World Antimicrobial Awareness Week Report Activities conducted by NCDC

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is a growing threat to public health which needs urgent attention. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) has already taken a series of initiatives for tackling the problem including formulation of National Policy, establishing a National Programme on AMR Containment and formulating National Action Plan on AMR (NAP-AMR) which provides a intersectoral framework for containment of Anti-Microbial Resistance.

World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) is celebrated from 18-24 November every year and the theme for the year 2021 was "Spread Awareness, Stop Resistance". The overarching slogan of WAAW continues to be "Antimicrobials: Handle with Care".

On the event of WAAW, National Centre for Disease control (NCDC) conducted a **Live panel discussion** on Overuse of antibiotics during COVID19: Is it justified? on 20th November, 2021. The participants in the panel discussion were physicians and Infectious Disease specialists from both government and private sector.

On the event of WAAW, National Centre for Disease control (NCDC) conducted a **Social Media Awareness Campaign** where the Director of NCDC has tweeted on the first and last day of WAAW to spread awareness regarding AMR. The last day tweet included a video on responsible sale of antibiotics by pharmacist.

