

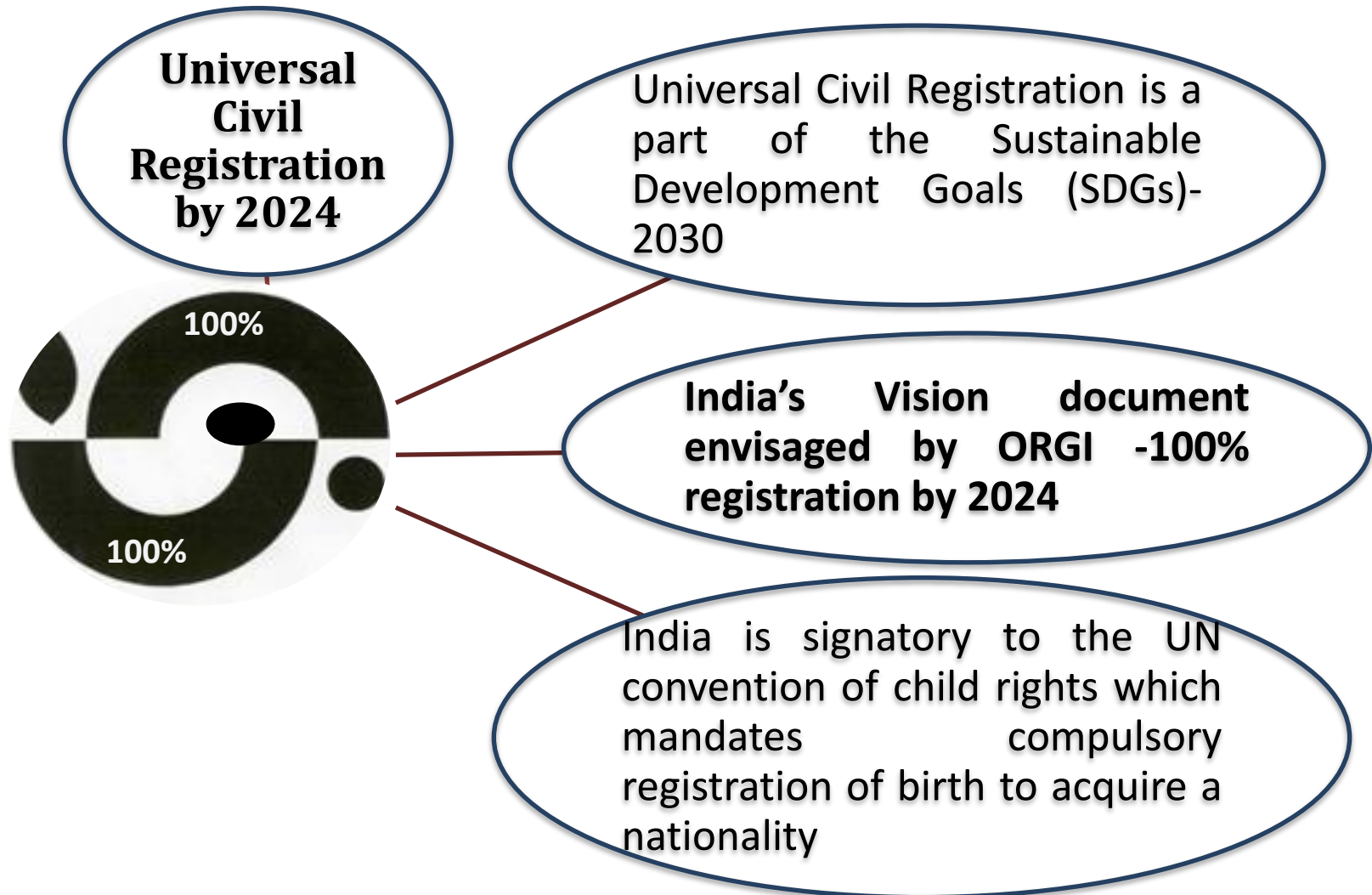


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Progress in Civil Registration System-India

