

ICMR-National AIDS Research Institute, Pune welcomed Dr. Samiran Panda as their Director on 20th December 2017.

Dr. Samiran Panda noted Tropical Medicine Specialist and former deputy director at ICMR-NICED, took charge as Director ICMR-National AIDS Research Institute, Pune today. Dr. Panda is noted for his contributions to public health in the fields of HIV and enteric diseases. A key member of the team that first documented the explosive nature of HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Northeastern states, his work has focused on transmission of HIV from Persons who Inject drugs to their spouses and the overlap of the IDU and sex-work driven heterosexual epidemics in the North East. His current work in the field of HIV focuses on prevention among populations most at risk. He is an acknowledged expert in the areas of intravenous drug use and evaluation of health interventions in the SAARC region and was awarded the Major General Saheb Singh Sokhey Award of the Indian Council of Medical Research in 1996. Outbreak investigation following natural disasters, investigation of high infant mortality, hepatitis C related research and facilitating policy framework development through systematic review have been some noteworthy other contributions of Dr. Samiran Panda. <http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/pune/dr-samiran-panda-takes-charge-as-nari-chief-today-tofocus-on-hiv-prevention-among-idus-msms-4990758>.