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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

- **Network for Scientific Cooperation for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (NetSCoFAN)** – It involves 9 specialized groups and encompasses 23 research projects across a range of topics, conducted in collaboration with leading institutions.
- **Rapid Analytical Food Testing (RAFT) Scheme** – Aims to promote the use of advanced technologies for food testing.
- **47th Session of Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC47)** – India's new work proposal of group standard of whole millet grains was approved with overwhelming support from member countries across the globe.
- The session also witnessed adoption of several standards and new work proposals chaired/ co-chaired by India in different Codex Committees.

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- **First Inter Country workshop** – FSSAI, in collaboration with the WHO under the Codex Trust Fund (CTF) project, successfully conducted the first Inter Country workshop on "Enhancing Participation for Codex Activities".
- **Training and Awareness Program for Street Food Vendors** – Conducted by FSSAI, to trains more than 1300 Street Food vendors.
- **PRASADAM** – 1st Healthy & Hygienic Food Street at Mahakal Lok, in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- 3 healthy and hygienic food streets were launched at Kadappa (Andhra Pradesh), Rourkela (Odisha) and Siliguri (West Bengal) in the year 2024.
- **Eat Right Quest' quiz** – Hosted by FSSAI on the MyGov platform to create awareness among people about food safety and nutrition in a fun and entertaining way.

International Health Regulations

- **WHO-managed Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH)** – Was launched during the India's G20 Presidency to advance digital health tools and strengthen health systems worldwide.
- ***India has pledged a financial support of USD 10 million*** to the Global Initiative for Digital Health (GIDH) to provide its Digital Public Infrastructures (DPIs) to countries in need.
- **77th Session of the World Health Assembly (WHA)** – It was held at ***Geneva***, with ***theme*** "All for Health, Health for All".
- **Nelson Mandela Award to NIMHANS** – National Institute of Mental Health and

Neurosciences (NIMHANS) was awarded by WHO with the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award.

- It was awarded for Health Promotion during the 77th World Health Assembly held in Geneva.
- **Voice of Global South Summit (VoGSS)** – India hosted the *3rd Voice of Global South Summit* in virtual format on 17th August 2024 with the overarching theme of "An Empowered Global South for a Sustainable Future".
- **"Trachoma-Free" India** – India has successful eliminated Trachoma as a public health problem due to sustained efforts under the National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment (NPCBVI).

ICMR has been honoured with the prestigious 2024 UN Inter-Agency Task Force Award for outstanding achievements in advancing multi-sectoral action on the prevention & control of NCDs, mental health, and the broader NCD-related SDGs.

National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control

- **Malaria** – India has set the goal of *achieving malaria elimination by 2030*.
- Launch of National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination 2023-2027 by Hon'ble HFM on 2nd January, 2024.
- **Kala-Azar** – The Government has *achieved 'zero' number of endemic blocks* reporting more than 1Kala Azar case/10000 population at block level and has sustained elimination status till date.
- **Lymphatic Filariasis (LF)** – It is commonly *known as Elephantiasis* is a serious debilitating and incapacitating disease transmitted through the *bite of a culex mosquito*.
- LF is a *priority tropical disease* targeted for elimination by the Government of India prior to Global target of 2030.

Institutes of National Importance	
All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi	AIIMS New Delhi is a pioneer in the field of medical education, research and healthcare in India since its establishment in 1956.
Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Sciences (CAPFIMS)	Run by the AIIMS, is a state-of-the-art Medical Institute with a 970-bedded Referral and Research hospital.
National Level Research and Referral Institute for Dental Sciences (NaRRIDS) at AIIMS, New Delhi	NaRRIDS is designed to be a premier Institution for dental research and education in India facilitating advance training.
Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh	An Institute of "National Importance" since 1967.

Other initiatives/ schemes

Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)	• Envisages creation of tertiary healthcare capacity in medical education, research and clinical care, in the underserved areas of the country. • It aims at correcting regional imbalances in the availability of affordable/reliable tertiary healthcare services and also augmenting facilities for quality medical education in the country.
MedTechMitra Platform	• Aims to empower healthcare innovators across India.
"First in the World" Challenge	• Aims to inspire and support researchers to conceptualize and develop pioneering solutions for complex health challenges.
ICMR Data Repository	• A centralized, secure, and accessible platform of high-quality datasets, ensuring data integrity and privacy.
UNNATI Initiative (Upgrading Norms for Nutrition, Growth, and Development Assessment of Indian Children)	• Aims to establish *India-specific growth and development standards for children*, addressing limitations of existing WHO benchmarks.
ICMR - Research Infrastructure Sharing Ecosystem (I-RISE) Policy	• Access to advanced research infrastructure is often a limiting factor for many institutions, especially the start-ups and smaller institutes.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy of ICMR	• Safeguards the intellectual contributions of our researchers and collaborators by protecting innovations, we incentivize creativity and ensure that inventors receive due recognition and reward.
Healthcare delivery by Drones	• ICMR in collaboration with AIIMS, Bibinagar launched the groundbreaking 'Drone Services for Health Outreach' initiative in October 2024. • Aims to revolutionize healthcare delivery in remote tribal areas, showcasing India's commitment to leveraging advanced technology for the greater good.
DengiAll	• *Single dose* of Dengue Tetravalent Vaccine, *Live Attenuated* (Recombinant, Lyophilized) vaccine for dengue. • ICMR has signed a MoU with Panacea Biotec to study and evaluate 'DengiAll'.
National Pharmacovigilance Program of India	• A Central Sector Scheme to collect, collate and analyse the Adverse Events reported with the use of medical products marketed in India.

Strengthening of States' Drug Regulatory System' (SSDRS)	• SSDRS is a *Centrally Sponsored Scheme* to strengthen and upgrade the States Drug Regulatory System and laboratory infrastructure in the country. • The Scheme was initially approved for a period of three years, from 2015 to 2018.
Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS)	• Provides comprehensive healthcare facilities for: - Central Government employees and pensioners, Members of Parliament and former Members of Parliament and their dependents in CGHS-covered cities.
National Programme for Prevention and Management of Trauma and Burn Injuries (NPPMTBI)	• It is functional in the country *since 2007* and at present is functional among all the states and UTs. • It aims to *reduce the mortality and morbidities occurring due to injuries* (including trauma and burns), by developing a system of services at prehospital & hospital level.
Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP)	• Was launched for chronic kidney disease during year 2016-17 to support in all district hospitals in-house mode / Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode under NHM. • Haemodialysis services are provided under the program.
National Viral Hepatitis Control Program (NVHCP)	• *Launched in 2018 under the aegis of National Health Mission* in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.3. • The program aims to *combat hepatitis and eliminate hepatitis C by 2030* and reduce morbidity and mortality due to other types of viral hepatitis.
National One Health Mission (NOHM)	• It will help India to achieve integrated disease control and pandemic preparedness by institutionalizing One Health approach.
SANTUSHT portal	• Enables patients to register their grievances online, track the status, and provide feedback regarding the resolution.
Triage Register for Emergency Department	• Is a web application which helps to keep the record of patient's disease condition, medical examination and improves patient safety by ensuring timely cross-consultation by various departments.
PGI Sarathi initiative	• *Launched in May 2024* to enhance healthcare delivery through volunteerism and community support.

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