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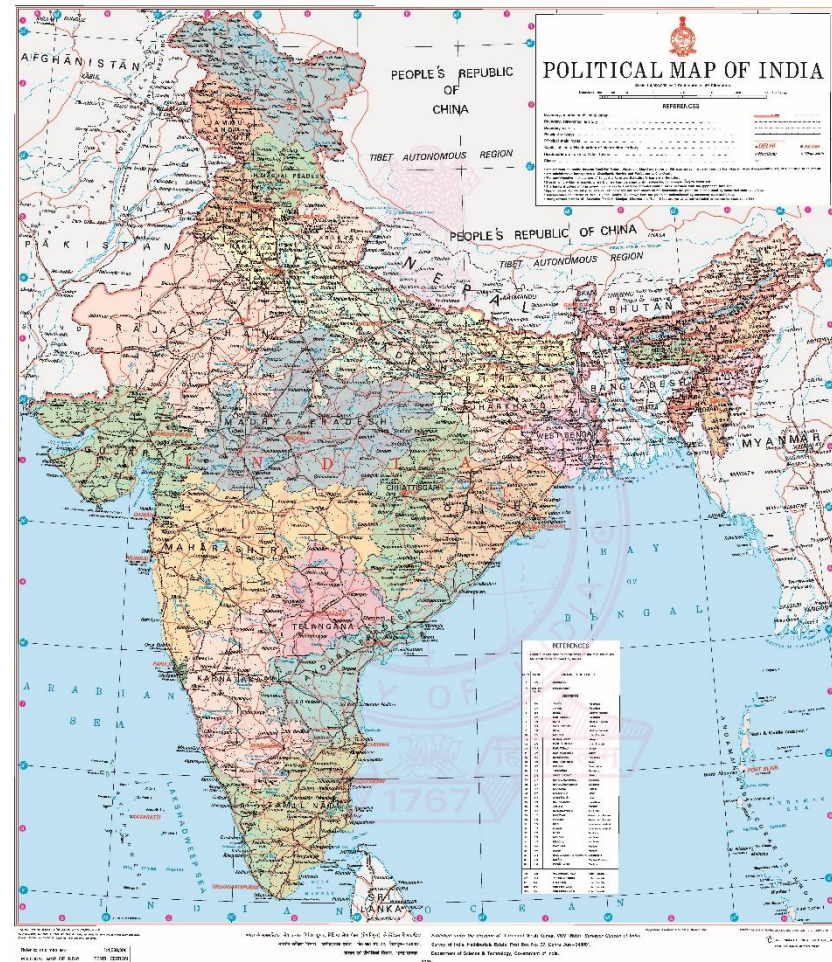
INDIA – A large Country

