

FROM DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S DESK

I am delighted to present this year's report on the work of Indian Council of Medical Research. Much of the work of the Council has been on planning for expansion and advancement of facilities in the field of health / medical research. During the year, the ICMR Schools of Public Health were dedicated to the Nation by the Honorable Minister of Health, Dr Anbumani Ramadoss on October 30, 2006 who also inaugurated a new building of the National Institute of Epidemiology at Chennai. Microbial Containment Complex of the Council at Pune was upgraded to the level of an Institute. A National Centre for Preclinical Reproductive and Genetic Toxicology was established at Council's National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health at Mumbai.



Clinical Trial Registry India was established at the National Institute of Medical Statistics, New Delhi for prospective registration of all clinical trials to be conducted in India.

Memoranda of Understanding were signed between ICMR and University of Minnesota and ICMR-INCLIN for international collaboration in various fields of health research.

Several outbreaks of Japanese encephalitis, Chikungunya, Dengue and Influenza throughout the country were investigated by Council's Institutes / Centres.

The Council is engaged in serosurveillance and development of suitable vaccine for HIV/AIDS and several important leads have been obtained.

During the year 2006-07, a total of 913 *ad hoc* research projects and 477 research fellowships were funded by the Council. The scientists of ICMR published 521 research papers in international/ national journals during the year 2006 which revealed significant increase in the number of publications. The impact factor of Indian Journal of Medical Research increased to 1.224 in 2006 as compared to 0.869 in the year 2005. A total of 13 patents were filed during the year under report.

I am indebted for the constant support and encouragement of the Honorable Minister of Health, Dr Anbumani Ramadoss due to which the Council has seen tremendous growth and transformation during the past years followed by remarkable developments not only in health research but national/ international networking and global recognition.

I gratefully acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all the scientists, technical personnel and administrative staff of the Council and its institutes/ centres as a result of which we have been able to surge ahead on the path to development and progress in the field of health/medical research.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nirmal Kumar Ganguly". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Nirmal Kumar Ganguly
Director-General