

# UNION MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH, DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR PRESENTS INDIA'S NATIONAL STATEMENT ON COMBATING ANTI-MICROBIAL RESISTANCE (AMR) AT THIRD GLOBAL HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

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Dr. Pawar elaborated that India's National Action Plan for containment of AMR (NAP-AMR) was officially released on 19th April 2017. The Delhi Declaration on AMR, which is an inter-ministerial consensus, was signed at the launch of NAP-AMR, by the ministers of the concerned ministries pledging their whole-hearted support in AMR containment.

MoS Health emphasized that "The National Action Plan for containment of AMR focuses on an integrated One Health approach and involves coordination among various sectors at the state, national and international level".

Furthermore, MoS Health said National Action Plan for containment of AMR serves to leverage the strengths of various institutions such as National Center for Disease Control, Indian Council Medical Research to coordinate AMR surveillance lab networks, monitor antimicrobial consumption in health facilities, strengthen infection prevention and control, and promote antimicrobial stewardship to optimize use of antimicrobials. Food safety is monitored by The Food Safety Standards Authority of India. Similarly, Indian Network for Fisheries and Animal Antimicrobial Resistance monitor AMR in the animal sector.

The Minister concluded her speech urging all governments and partners to collaborate at the international, national and sub-national levels to tackle the development challenge posed by AMR as one family in consonance with the motto of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' of India's upcoming G20 presidency.

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