CRVS in India: Progress, Challenges and Way Forward

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Overview and Scope

• India registered more than 24 million births and almost eight million deaths in 2020
• Under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 which provides a uniform framework
• Across 290,841 Registration Units across rural and urban areas, multiple administrative levels, 34 states and UTs

Progress: Huge Improvements in Birth and Death Registration Levels

- India has made significant progress in birth and death registration over the last decade.
- Birth registration has increased from 82.4% in 2011 to 92.7% in 2019.
- Death registration increased from 66.4% in 2011 to 92.0% in 2020.

Source: CRS Reports, Office of Registrar General India
Delayed Registration Beyond 21 Days

State wise variations on delayed registration in both birth and death registration

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<th>Level (in %)</th>
<th>Name of the States/UTs</th>
<th>Death</th>
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<td>More than 80% to less than or equal to 90%</td>
<td>Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh (2)</td>
<td>Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Odisha, Goa, Lakshadweep, Meghalaya, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh (7)</td>
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<td>More than 50% to less than or equal to 80%</td>
<td>Tripura, Rajasthan, Kerala, Telangana, Bihar, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Jammu &amp; Kashmir (9)</td>
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Seven states reported less than 50 percent of timely registration in birth and eight states achieve the same levels of death registration.

Source: CRS Reports, Office of Registrar General India
Trends and State Variations of Medically Certified Deaths

- In 2020, the percentage of medically certified deaths was 22.5%, indicating a slight increase from 20.2% in 2010.
- Notably, Manipur and Goa achieved a 100% rate of medically certified registered deaths.

Source: Report on Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCD) 2020
Initiatives and Opportunities
Initiatives taken by Office of the Registrar General India

- Nationwide database of Medical Institutions where Births and Deaths occur
- Systematic capacity building through training manuals in 13 languages for registration functionaries jointly with partners like UNICEF
- Computer and related peripherals were provided to all below State level offices.
- Enhancement of computerization of CRS - Digitization of old birth and death records.
- Implementation of CRS committee recommendations/ Supreme Court directions
Computerization of Civil Registration System

➢ Uniform software, for online and offline Registration of Birth & Death and generation of statuary tables.
➢ This software is now in implementation stage in almost all states.
➢ The CRS portal provide real time data and track registration activities.
➢ Allows preservation of reporting forms in digital mode.
Initiatives taken to extend the scope of RBD Act, 1969

Specific guidelines issued for

Registration of births of children
- taken on adoption;
- Registration of deaths of missing persons of those who died due to natural calamities and disasters
Roadmap to 100% (Universal) Registration

- Linking major Governments welfare schemes with Birth Certificates
- Ensuring computerized registration up to the local level.
- Ensure registration of all Institutional births and deaths.
- Strengthen use of CRS data for computing vital statistics and Planning.
- Strengthen interoperability with national ID (AADHAR) and other databases
Thank you

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