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## Weekly Insights & Updates

**21 March 2023**

**Yoga Mahotsav 2023 marks the beginning of 100 Days Countdown of 9th International Yoga Day, 2023**

Yoga Mahotsav 2023, the three days event to commemorate 100 days countdown to International Yoga Day, 2023 was inaugurated by Union minister for AYUSH and Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal at New Delhi. In his inaugural address the Minister talked about how the promotion of Yoga and its widespread acceptance, has positioned India as a leader in the global health and wellness industry. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal also launched a one-minute video on “Y” Break Yoga for enabling larger mass, particularly for workaholics, to include Yoga in their lifestyle.

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## Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Rural Development signs MoU for skilling of rural youth and empowering women

The Ministry of AYUSH and the Ministry of Rural development signed Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate in developing skilled personnel by imparting training to rural poor youth and women for AYUSH healthcare system under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya-Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY). Apart from this a course for training of rural youth as panchakarma technicians/assistant will be started on pilot basis.

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**Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya flags off 75 Trucks for countrywide Awareness Drive to eliminate TB**

“The whole country is enthused and mobilized in the spirit of Jan Bhagidari to work towards elimination of TB. Synergized with the clarion call of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji to end

TB in the country five years ahead of SDG2030 target, more than 71,000 Ni-kshay Mitras have come forward and are today supporting over 10 lakh TB patients through nutritional support and other means, as part of Union Government's Ni-kshay scheme for elimination of TB through mobilization of all walks of stakeholders across corporates, NGOs, people's representatives, individuals etc." This was stated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare as he addressed the Partnership Action against Tuberculosis (PAcT) Summit. Dr. Mandaviya also flagged off 75 Trucks with TB awareness messages that have been provided by Apollo Tyres Foundation, who are actively supporting the Ni-kshay scheme. These trucks will travel and carry the messages of TB-free India across states.

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### **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Health Minister addresses CII partnership summit 2023 on 'One Health: Integrated, Collaborative and Multisectoral Approach to Optimal Health'**

"It is time that India takes the lead in realization of "One Earth, One Health" vision with a holistic and integrative eco and nature-friendly policy-making environment and align it with our philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' for global health and wellbeing. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, India has a strong political will to lead in innovative research and technology-supported solutions which are commercially viable with universal acceptability". This was stated by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare as he addressed the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit 2023, on the theme 'One Health: Integrated, Collaborative and Multisectoral Approach to Optimal Health'.

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### **19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) approved under 'Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centre Facilities' Scheme**

Union Health Ministry is implementing 'Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centre Facilities' Scheme in order to enhance the facilities for tertiary care of Cancer. There are 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) approved under this scheme. All these institutes focus also on Cancer research. There is also focus on Oncology in its various aspects in case of All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi and new AIIMS under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY). Department of Health Research / Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), with an objective to further health research in the country, carry out medical research on various health-related subjects which includes research on Cancer through its annual budgetary support.

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### **Update on Technology and Research Solutions**

With the attention to a clear need to implement and use technology and research solutions in the health ecosystem, to provide data-based information and to make informed decisions, the Government has launched a nationwide mission to digitize healthcare in the country, namely Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). ABDM aims to build the required digital infrastructure in the country to build a national digital health ecosystem. It is built on key design principles such as inclusivity, voluntary participation, wellness, and citizen-centric, security and privacy, and technological principles such as an open Application Programming Interface (API) based ecosystem, seamless interoperability, open standards, federated architecture, etc.

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### **Update on status of Mental Health Professionals and Resources**

As per information provided by National Medical Commission (NMC), there are 13,08,009 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils and the National Medical Commission (NMC) as of June, 2022. The Government is augmenting the availability of manpower to deliver mental healthcare services in the underserved areas of the country by providing online training courses to various categories of general healthcare medical and paramedical professionals through the Digital Academies, since 2018, established at the three Central Mental Health Institutes namely National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru, Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur, Assam, and Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi.

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### **Update on Ni-kshay Mitra Programme**

Under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (Ni-kshay Mitra scheme) implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 9.55 lakh out of the 9.69 lakh consented TB patients across the country have been adopted by Ni-kshay Mitra (as on March 9, 2023).

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## Eligibility criteria of upper age limit of 65 years for registration to receive deceased donor organ removed

As per the new Government guidelines, the upper age limit of 65 years for eligibility for registration to receive deceased donor organ has been removed. Now, a person of any age can register for receiving deceased donor organ. The government has also decided to do away with the domicile requirement of the state for registration of patients requiring organ transplantation from deceased donor.

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