Administrative Divisions

- 36 States and Union Territories
- 718 districts

Population

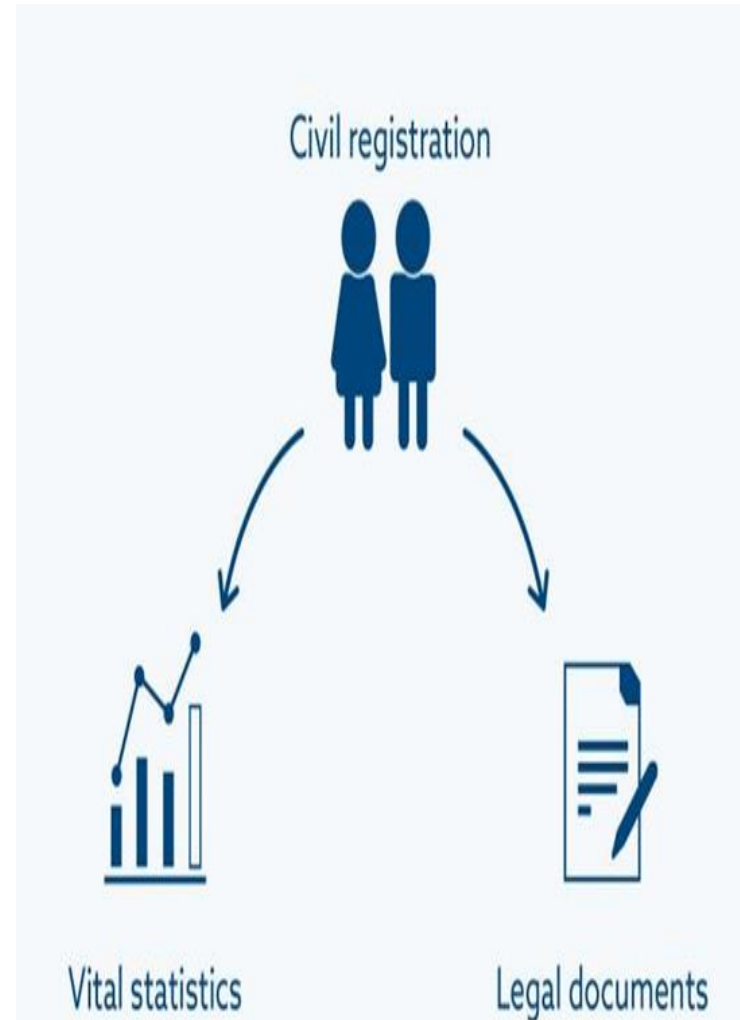
