Greetings to our valued readers. The months from April to June this year, marked two important events at the global level; The World No Tobacco Day and the World Environment Day. 31st May, the World No Tobacco Day is celebrated to highlight the health and risk factors associated with tobacco use and to advocate implementation of policies to reduce tobacco consumption. India was the global host for the 2018 World Environment Day which was celebrated on June 5, 2018 with the theme, “Beat Plastic Pollution”. The world is coming together to combat the single-use plastic pollution. Recognizing the importance of these two events in the health sector, the student and staff enthusiastically participated in these two important events. The Institute initiated significant administrative steps in combating plastic pollution such as encouraging steel and pottery utensils for daily use in the canteen and hostel. To encourage paperless office, use of e-mails was emphasized in routine official communication.

Valuing the contribution of volunteers and utilization of social media for recognizing their work is a core strategy of the initiative - Pradhan Mantri Matritva Surakshit Abhiyan. A virtual ‘Hall of Fame’ has been created for recognition of doctors who have consistently performed and achieved the desired benchmarks. An independent Awards Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Director, NIHFW for the PMSMA- ‘I pledge for 9’ Achievers Awards. The Committee recommended names to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

We are delighted to share the progress of various activities during the last quarter April-June 2018, along with the list of forthcoming training courses. Your suggestions towards improvement are always welcome.

Prof. Jayanta K. Das
Director

PMSMA ‘I Pledge for 9’ Achievers Awards celebrate individual and team achievements under the Pradhan Mantri Matritva Surakshit Abhiyan (PMSMA) across India. PMSMA implementation relies on commitment of government functionaries and voluntary contribution of time by health care providers.

For this purpose, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare constituted an independent PMSMA Awards Committee for National level PMSMA Awards under the Chairmanship of Prof. Jayanta K. Das, Director, NIHFW. The recommendations of the Awards Committee were submitted to MoHFW. The Awards were distributed by Shri J. P. Nadda, Hon’ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi on June 29, 2018.

World Environment Day

The NIHFW celebrated “World Environment Day” on June 5, 2018. The theme for World Environment Day, 2018 was 'Beat Plastic Pollution' which allowed us to come together to combat this global environmental challenge of our age. Event started with the Deputy Director’s speech, in which he emphasized the over exploitation of plastic use which has lead to a prolonged and tortuous global environment disaster.

The MD (CHA) 1st year students organized a panel discussion on the topic. They made the audience aware of the harmful chemicals and toxins released by plastic pollution and ill health effects. The discussion emphasized the message of “reject single use plastic, refuse what you cannot reuse”.

For more details on the PMSMA awards visit https://pmsma.nhp.gov.in/hall-of-fame-2/
The NIHFW celebrated ‘World No Tobacco Day’ (WNTD) on May 31, 2018. The event was chaired by Prof. Jayanta K. Das, Director, NIHFW. Dean, Deputy Director (Admn.) and all the other staff members participated in the event. The burden of tobacco use, socio-economic aspects, ill effects on humans and use of crop rotation as an alternative to tobacco cultivation were elaborated. Efforts made by the Government to deter the use of tobacco were also highlighted. On the occasion, the 2nd year MD (CHA) students and PGDPHM International students enacted a role play, emphasizing the ill effects of the chewing tobacco as a leading cause for oral cancer and throat cancers. The event proceeded with a panel discussion on the topic, which extensively dealt and elaborated the harmful effects caused by tobacco consumption, both in chewable and in smoking form. The difficulties in banning the cultivation of tobacco crop and new treatment and rehabilitative alternatives were discussed. The event sensitized the audience towards quitting smoking, adopting a healthy lifestyle like exercising daily for 30 minutes and encouraged them to prohibit using the same within the Institute campus. In the end, the panelists displayed various slogans to the audience. The event concluded with the address of the Director who emphasized the policy decisions taken by the Institute towards a tobacco free NIHFW.

**World No Tobacco Day**

Different messages were displayed and the audience was encouraged to reduce plastic pollution. An oath was taken at the end of the event by the staff pledging that, “together we can ensure that our future generation lives in a clean and green planet, in harmony with nature”. The celebrations concluded by planting trees in the campus by the Director and other faculty members.

**Centre for Health Informatics of National Health Portal (NHP)**

- Information relating to the diseases of Nipah virus infection, early pregnancy loss, Orbital cavernous haemangioma and Orbital haemangiopericytoma were added in the NHP.
Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in the Health Wellness Calendar of NHP according to selected themes.

- Provided technical support to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for newly launched Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, mainly in the areas of Social Media/digital media publicity, data collection from the states/UTs, preparation of creatives for dissemination of information on Janaushadhi Kendras, and availability of medicines, Coronary Stent at subsidized rates and Knee implants in reduced cost.

- Provided technical support while developing Health Policy Dashboard for Bureau of Planning Division of MoHFW.

