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## From the Director's desk

An updated and credible National health database is essential for effective planning, implementation, decision making, monitoring and evaluation of various health programmes & health sector developmental activities in order to achieve the objectives of National Health Mission (NHM) and the National Health Policy. To achieve this objective, the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), in its annual series has compiled the "National Health Profile" (NHP) for the calendar Year 2013. The NHP covers demographic, socio-economic, health status and health finance indicators; in addition it also includes comprehensive information on health infrastructure and human resources in health sector.

While compiling the current issue of "NHP 2013", efforts have been made to be more informative with the latest demographic data. An Executive Summary of the entire 'National Health Profile-2013' has been given in the beginning, highlighting wide variations in sex-ratio in different states, declining Infant Mortality Rate, upswing in number of doctors in various specialities and pattern of investments in health sector.

At the outset, I would like to put on record the continuous support and cooperation received from various States/UTs, Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India, Various National Health Programme Divisions, Indian Council of Medical Research, Medical/Nursing/Para-Medical Councils of India, Planning Commission, IRDA, different Union Ministries like Statistics & Programme Implementation, Railways, Labour, Crime Bureau, WHO etc. in providing updated information for this important publication.

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