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FOREWORD

'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' is an annual publication brought out by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). As the name suggests, this publication contains detailed data on various aspects of deaths due to accidents and suicides. The present edition, which pertains to the year 2010, is the 44th in the series which started in 1967.

Accidents and suicides have been claiming a large number of human lives over the years. These accidents include both - accidents attributable to nature and accidents not attributable to nature. These trends are a cause of concern for every class of the society, especially to policy makers principally for two reasons. Firstly, the Government is committed to improving the living conditions of its citizens. Secondly, the loss of these lives results in irreparable damage to the society.

Detailed data is a Sine qua non for any study for appropriate intervention measures and policies making. This publication proves useful in this regard by providing detailed information on accidental deaths and suicides. This publication covers data on accidental deaths due to causes attributable to nature - such as Avalanche, cyclone/ tornado, earthquake, flood, landslide, torrential rains, cold & exposure, starvation/thirst, Heatstroke & lightning and some of others as well as those not attributable to nature - for example, explosion, fire, air crash, collapse of structure, Drowning, poisoning, sudden deaths, stampede, traffic accidents. Month-wise data on occurrence of traffic accidents and time slot of day when traffic accidents have occurred provide a wealth of information for policy makers, transport departments, researchers, NGOs and other stake holders.

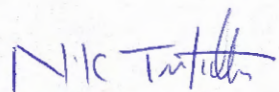
Data contained in this publication has been found useful and found immense helpful for preparing replies to Parliament Questions, States/UTs research institutes, NGOs, media and other stake holders.

I am grateful to the heads of Police of all the States, UTs and Mega Cities for making publication of this report possible by their cooperation in providing the data to us. We have been striving to reduce the time-lag in publishing this report as much as possible but it can be done only with the cooperation of States/UTs. This time with cooperation of States/UTs, we tried to bring out this issue much earlier than previous years. Very shortly when our project of **CCTNS Project** is rolled out, the future issues will come out almost immediately after the completion of the year.

I also take this opportunity to record my appreciation of the sincere efforts of the officers and staffs of the Statistical Branch of the NCRB who have toiled hard to bring out this report.

Considering the usefulness of this data and In order to cater to the requirements of the users of our data in a better manner, we have digitised all the previous editions of the publication and made them available on our website <http://www.ncrb.gov.in>. This highlights our commitment to making the data more accessible and useful.

I would appreciate if the readers could kindly send their suggestions to us in the feedback form attached at the end of this report to further improve the content and quality of the publication.


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