National Health Authority to organize public webinars for stakeholders to brief on National Digital Health Mission's Consultation papers

~Webinars on consultation papers—Health Facility Registry (HFR) & Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR) to be held on 6^{th} July & 7^{th} July and extension of last date for consultation papers to 20^{th} July ~

New Delhi, 29th June 2021:

The National Health Authority (NHA) will organize two public webinars to brief stakeholders on the recently published consultation papers regarding the Health Facility Registry (HFR) and the Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR) - core building blocks of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM). **The webinars will be held on 6th July and 7th July, respectively.** Interested stakeholders may register on https://bit.ly/ndhmconsultation or on the NDHM's website www.ndhm.gov.in in the publications section.

On Tuesday, the NHA had released these two consultation papers on its website for the public to read and share their feedback and suggestions. **The last date for submitting suggestions and inputs has been extended till 20**th **July 2021.** This extension has been decided to ensure ample time for all stakeholders to submit their comments, in light of the upcoming nationwide roll-out of NDHM.

The HFR and the HPR are two essential building blocks of NDHM which are owned, developed, and maintained by the Government. The HFR is proposed to be the single complete, up-to-date repository of health facilities in the country and is envisioned as the primary source of information for all other databases and lists. Similarly, the HPR will be the hub for a variety of healthcare professionals including doctors, nurses and community health workers (e.g. ASHAs, ANMs).

In August 2020, NHDM was launched as a pilot project in six Union Territories after a series of comprehensive discussions with different groups of stakeholders. The continued engagement of these stakeholders ensures that the building blocks of NDHM are developed in an inclusive and scalable manner.

The full text of the consultation papers is available for download on NDHM's website at https://ndhm.gov.in/publication/consultationpapers . Comments and feedback can be uploaded on the same link or emailed to ndhm@nha.gov.in.

About National Health Authority:

The National Health Authority (NHA) is the apex body of the Government of India responsible for the design, roll-out, implementation, and management of National Digital Health Mission (NDHM), which aims to develop the necessary backbone to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the

country. It will bridge the existing gap amongst different stakeholders of the Healthcare ecosystem through digital highways. NDHM shall create a seamless online platform through the provision of a wide-range of data, information and infrastructure services, duly leveraging open, interoperable, standards-based digital systems while ensuring the security, confidentiality and privacy of health-related personal information.

NHA also implements the flagship scheme, Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).