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India prioritises implementation of State Action Plans for AMR containment

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Indiaâ??s National Action Plan for containment of AMR focuses on an integrated One Health approach and involves coordination at the state, national and international level: Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar



“Government of India has identified anti-microbial resistance (AMR) as a key priority in its National Health Policy, 2017. We have taken series of initiatives which strive to build systems to counter AMR holistically", said Union Minister of State for

Health & Family Welfare Dr Bharti Pravin Pawar in India’s national statement on combating AMR at the Third Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance at Muscat, Oman.

Speaking on the occasion, MoS Health elucidated that India’s example of prioritising the development and implementation of State Action Plans for containment of Antimicrobial Resistance to ensure effective containment of AMR across sectors at this cutting-edge level, is a best practice that can be further discussed and emulated by other countries.

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.

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 optimise use of antimicrobials.