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HOSPITAL AND HEALTH INSIGHT OF THE MONTH

MERA DOCTOR PHONE HEALTH SERVICE LAUNCHED

Mera Doctor - a phone health service to serve the medical needs of people in India has been launched. The service, which has found its feet in countries like the UK, Australia, Kenya and Bangladesh, started in April and so far caters to 900 families. Mera Doctor also provides healthcare consultations to the underprivileged. The idea was to give accessibility to people so that they need not plan their day around seeing a doctor and can take consultation at their homes.

CENTRE LAUNCHES MOTHER - CHILD HEALTH CARE SCHEME

To reduce the maternal and infant mortality rate; the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched a programme to provide free services to pregnant women for deliveries and neonatal care. The scheme named as 'Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram' is launched to overcome the issues such as difficulties of pregnancy, new born sickness, high out of pocket expenditure on delivery and treatment. Despite of the Janani Suraksha Yojana incentives, this also includes the benefits such as free drugs and consumables, diagnostics, special diet during stay in health institution, free provision of blood, exemption from user charges of all kinds, transport to and back from health facility after 48 hours and transport between facilities in case of referral. A child will also be entitled to free treatment and transportation up to a month after birth.

INDIA, CHINA TO WORK TOGETHER FOR IMPROVING HEALTH SERVICES

India and China have decided to work together in improving health care services and deepening of bilateral cooperation in the health sector. Health ministers of the two nations met at Dalian, China in meeting of Partners in Population Development (PPD), an inter-governmental initiative for expanding and improving South-to-South collaboration in reproductive health, population and development. The PPD executive committee also undertook the revision of its existing bye-laws to meet the changed requirements and reflect its growing role in population and development dynamics.

STATE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR TO SPEND RS 315 CRORES ON UPGRADING RURAL HEALTH FACILITIES

Jammu and Kashmir Government will be spending Rs 315 crore on upgrading health care facilities including setting up of 11 mobile medical units in accident prone zones and GPS-guided ambulance services. Among other plans under the NRHM, the state government intends to spend Rs 34 crore for expediting the work in infrastructure

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- 1) International Conference on 'Students' Mental Health: Issues and Challenges

Date: 25th - 26th July 2011
Venue: Pondicherry, India

Website:
<http://www.pondiuni.edu.in/smhic/index.html>

- 2) Second CME cum workshop on Laws applicable to Hospitals: Issues, Challenges and possible solutions

Date: 28th- 29th July 2011
Venue: Chandigarh, India
Website:
<http://hospadmnpגי.webs.com/brochure%20july%202011.pdf>

- 3) International Conference on Intelligent Healthcare

Date: 30th July 2011
Venue: Bhubaneswar, Orissa India
Website:
<http://www.interscience.ac.in/ICIH/icih.html>

EVENTS AT IIHMR

1. Online Courses in Healthcare IT launched by IIHMR, New Delhi in collaboration with OTECH –

- Health Imaging and IT standards.
- Introduction to Medical Digital Imaging.
- Introduction to PACS.
- PACS workflow.

For details visit-

<http://www.iihmrdelhi.org/HealthcareIT/index.htm>

2. CIPM

IIHMR, New Delhi launches Online Web based Course of Certificate in Project Management (CIPM) - specialization in Healthcare.

For details visit-

<http://www.cepm-iihmr.org>

3. GSS Practices in Healthcare 2011

Date: 16th July 2011

Venue: United Services

Institution of India (USI), Rao Tula Marg, New Delhi.

For details visit -

<http://gsshealth2011.net/>

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Forthcoming MDP's at IIHMR

- Integrated Open Source District Hospital Information System
22nd August - 2nd September 2011
- Database Management using Rational & Object Relational Databases
12th - 17th September 2011

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development in Community Health Centres (CHC), Primary Health Centres (PHC) and sub-centres in the state. An amount of Rs 2 crore has been earmarked for upgrading four district hospitals in the state while Rs 1.50 crore have been approved for construction of regional drug warehouses at Jammu and Srinagar. Under the scheme, the state government will be recruiting 52 doctors and 260 paramedics to overcome the staff shortage in various health institutions in the state.

UNION CABINET APPROVES ANNUAL INSURANCE AT ANNUAL PREMIUM OF RS 750 FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS

The health insurance cover which is available to the domestic workers in 18-59 age brackets will offer benefits to each beneficiary entitled to cashless treatment at empanelled hospitals anywhere in the country. This can be done with the help of a smart card that would be issued to those covered under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) and it is expected to cover around 47.5 lakh workers. The states will have to bear 25% of the cost of making the scheme available to domestic workers. In case of the north-east and Jammu & Kashmir, the state government will have to bear 10% of the cost.

GLOBAL NEWS

MILLIONS STILL DIE DUE TO LACK OF MIDWIVES: UNITED NATIONS

More investment in midwifery could save millions of babies and hundreds of thousands of women who still die every year because of a lack of skilled healthcare during childbirth. In the first global midwifery report for 35 years, the United Nations said that good midwives can not only save lives and prevent disability but also can help contribute to a country's human and economic development. "If we want to stop these women and babies dying, we need to invest in skilled care," said Flavia Bustreo, Assistant Director General of the family and community health department at the World Health Organization.

"EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS VITAL FOR TACKLING NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES" UN OFFICIALS

Top United Nations officials stressed the need for governments, the private sector and civil society to work together and more effectively to address cancers, diabetes and other non-communicable diseases, which account for nearly two thirds of global deaths each year. "No one actor is able to harness the resources necessary or address the complex range of factors that are driving the progression of these diseases," Joseph Deiss, President of the General Assembly, said in his opening remarks to the informal civil society hearing held at UN Headquarters. The hearing brings together academics, medical and public health experts, community leaders, health activists, philanthropists, business executives and others committed to countering so-called "NCDs."

LARGE DONATIONS HELP GAVI RAISE \$4.3B, EXCEEDING ITS GOAL

Large donations from the U.K., Norway and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation helped a global vaccine charity raise \$4.3 billion. Thus exceeding its targets and

DO YOU KNOW?

1. Drink three cups of black tea to keep strokes at bay
2. Vitamin D can cure Diabetes and Heart Diseases
3. World Health Organization confirms E. Coli outbreak caused by new strain
4. 350 million are suffering from diabetes worldwide
5. 35 million people suffering from HIV worldwide
6. Radiation from Cell phones may cause cancer: WHO
7. Excessive viewing of Television may lead to premature death

allowing it to carry out all its immunization plans through 2015. The U.K. pledged \$1.34 billion to the GAVI Alliance, the Gates Foundation promised \$1 billion and Norway offered \$677 million. The amount exceeds the \$3.7 billion GAVI had hoped to raise.

RECENT RESEARCHES

HIV VIRUS CAN EXIST IN BLOOD AND SEMEN: STUDY

A joint study published in journal of Medical Virology reveals that HIV virus could be present in drastically different variants in blood and semen of same individual. The study was conducted on 12 HIV infected men whose blood and semen samples were analyzed by Parel's National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health (NIRRH). The study clearly established that the type and behaviour of the HIV virus present in the bloodstream of an infected individual could be drastically different from that present in the same individual's semen. In certain cases, it could look as if the individual is infected with two different types of virus altogether.

DROWNING LEADING CAUSE OF CHILD INJURY DEATHS IN INDIA

The results of Million Death Study revealed that injuries among children younger than five years of age led to 82000 deaths in India in 2005. Drowning was the leading cause of child injury deaths, accounting for over 30 percent. More children die from drowning in India than anywhere else in the world. Deaths due to drowning were three times higher in rural areas than in urban areas and were also higher in boys than in girls. This study was led by Registrar General of India and co-authored by Prof. Prabhat Jha, Centre for Global Health Research and University of Toronto. Researchers from The George Institute Global Health, Sydney, Australia were also involved and concluded that childhood injury is a significant burden for which prevention programmes should be urgently prioritized.

ASIA'S HEAVY USE OF ASBESTOS IS EXPECTED TO CAUSE RISE IN DEATHS IN COMING DECADES

Deaths from asbestos-related diseases will surge in Asia over the next 20 years, a recent study has warned. Asia now accounts for 64 percent of the world's asbestos use, but for only about 13 percent of the asbestos-related deaths in World Health Organization mortality data. It takes 30 to 50 years after exposure to develop asbestosis; mesothelioma or a related lung cancer. The study has been published in *Respirology*, the journal of the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology.

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64TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY MEET

Introduction

The 64th World Health Assembly, which lasted for eight days (16th May to 24th May 2011), brought together over 2700 health ministers and senior health officials from 193 WHO Member States. 28 resolutions and three decisions were adopted in the end to guide the upcoming work of the Organization and to address priority global health issues.

Different agendas were discussed as follows

- The delegates aimed to improve global preparedness for future pandemics.
- WHO's new global reviews illustrate the impact of green investments which would help prevent significant non communicable diseases (NCDs) as 70% of annual global deaths are due to non communicable diseases
- The delegates approved five resolutions to strengthen health systems including strategies to strengthen nursing and midwifery, actions to improve the health workforce through effective implementation of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel, and efforts to improve health policies.
- Delegates also discussed issues on child injury prevention.
- Global immunization vision and maternal health was also one of the major topics to be discussed.
- The Health Assembly adopted a resolution on malaria calling on Member States to keep malaria high on the political and development agendas.
- A new comprehensive strategy to combat HIV was accepted.
- They also reaffirmed that the remaining stock of smallpox virus would be destroyed.
- Delegates showed a strong commitment to polio eradication.

Other important discussions were to ensure protection of health from climate change, improving access to safe drinking water and sanitation and protecting public health from chemicals and waste. Since cholera remains public health threat for many countries and the incidence is on the rise, the delegates expressed the urgent need for effective public health interventions.

Member States even requested WHO to maintain health-care waste management as a priority issue in its public health agenda, in order to protect the environment and ensure safety of staff, waste management workers and communities.

WHO Reform

The Organization's budget for 2012-2013 was also discussed and adopted. The program budget of US\$ 3.959 billion was recognized by the delegates as a transitional budget. 22.2 percent of the money is going to be spent on the sustainability of WHO so that it's working becomes more efficient and effective. 21.4 percent has been allotted for the advancement of the global health agenda. 15.4 percent has been allocated to improve health services through better governance. Approximately 8.3 percent has been allocated to reduce the burden of communicable diseases. Rest is allocated to combat HIV, to prevent deaths from NCD, to improve nutrition and food safety and also to reduce morbidity and mortality.

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