PREFACE

This is the only publication that provides authentic information on ‘Accidental Deaths’ and ‘Suicides’ in India. The publication has achieved concurrency level. Significantly this aspect has generated wide public attention by way of increasing parliament questions, news items, studies by social organisations etc.

2. Dealing with ‘Accidental Deaths’ and ‘Suicides’ separately, the presentations have been made conveniently with tables and text analogously. Graphical representation of the trends have been liberally added for easy and quick comprehension.

3. In the past, data was analysed giving broad trends as can be viewed at the national (macro) level. Commencing from this year’s publication detailed analysis has been made, focussing attention to some more important indicators. It is hoped that this will spur more introspective studies leading to salutory recommendations.

4. It will immensely strengthen the hands of policy makers and decision makers if data with brief analysis are made available promptly when important issues are developing. This year’s publication was targetted for completion by March 93, but the delay was due to late receipt of data from some States/UTs/ City Police authorities. However, we record our deep appreciation for their present efforts. The collection and compilation efforts having stabilised by way of computerisation, we are hopeful of timely receipt of data in future.

5. The combined efforts of the Police have to be enlarged to present more indepth details in the years to come.

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