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## FOREWORD

The Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) has been regularly bringing out its annual publication **“National Health Profile (NHP)”** since the calendar year 2005. It involves sustained, systematic and sincere efforts to collect and collate an enormous national data from the Directorates of Health & Family Welfare of all the 35 States/UTs, central government organizations, National Health Programmes and various other concerned national & international agencies in India.

This publication (NHP) of vital national importance highlights most of the relevant Health information under six major indicators viz. Demographic, Socio-economic, Health Status, Health Finance, Health Infrastructure and Human Resources for the specified calendar year and much other relevant information required for an efficient public health system in our country. The sources as well as information required for an efficient public health system in our country. The sources as well as limitations of the data are also appropriately indicated. This edition has captured the latest demographic data for Census 2011 released by RGI and also the data on slum population has been given in detail.

This 8<sup>th</sup> edition of NHP includes for the first time results of screening done for Diabetes & Hypertension under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), being implemented in 100 districts spread over 21 States from the year 2010-11.

It is hoped that this National reference document shall be of immense help to all concerned government departments & institutions, public sector enterprises, non government organizations, policy makers, planners, administrators, managers, researchers and academicians involved with health sector development of India.

I would like to compliment and record my appreciation to the entire team of officers & staff of CBHI, led by its Director for timely bringing out this 8<sup>th</sup> Issue of “National Health Profile 2012”.

The suggestions for further improvement of this publication will be highly appreciated and may kindly be shared with CBHI (Dte. GHS), GOI.

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