- Gems of Digital India Awards – 2018 : ‘National Health Portal’ has been awarded ‘Gems of Digital India Awards, 2018’ by COEUS Age Consulting in a glittering function at Sandilya Hotel, New Delhi on June 13, 2018. This award comprises of a memento/trophy along with a certificate. With the support of MeitY and SAP, ‘Gems of Digital India Awards’ 2018 was organised by COEUS Age Consulting, an organization working to identify innovative use of Digital in Governance.

- Two pages feature article highlighting MoHFW’s activities on different health issues and one full page advertorial each in Hindi and in English on NHP’s initiatives are published every month in the Airport Magazine for dissemination of information.

- NHP has made a remarkable social media presence with twitter impression of approx. 69 lakhs and facebook post reach of approx. 5.37 lakhs during this quarter. NHP team regularly updates health tips and messages on social media.

**National Cold Chain and Vaccine Management Resource Centre**

The Centre has been performing various activities and has made remarkable achievements over the last quarter, which include:

**National EVM Assessment 2018**: 2nd National EVM Assessment was conducted in the country in May 2018, which is world’s largest EVM assessment. Already, data collection has been done from 146 Cold Chain Points across the country from different layers i.e. Government Medical Store Depots, State Vaccine Stores, Regional Vaccine Stores, District Vaccine Stores Chain Points. The immense size of sample and participations from different agencies like NCCVMRC, ITSU, UNICEF, UNDP, WHO, JSI and faculty from Medical colleges is making this activity unique. NCCVMRC, NIHFW and UNICEF conjointly leading this activity under the guidance of MoHFW. The training for all the assessors was conducted from May 1-5, 2018 and field level review was conducted from May 6-13, 2018. Data analysis has been completed which will be substituted with a national level “Improvement Plan-cum-Dissemination Workshop” from 11th to 13th July, 2018.

**Assessment of Cold Chain Space Adequacy for DFW-State Vaccine Store**: The objective of this assessment is to evaluate cold chain space adequacy for the upcoming MR campaign and mitigate any shortages to ensure vaccine potency and safety.

This assessment considers the following indicators to calculate cold chain space adequacy:

- Beneficiary population
- Available inventory
- Required cold chain space
- Vaccine volume
- Available cold chain space
- Dry storage space

**Nursing and other Visits**

A total 136 students from seven nursing and medical colleges visited the Institute for educational interaction activities during the quarter.
The State Programme Implementation Plan 2018-19 for States/UTs have been reviewed and comments and suggestions on the training components were prepared for the States/UTs of Gujarat, Tripura, Haryana, Goa, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, West Bengal, Meghalaya and Daman & Diu.

- On behalf of NIHFW, consultants from RCH Unit attended NPCC meetings for 4 States/UTs namely Tripura, Uttarakhand, Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu for finalizing of States/UTs PIPs and budget for the year 2018-19 conducted at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

- Quarterly Progress Report for 4th Quarter (January – March 2018) along with Annual Progress Report for the Financial Year 2017-18 were prepared and submitted to MoHFW. The Training Progress Report for April 2018 has been received from the States of Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and West Bengal. States such as Goa, Jharkhand, Kerala and Maharashtra have sent their reports for the months of April and May, 2018.

- A total of nine monitoring visits were conducted during April-June, 2018 to monitor the quality of ongoing trainings i.e. Skills Lab, NSSK, RTI/STI, IUCD, RBSK, ToT for First Responder, IMEP and SBA trainings in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. Two visits were also conducted in the States of Maharashtra and Rajasthan for the settlement of financial matter of RCH-I project. During the monitoring visits of ongoing training programmes, 14 health facilities (CHCs, Block PHC and Sub-Centre) were also visited to assess the infrastructure and gap analysis in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala.

- Feedback along with recommendations have been prepared and submitted to MoHFW with a copy to states on twenty-four monthly visit reports received from consultants of SIHFW/CTIs for the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Meghalaya, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh to improve the quality of trainings.
A Glance at the Institute’s Activities

Activities of Prof. Jayanta K. Das, Director

• Made a presentation on ‘Right to Information, Clinical Establishment Act and Good Governance in Health Sector’ in the Seminar on Health and Right to Information Act 2005, organized by the Central Information Commission in New Delhi on April 7, 2018.

• As a Member, attended the Meeting of Committee for Empanelment of Independent National Monitors, in MoHFW, on April 13, 2018.

• Co-chaired a session on ‘Patient Safety’ at Second National Quality Convention in Public Health, organized by National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), in New Delhi, on April 20, 2018.


• As a Member, attended the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee of National Health Systems Resource Centre, held in MoHFW on May 25, 2018.

• Attended the ‘Dissemination Meeting on Progress of Family Planning’, organized by the Family Planning Division, MoHFW in collaboration with Avenir Health (Track 20 Project) in New Delhi on May 25, 2018.

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• As an Expert, attended the Expert Review Committee Meeting for Case Classification of AFP cases with ‘Inadequate and Vaccine Virus Positive Stool Samples’, at the WHO-Country Office (National Polio Surveillance Project), New Delhi on May 28 and June 20, 2018.

• Chaired the Meeting of the ‘Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan’ (PMSMA) Awards Committee, constituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, held in NIHFW, New Delhi on June 6, 2018.

