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Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, Air Pollution related illnesses is one of the priority thematic under the National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health. An updated Public Health advisory in this regard has been issued by MoHFW in this regard (enclosed). In addition to the activities initiated under the programme, Programme division has also been coordinating with other divisions of MoHFW to leverage existing platforms for community engagement with an aim to raise public awareness and promote behaviour change.

I would like to highlight that as an outcome of this, the ongoing SAANS campaign, being implemented from 12th November 2025 to 28th February 2026 (enclosed) with an aim of reducing the burden of childhood pneumonia has included the following air pollution related components:

1. Create public awareness on impact of indoor and outdoor air pollution on childhood pneumonia
2. During home visits by ASHA/ANM/CHO, in addition to assessing children under 5 years of age for signs and symptoms of pneumonia, assessing for risk factors of pneumonia has been mandated as part of SAANS campaign, particularly use of biomass fuel for cooking/heating, Indoor smoking, burning of waste near the house/in the community and poor indoor ventilation (reference- guidance note and ASHA screening format, enclosed)
3. Promote adoption of measures to reduce exposure to air pollution through risk based communication, with ASHAs and other FLWs counselling families where the above risk factors for air pollution are identified.

State and District Nodal Officers are therefore encouraged to:

- a. Coordinate with Nodal officers of SAANS campaign for planning, implementation and monitoring of programmatic activities.

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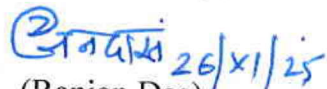


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- b. Utilise the opportunity of SAANS campaign to re-sensitize relevant officers and health care workers on air pollution, using the existing training material available under the programme.
- c. Share and disseminate the IEC material developed under the programme that may be used during house-to-house visits.
- d. Compile and share regular reports on number of houses with at-least 1 risk factor for pneumonia and communication activities undertaken to reduce the risk factor.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Ranjan Das) 26/11/25

Encls:

1. DO letter from Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, GoI to Chief Secretaries of States & UTs (D.O. No. 70/NCDC/CEOH&CCHH/2018-19/AP_Advisory, dated 01.11.2025)
2. DO letter from Additional Secretary and Mission Director, NHM, DoHFW, GoI to Additional Chief Secretray (Health)/ Principal Secretary (H&FW)/ Commissioner (Health)- All States/ UTs (D.O.No. Z-28020/143/2019-CH Dated: 31st October 2025)
3. Guidance Note for Childhood Pneumonia Management- SAANS campaign, 2025-26
4. ASHA Screening format for SAANS campaign, 2025-26

To,

The State Nodal Officers- National Programme for Climate Change and Human Health

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