
 - d) A Web based Dashboard to monitor all PMSSY projects has been developed.
5. For roll out of Universal Population based screening for NCDs, Training of Trainers (ToT) for ANMs and ASHAs completed for 32 State/UTs and 30 States/UTs respectively.
6. For operationalising strengthening Sub Centres to Health and Wellness Centres, Guidelines for proposing Health and Wellness Centres issued to States/UTs and Bridge Course for Nurses to develop as Community Health Officers initiated.
7. “Kilkari” rolled out in Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.
8. National Programme Coordination Committee meeting to appraise the NHM programme Implementation Plans for 2017-18 held for four(4) States – Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh.
9. A meeting between Hon’ble HFM and H.E. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food, Canada, was held to discuss bilateral health issues at New Delhi on 8th March, 2017.
10. A meeting between Hon’ble HFM and H.E. Sibongile Simelane, Minister of Health, Swaziland, was held to discuss bilateral health issues New Delhi on 9th March, 2017.

11. Hon'ble HFM held bilateral meetings and (a) Dr. Ren Minghui, ADG(HTM), WHO; (b) Dr. Tedros Adhanom, Ethiopian Special Adviser; (c) Health Minister of Nepal; and Health Minister of Myanmar at New Delhi on 16th March, 2017.
12. A meeting of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) for continuation of National Health Mission from 1.4.2017 to 31.3.2020 under the Chairmanship of Finance Secretary and Secretary, Department of Expenditure was held on 1st March, 2017.
13. Letter of Permission for establishment of 1(one) new dental college with 50 BDS admission intake for the BDS schemes for academic year 2017-18, Letters of Permission for starting/increase of seats for 1881 PG Seats and Notifications/Letters for Recognition in respect of 146 PG Courses have been issued.
14. Ministry celebrated the World TB day. 2017 at New Delhi on 24th March, 2017.
15. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, in March, 2017, approximately 5 lakh cataract surgeries were performed and around 3,921 donated eyes were collected.