- 136 Crore*
- About 18% worlds population



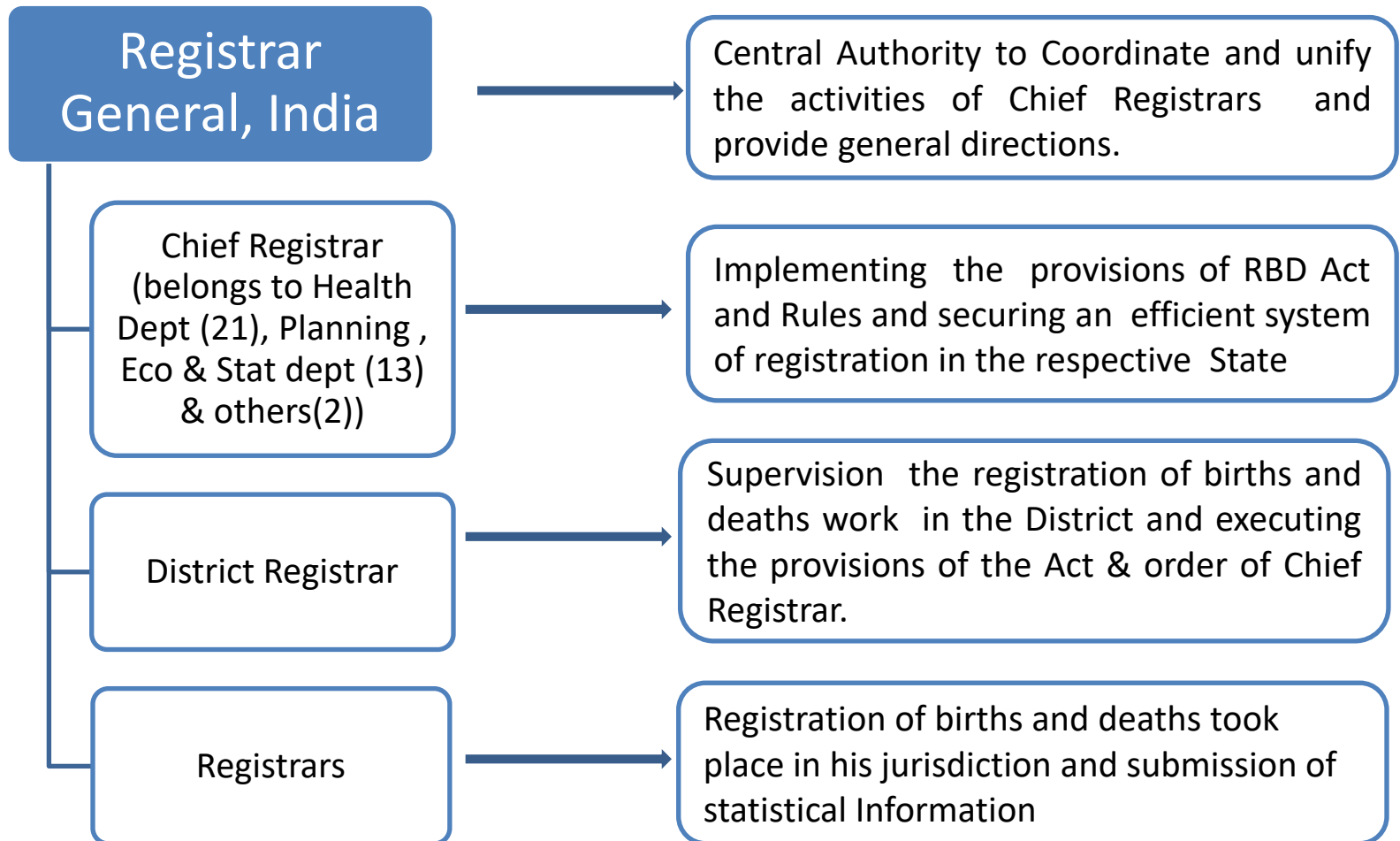
* Population Projection based on 2011 Census

