

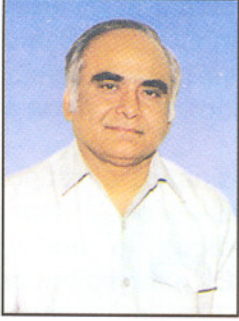
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FOREWORD

Indian Council of Medical Research, in 1977, established Institute for Research in Medical Statistics (IRMS) to meet the increasing demand for statistical support in health research. The Institute has been renamed in 2006 as the **National Institute of Medical Statistics (NIMS)** due to its immense contribution in the field of health research methodology. It has become an excellent centre of applied statistics. From time to time, NIMS organizes teaching/training programs for students affiliated to various universities as well as for professionals working in area of health and development; it handles a number of research projects on policy and program evaluation, epidemiology, modeling and health research information system. In recent years, the Institute has been working in the area of HIV estimation and capacity building of States on HIV modelling so that there is an improvement in the quality of data collected under HIV Sentinel Surveillance (HSS). The Institute has also undertaken an operation research study to sensitize truck drivers plying on national highways about safe sexual practices. The institute has recently completed a national level document useful for policy makers - "components of under-five-mortality". The document recommends that strengthening the existing reproductive health programme and socio-economic development are the only ways to bring about considerable decline in infant and child mortality in India. Data management is one of the objectives of the Institute. Recently it has prepared a district level health data base on available indicators. The Institute has ventured into web enabled database on health sectors reforms. The database gives an overview of endeavour made by the states to improve the public health system.

NIMS is working in close tandem with the NACO, Department of AYUSH, Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Women and Child Development, and other international agencies, viz. WHO, UNICEF, World Food Program, UNAIDS, FHI, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and European commissions' technical assistance (ECTA).

The Institute has ensured that the scientist regularly participate and contribute in various national and international conferences and workshops. This has further strengthened the stature of NIMS. The 2005-06 annual report gives an outline of the work done by the Institute during the year. I wish the scientists and the entire staff of the Institute success in their future endeavors.

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