DETAILS OF THE CENTRE

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Govt., of India has established the network of 18 Population Research Centres (PRCs) spread over 16 major States of the country with the mandate to provide critical research based inputs related to the Health and Family Welfare Programs and Policies at the National and State levels. Initially, these Centres were known as Demographic Research Centres (DRCs) and were later on, renamed as Population Research Centres (PRCs). The PRCs are administratively under the control of their respective host University/Institutions. The scheme started with the establishment of PRC, Delhi in 1957 and PRC, Kerala 1958 which has expanded to 18 PRCs with the last inclusion of PRC, Sagar during 1999. Of these, 12 are attached to Universities and 6 are independent research institutions of national repute.

PRC, Srinagar

Established in 1985, the Population Research Centre (PRC) at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar is an interdisciplinary community of scholars engaged in population research and training. The faculty is trained in various disciplines including Economics, Geography, Population Studies and Statistics. The major objectives of the Centre are to conduct and promote research in population studies; and to assist the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), New Delhi with policy input and feedback on population and health issues. The Centre also conducts training programmes with a specialization in Health Management Information System (HMIS). The main financial support for the Centre comes from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), New Delhi.

THRUST AREAS OF THE CENTRE

- *National Rural Health Mission;*
- *Reproductive Health;*
- *Child Health;*
- *Sex Ratio;*
- *Demographic and Health Surveys (National Family Health Survey-4);*
- *Monitoring and Evaluation of Centrally Sponsored Programmes and Schemes;*
- *Health Management and Information System (HMIS).*

POLICY INTERFACE AND DISSEMINATION:

The PRC also maintains a close link with the health department at both the national and state level, and contributes to policy-making through participating in government sponsored research programs, as well as through its workshops and seminars. The findings of research conducted at the PRC are disseminated through Reports. Members of the PRC regularly attend and present their research at National and International Conferences including annual meetings of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), the Population Association of

America (PAA) and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), among others. In addition, individual faculty members, also uses different methods to disseminate research findings to the policy makers and other researchers primarily through workshops and seminars publications in local dailies.

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