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Govt to open new state branches of National Centre for Disease Control and BSL-3 labs

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To strengthen the countryâ??s capacity for pandemic preparedness and disease surveillance



Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Mansukh Mandaviya laid the foundation stone for National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) Regional Branch in Assam, State branches in 6 States (Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Odisha, West Bengal and Mizoram) and biosafety lavel or BSL-3 labs in 2 States (Himachal Pradesh and Jharkhand) virtually.

He also inaugurated a temporary NCDC Regional branch in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. These new NCDC branches and BSL-3 labs will strengthen the country’s capacity for pandemic preparedness and disease surveillance with One Health approach.

He also dedicated an Auditorium and Library block as a part of upgraded NCDC, Delhi to the nation and released several technical documents such as Centre for Environmental & Occupational Health, Climate Change and Health, NCDC Booklet; Epidemiology, NCDC technical report; Centre for One Health, NCDC vision document; National Centre for Vector Borne Disease Control – 'National Strategic Plan: Malaria Elimination-2023-27'.

State branches of NCDC and BSL-3 laboratory once functional will augment the capacity of region/state for preparedness and response especially for outbreak prone diseases by high-risk pathogens.

Dr Mandaviya informed that a forward-looking strategy has been envisaged for the NCDC's evolution through which it is planned to establish 30 NCDC state branches, 5 NCDC regional branches and 10 BSL-3 laboratories in phase-wise manner for decentralising the presence of NCDC.