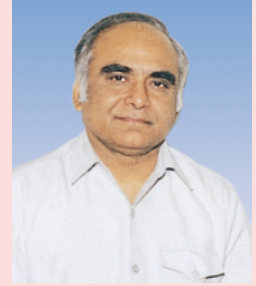


## Director-General's Message



The Council has completed 94 years of its existence in the service of the nation. During these years, the Council has steadily moved ahead in the direction of medical research, vaccine and drug development as well as human resource development.

During 2004-2005, Hon'ble President of India, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, dedicated to the nation the High Containment Laboratory at National Institute of Virology, Pune. The Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Anbumani Ramdoss laid the foundation stone of the National Centre for Primate Breeding and Research at Sasunavghar, Maharashtra. The Centre will provide research and training facilities to scientists from India and abroad.

During the year a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed for collaboration in health research between ICMR and Canadian Institutes of Health Research and a tripartite agreement was signed between ICMR-South African Medical Research Council and FIOCRUZ, Brazil.


The ICMR assisted the state government authorities in emergency disease surveillance in south Indian states after tsunami hit the coastal areas of the country in December 2004.

During the period under review, national Guidelines have been prepared for Stem Cell Research and Therapy while Guidelines for Accreditation, Supervision and Regulation of Assisted Reproductive Technology Clinics have been adopted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

During the year under review, the Council also engaged itself in multi-site epidemiological and virological surveillance for human influenza.

A total of 767 research projects and 285 fellowships were funded during 2004-2005 and the scientists of the Council published 486 research papers during 2004 as compared to 454 in the year 2003. The average impact factor per paper in 2004 was 2.326 as compared to 2.180 in the year 2003.

I am pleased to present herewith the highlights of the research activities of ICMR during 2004-2005.

  
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