Foreword

It gives me immense satisfaction to release latest statistics with regard to ‘Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India, 2013’. An annual publication of the National Crime Records Bureau, the present edition, contains data pertaining to the calendar year 2013, the 47th in the series, since 1967.

The report contains comprehensive report on a range of aspects of deaths due to accidents and suicides. It consists of two chapters, chapter-1 deals with natural & unnatural accidents and number of persons injured & killed due to various accidents, while chapter-2 presents statistics on various aspects of suicides.

The primary objective of the report is to cater to data requirements of various stakeholders, by providing comprehensive information on various aspects of natural & unnatural accidents and suicides, reported in our country. The compilation of publication is based on the figures furnished by all States/UTs and 53 Mega Cities (City having population of 10 lakh or more).

Accidents and suicides have been claiming a large number of human lives over the years. As per the publication, number of accidental deaths have been continuously rising viz. from 2,59,625 deaths in 2003 to 4,00,517 deaths in 2013. Similarly 1,10,851 persons in 2003, who had lost their lives by committing suicides, which rose to 1,34,799 in 2013. These rising trends are a cause of concern for the society and policy makers.

In this context, the publication provides the information on the incidence of accidental deaths & suicides, the causes of accidents, age & sex wise distribution of deaths, patterns of traffic accidents inter-alia road traffic accidents; causes of suicides, profiles of victims including their educational & social status, means & methods adopted by them to commit suicides.
This issue should be of much help to all the academicians, researchers, media, NGOs, road safety professionals etc. Over the period of time, this report has been principal reference book on the subject.

Considering plethora of data requirement, we have digitised all the previous editions of the publication and made these available on our website http://ncrb.gov.in. Nevertheless, historical data of the different reports has also been uploaded on national data portal http://data.gov.in.

Presently, the development of new software for revised proformae of ADSI is underway and we are confident, that data for the next year publication will be obtained and made available on digitised and revised format.

I gratefully acknowledge the cooperation extended by Heads of all the State and UT Police Departments and State Crime Records Bureaux, and thank them for their efforts in extending support to NCRB to bring out this publication within the stipulated timeline. Non-availability of data from even a single State/UT/City, can hold up the whole process of finalisation of the report at the national level.

I commend the efforts of the officers and staff of Statistical Branch of the Bureau, who have worked tirelessly to bring out this edition before the target date of 30th June, 2014. This is an important achievement for all of us.

We would be obliged, if the users of this volume, could kindly send their suggestions to us in the feedback form attached at the end of this report, to further improve the content and quality of the publication.

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