Civil Registration System (CRS)-India

- CRS is universal, continuous, compulsory and permanent recording of vital events
- CRS falls under Concurrent list (sr. no. 30) of the Constitution
- Done under a central Act “**Registration of Birth and Death Act (RBD), 1969**”, enforced from 1st April 1970
- The Act is administered by Central Government and implemented by State Governments
- Based on the model Rule, 1999, each state has prepared its own rules for implementation of the act in the state



Registration Hierarchy



In addition, Notifiers such as mid-wife, Health workers etc at grass root level reports the events to Registrar

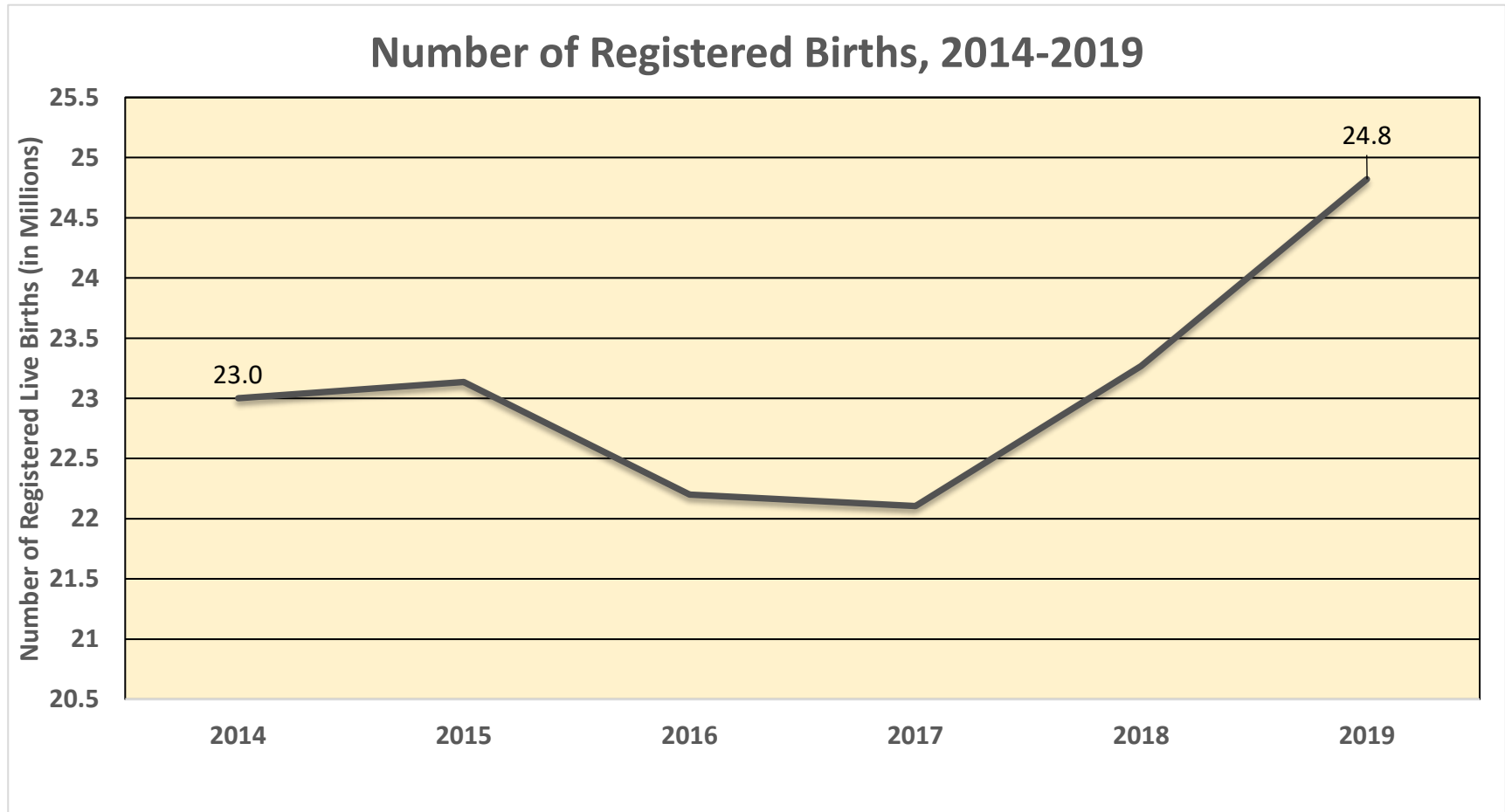
Present Registration Status

- Total Registration Units (RUs): **290** thousands
- Level of Birth Registration : **92.7%**
- Level of Death Registration: **92.0%**
- Total Medically Certified deaths: **20.7%** of registered deaths



