THE ‘Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India’ report published by the Bureau since 1967 endeavours to present data on inopportune casualties in two broad perspectives namely by accidents and by suicides. The Bureau introduced extensive improvements in the selection and presentation of indicators in this field, as a result, this particular report is more broad based than the earlier reports. Efforts in this direction will be sustained. It presents for the first time some very useful and vital informations both on ‘Accidental’ & ‘Suicidal’ Deaths.

2. The changes in lifestyles resulting in increased stress levels, manifold increase in the vehicular-traffic, other factors affecting safety norms have contributed substantially to the magnitude as well as causes of suicidal as well as accidental deaths. To make room for in depth study of the present factors leading to these casualties and the socio-economic profile of victims etc. there was need for modifications in the source data. Despite considerable efforts made in reducing the gap between specified and unspecified causes of deaths, present efforts have enabled to overcome few limitations.

3. The arduous job of collecting the data through revised schedules at district level, compilation of the same at state-level and making these available to the Bureau in time, was well accomplished by the Directors General of Police, Inspectors General of Police and Commissioners of Police to whom I reiterate my appreciation and gratitude.

4. The report continues to be the unique source of information on varied aspects of Accidental and Suicidal Deaths. I hope this publication would be useful for planners, administrators, social workers/organisations, researchers, law enforcement agencies, media etc.

5. The Bureau would welcome suggestions & valuable comments from users for improvements in the report.

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