FOREWORD

I am proud to present this annual publication "Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India, 2017". ADSI-2017 is the 51st edition of the annual report; first edition being published in the year 1967.

The publication contains comprehensive information on various aspects of accidental deaths due to forces of nature and other causes such as road accidents, railway accidents, sudden deaths, drowning, poisoning, falls, fire accidents, snake bites etc. Further, it also provides information on incidence of suicides across different age groups, professions and social, educational and professional profile of suicide victims. The publication would be extremely useful in understanding the causes of accidents and suicides and would contribute in formulating necessary remedial measures and policy interventions. It is hoped that the policy makers, law enforcement agencies, government departments, social scientists, road safety professionals, media and NGOs will be benefited from the data contained in the publication.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the heads of all State & UT Police Departments and the State Crime Records Bureaus/CIDs of the States/UTs for
their efforts and valuable support in sending data as per the prescribed formats and in its validation/removal of inconsistencies.

I commend the efforts of the ADSI Publication team of Statistical Branch of the Bureau who have worked hard to bring out this report in a short time.

I look forward to further suggestions and feedback for improvements in the content and quality of future reports.

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