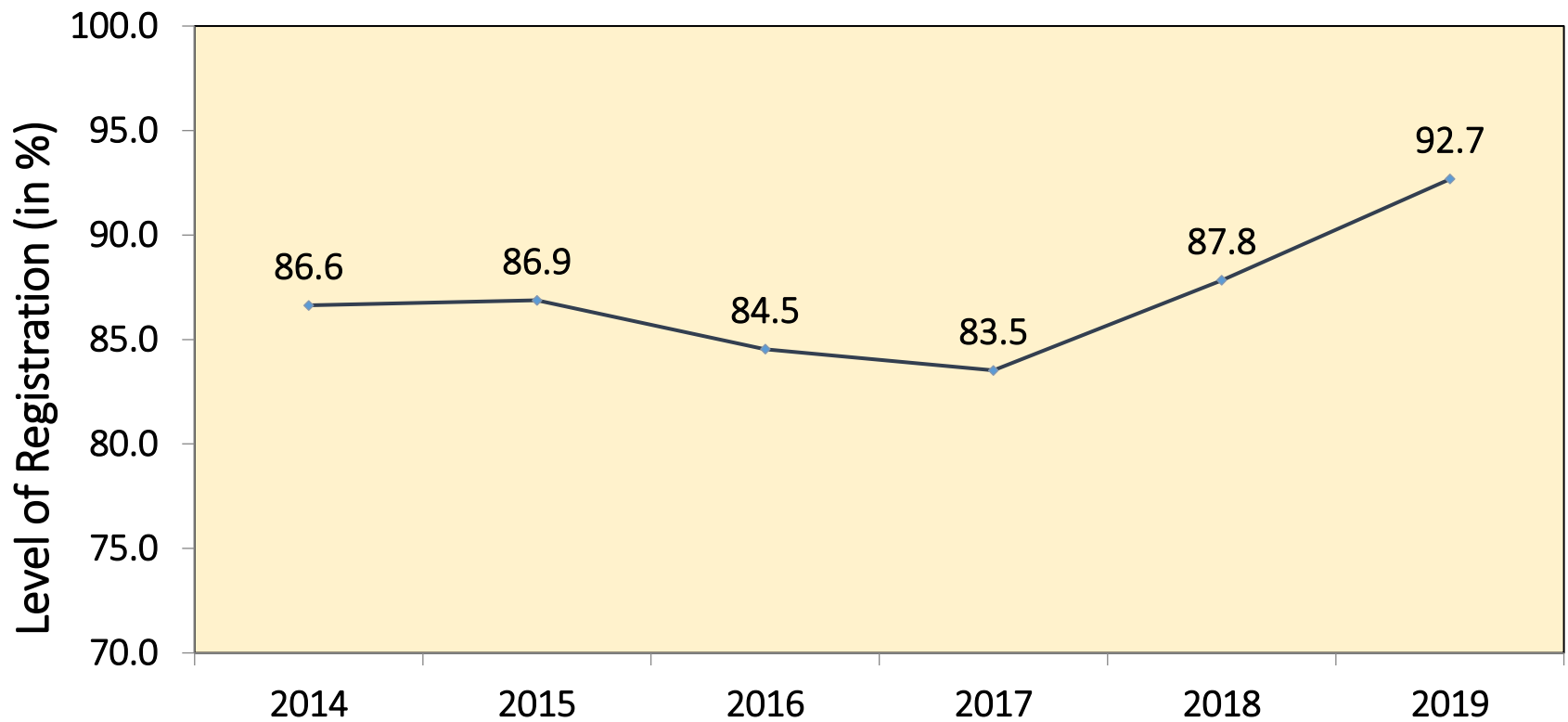
Source: Vital statistics Report based on CRS-2019, Report on Medical Certification of Cause of death -2019

