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The Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) is regularly bringing out an Improved annual publication "National Health Profile (NHP)" from the Calendar year 2005. It is a continued systematic and sincere effort to collect and collate an enormous national data from the Directorates of Health & FW Services of all the 35 States/ UTs and large number of central government organizations and various concerned agencies in India.

This publication (NHP) of Prime national importance highlights most of the relevant information under six major health indicators viz. Demography, Socio-economic, Health Status, Health Finances, Health Infrastructure and Human Resources. The sources as well as limitations of the data have also been appropriately indicated.

CBHI has presented the National Health Profile (NHP) in an attractive & reader friendly format while also incorporating the trend analysis of morbidity/ mortality due to various communicable diseases that accounted for maximum reported cases/ deaths during the calendar year, besides various other crucial information.

This national reference document is of immense use 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 record my appreciation for all officers & staff of CBHI, for bringing out timely the current issue of "National Health Profile 2008".

The suggestions for further improvement of this publication will be highly appreciated and may kindly be shared with CBHI.


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