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**Subject: Inclusion of Patient Safety activities in Health Mela**

*Dear Colleagues,*

17 September is celebrated as 'World Patient Safety Day, and the theme for the year 2023 is "Engaging Patients for Patient Safety." Health Mela, an initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, presents an excellent opportunity to engage with citizens from all walks of life and disseminate essential information about preventive healthcare, build awareness of health risks, and the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle.

In this context, a letter vide no. D.O.F.No. NHSRC/20-21/QI/01/Patient Safety-Part II by Hon. Additional Secretary & Mission Director states to engage the activities related to Patient Safety in Health Melas was issued in August 2023.

The objective of including patient safety activities in Health Mela is to empower patients and families to be actively involved in their own health care and in the improvement of safety of health care. Guidance note for organising Health Mela is attached as Annexure-I.

The following activities may be undertaken in your state for the Health Mela which are scheduled in the month of September 2023.

1. Display of Patient Safety posters at the booths  
(Posters and guidelines for printing of posters are attached in annexure -II)
2. Display of Video focusing on crucial role of patients, families and caregivers in ensuring safety during delivery of care whole day during the Health Mela  
(The link of the video is attached in annexure -III)

You are requested to implement the above listed activities as part of patient safety day during the Health Mela so that a large community can benefit.

*With best wishes*

Yours Sincerely,

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