

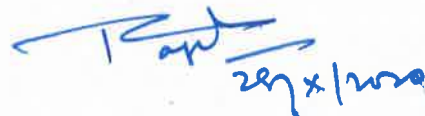
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Subject: Establishment of the ICMR-Projection, Policy and Program (PP&P) Unit under ECD Division at ICMR Headquarters– reg.

1. The DG, ICMR has recommended the establishment of the ICMR-Projection, Policy and Program (PP&P) Unit at ICMR Headquarters with immediate effect. The goal of this Unit is to enable ICMR to provide strong leadership in disease burden estimation, projection and application of the findings to inform health policy and programmes for improving population health across India.
2. The objectives of this Unit are listed as follows:
 - Lead generation of the best possible sub-national-level evidence for disease burden and risk factor trends and their projections across India.
 - Build capacity at ICMR to lead this work in a sustainable manner, including human resources, infrastructure and processes.
 - Produce world-class publications, reports, and policy briefs on crucial topics for population health in India.
 - Identify major data gaps related to disease burden and population health understanding in India and make recommendations to address such gaps.
 - Engage with relevant central and state government decision makers and other key stakeholders to maximize use of relevant evidence to improve population health in India.
 - Develop mechanisms for sustainable collaborations with partners who have compatible skills and goals.
3. The major activities under this Unit are:
 - ***Generate disease burden evidence***
 - Utilize the momentum of the India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative to report state-level and district-level trends of disease and risk factors and their projections that are crucial for improving population health in India under the leadership of ICMR.
 - Facilitate more robust and timely tracking of health and disease burden at the state and sub-state levels over time.
 - Articulate the data gaps that need to be addressed for a more complete understanding of population health across India.


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▪ ***Build capacity at ICMR***

- For epidemiological and statistical analysis related to disease burden estimation and projection, interpretation of the findings and their policy application.
- Identify and engage suitable scientists at ICMR and its institutes with this work, potentially developing a point-person for this work at each ICMR institute.
- Rapidly arrange hands-on engagement of ICMR scientists with ongoing work of the India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative.
- Recruit further scientists with skills complementary to the skills of existing ICMR scientists.
- Make arrangements for external training of scientists for long-term skills development related to this work at ICMR.
- Plan a regular seminar series at ICMR on disease burden estimation and its application to policy and programmes.
- Plan workshops at ICMR for focused skill building related to disease burden and policy translation.

▪ ***Engage with suitable partners***

- Utilise the existing 15 domain-specific disease and risk factors expert groups of the India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative and add further expert groups as suitable.
- Develop mechanisms to work closely with NITI Aayog and MoHFW on utilizing robust evidence to inform policy formulation and on addressing major data gaps.
- Develop mechanisms to engage state governments in the generation of relevant disease burden evidence and its utilization to inform actions at the state and sub-state levels.
- Engage suitable global partners to maximize gains for ICMR and India.

▪ ***Key outputs***

- World-class publications on disease burden and population health topics important for India.
- High-quality reports and white papers on health policy issues crucial for India.
- Organise one or two major conferences each year on disease burden evidence and its application to policy under the leadership of ICMR.


4. The first major project that will be executed under this Unit will be 'Strengthening Capacity to Estimate and Forecast Disease Burden in India: the ICMR GBD India Hub' which will be led by Prof Lalit Dandona, ICMR Distinguished Scientist and National Chair for Population Health. Subsequently, other relevant projects may also be taken up under this Unit. The following scientific staff at ICMR Headquarters will be assisting Prof Lalit Dandona for this project to be initiated under this Unit along with other staff:

- Dr. D K Shukla, Consultant (Scientific), ICMR
- Dr. Shweta Sharma, Scientist C (Project), NCD Division


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5. Dr. Sumit Agarwal, Scientist-C, ECD Division has been identified as the nodal person for ICMR-PP&P Unit at the ICMR Headquarters.
6. The ICMR-Projection, Policy and Program (PP & P) Unit will be under ECD Division.

This issues with the approval of the Director General, ICMR.



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Assistant Director General

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