• Attended the Dissemination Workshop for sharing the 11th CRM Reports with all stakeholders, organized by MoHFW in New Delhi on June 18, 2018.

• As a Member of the IPHS Review Committee for revision of norms under Indian Public Health Standards, attended the first meeting of the Committee, organized by MoHFW in New Delhi on June 19, 2018.

• Attended the release of National Health Profile 2018 and launch of National Health Resource Repository Project, organized by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, DGHS, MoHFW, in New Delhi on June 19, 2018.

• एक सदर्श के रूप में स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्री की अध्यक्षता में हुई स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय की हिंदी सलाहकार समिति की बैठक में भाग लिया। बैठक का आयोजन स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय द्वारा नई दिल्ली में दिनांक जून 22, 2018 को किया गया।


Faculty/Staff Activities

Dr. Rajni Bagga, Professor and Head, Department of Social Sciences

• Conducted a Lecture on Team Work and Leadership at the Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital workshop on “Communication Skills and Stress Management” for Post Graduate students on May 11, 2018.

• Examiner for the PGDPHM Course at IIPH Hyderabad on May 28, 2018.

• PGDPHM Course Partners Meeting at PHFI on May 29, 2018.

Dr. Pushpanjali Swain, Professor and Head, Department of Statistics and Demography

• Attended TAC meeting for “Comparing Methods for Assigning Causes of Death by Verbal Autopsy” at NIMS, ICMR on April 10, 2018.
• Conducted M.Phil Viva-voce Examination on May 8, 2018 at Jawaharlal Nehru University Centre for the Study of Regional Development School of Social Sciences, New Delhi.

• Attended TAC meeting for the Coverage Evaluation Survey (CES) at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi on June 6, 2018.

**Dr. Poonam Khattar, Professor and Acting Head, Department of Communication**

• External Expert for practical examination, Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University on May 3, 2018 at National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi.


• Attended the Nasha Mukti Abhiyan Task Force for addressing tobacco, alcohol and substance abuse at The Leela Palace, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi on June 7, 2018

**Dr. Manish Chaturvedi, Professor and Head, Department of MCHA**


• Lecture on "Handling Medical Emergencies including Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Procedure" to the participants of the 50th Batch of Level E Training Programme for under Secretaries of Central Secretariat Service (CSS) at Institute of Secretarial Training and Management (ISTM) on 15th June, 2018.

• Meeting held for module development for community health workers under NPCC in the Board Room, NIHFW, contributed technically for sound development of the module on May 16, 2018.

• National Consultation on Palliative Care Initiatives under National Health Mission: Review cum Capacity Building Workshop on May 17-18, 2018 at NDC, NIHFW. State representatives shared their concerns and status of the project in presence of senior officials of MoHFW.

• Attended Inaugural Programme of the 10th meeting of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (GAELF) Chaired by the Union Health Minister, GoI, organized by NVBDCP-WHO on June 13, 2018 at Le Meridian, New Delhi.

**Dr. A.M Elizabeth, Research Officer, Department of Social Sciences**

• Visited National Jalma Institute of Leprosy and Other Mycobacterial Diseases, Agra along with the students of PGDPHM, batch, 2018 on Educational visit on June 27, 2018.

**Publications**


**Academic Activities**

- The students of the Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management of the NIHFW visited the National Jalma Institute of Leprosy and other Mycobacterial Disease under ICMR in Agra on June 27, 2018. The field visit provided the students with an opportunity to gain first hand knowledge and exposure to management and functioning regarding delivering services, applying theoretical knowledge into managerial skills and in shaping professional skills related to social work.

- Nine (9) MD (CHA) students have been enrolled in the academic session 2018-2021 and one student in the Diploma in Health Administrative (DHA)

- Final examination of MD (CHA) students (2015-18) was held on 18-19 April, 2018 and five MD (CHA) students passed out successfully.

- Thirteen Summer Training students were enrolled during the period and undertook assignments and projects as per their academic interest.

**Other Activities**

- The 39th Meeting of Governing Body (GB) of the NIHFW was held under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Minister Shri J. P. Nadda in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 16 April, 2018.

- The 60th Standing Finance Committee (SFC) of the NIHFW was held under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Preeti Sudan, Secretary (H&FW) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 29 June, 2018.

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### Training Courses/Workshops Organized

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<td>Skills Lab Training in Maternal and Child Health for ANMs, Nurses and Medical Officers from Jammu and Kashmir</td>
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<td>Prof. Sanjay Gupta</td>
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Total number of participants trained = 128
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<td>Training for Cold Chain Technicians in Repair and maintenance of ILR, DF and Voltage Stabilizer at NCCRC, Pune</td>
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### Recruitment
1. Dr. Vikaas Sharma, Medical Officer, 16.04.2018.

### Promotions/Upgradation
1. MACP to Sh. Parimal Pariya, Research Officer, 24.06.2018.
2. MACP to Sh. Giriraj Halkar, Senior Technical Assistant, 24.06.2018.

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