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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 limitations of the data are also appropriately indicated.

This 9th edition of NHP also includes the State-wise physical performance of National Programme for Control of Blindness, latest disability data from census 2011, excerpts from Global Adult Tobacco Survey 2009-2010 & Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2009. A table on expectation of life at birth by sex and residence, taken from Registrar General of India, is also introduced from this issue.

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 in 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 9th Issue of “National Health Profile 2013”.

The suggestions for further improvement of this publication will be highly appreciated and may kindly be shared with CBHI, Directorate General of Health Services, Govt. of India.

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