Achievements in CRS-Births

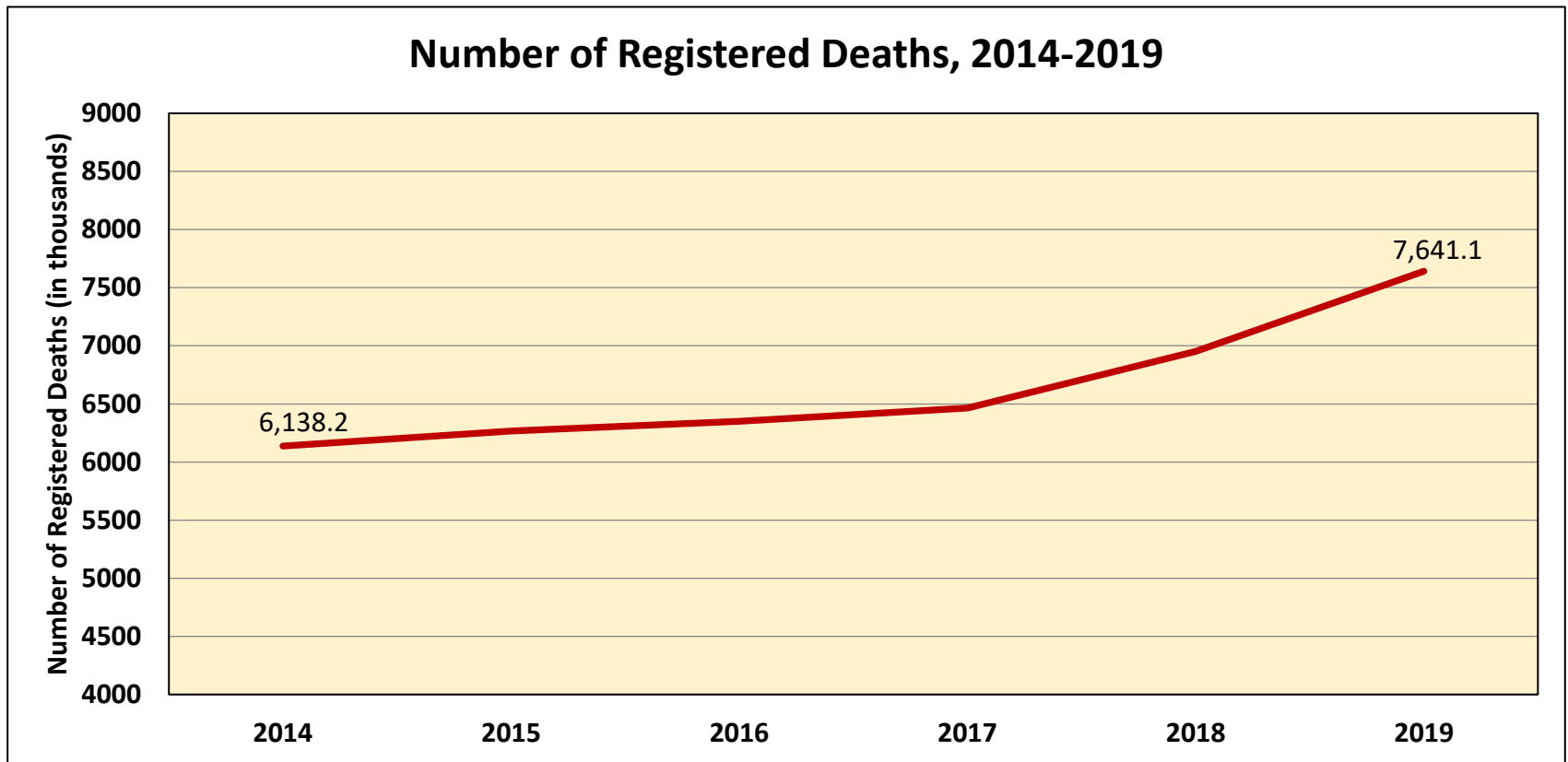


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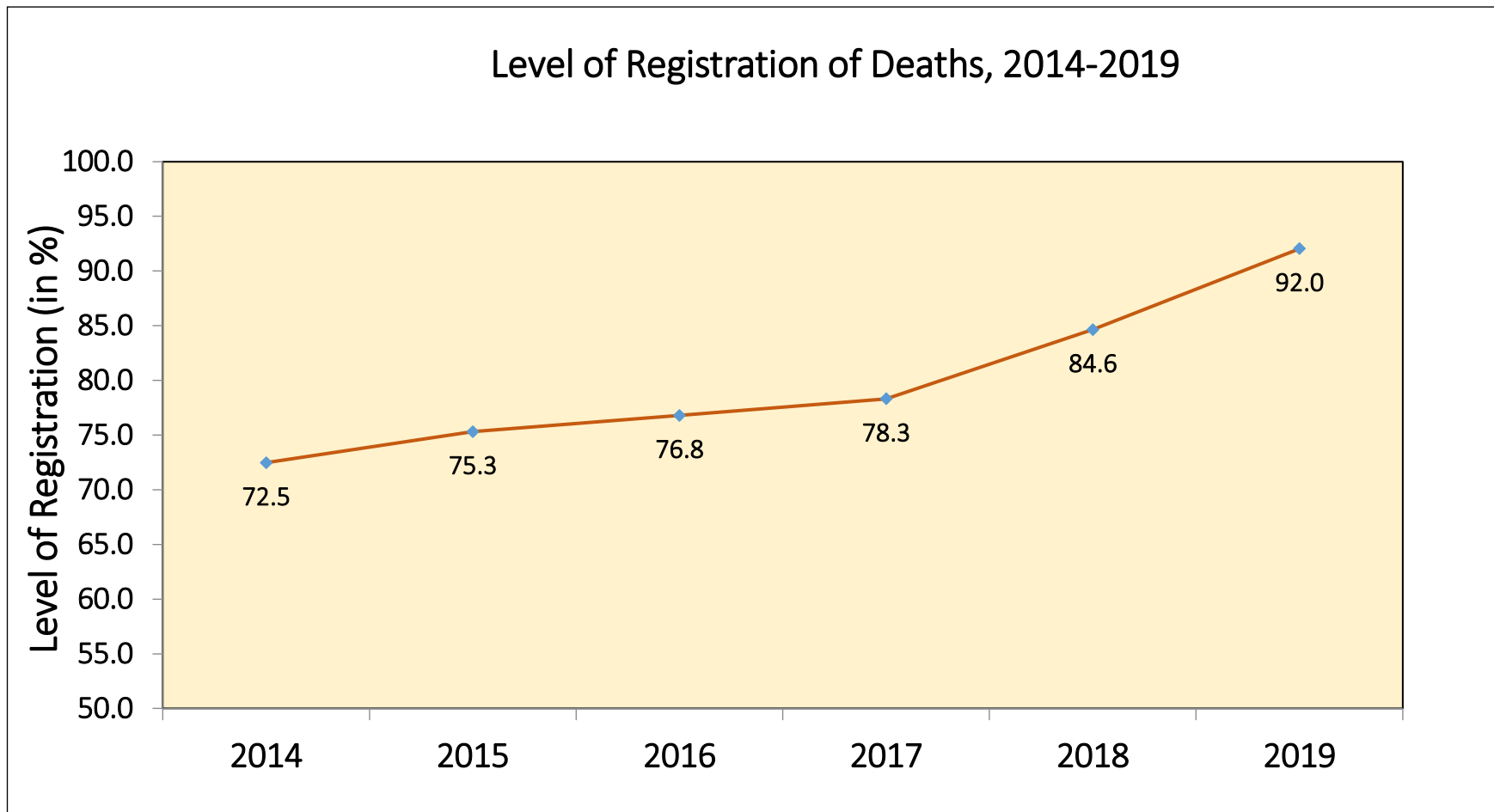
Level of Registration of Births, 2014-2019



Achievements in CRS-Deaths



Achievements in CRS-Deaths Contd..



Issues/Challenges in CRS

- No unified portal for registration of births and deaths
- Real time data on registration is not available
- Various Sections of RBD Act are obsolete and required to be amended to accommodate changes and new developments in the society during last 50 years
- Lack of awareness among 8%- 10% public
- Non-linking of basic services/benefits (such as Passport)

Issues/Challenges in CRS Contd..

- All medical institutions (Govt. and Private hospitals) are not providing information on Cause of death (CoD)
- Lack of importance by the medical practitioner to assign CoD
- Capacity building

Way Forward to achieve VISION 2024

- Amendment of RBD Act, 1969 and Review of Rules
- Revamping of present CRS software with an objective to promote accuracy, reduce delays and improve reporting
- To enhance Public /Stakeholder awareness
- Capacity building for Registrars, Informants and Notifiers, medical practitioner

Challenges during Covid-19 pandemic

- Lockdown at different intervals in various parts of the country during the last one and a half year
- Additional Load on CRS due to abnormal increase in deaths and certification of cause of death during the pandemic
- To receive various government benefits due to Covid death, the family members of deceased require death certificate.
- Medical Certification of Cause of Death needs to be strengthen in the country

Steps for death registration and CoD during pandemic

- Necessary instructions to State for timely and hassle free registration of death and recording of cause of death
- Directions for State to collect and certify information on CoD as per emergency code created by WHO for Covid-19 in ICD-10
- In addition, specific guidelines for appropriate recording of CoD due to Covid-19 issued by Ministry of Health (ICMR)

Thank You