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National Symposium & Stakeholder Consultation

to

Strengthen Mortality Information System in India

**“Building a mortality information system for Viksit Bharat:
Every death is Counted and Cause of Death ascertained”**

Symposium & Consultation
& Poster Presentation

FEBRUARY
10-11
2026

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9
2026

Pre-Symposium
Workshops

- *Venue* -
Multipurpose Hall,
India International Centre, 40 Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi



Registration

We invite you to register and express your intent to participate in the National Symposium.

Confirmation of your registration will be communicated through email

Last date for registration: 15th January 2026

For registration, visit our website - <https://symposium.causeofdeathindia.com>



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Background

Reliable and timely information on mortality rates and cause-specific mortality is fundamental for improvements in population health through informed health policies and programmes. Effective mortality information systems count all deaths; assign their cause of death; host them in a database and, put in place a mechanism to analyse this data to support decision making at local, state and national levels.

Objectives

This symposium aims to develop a roadmap for India to achieve the vision of “counting all deaths, ascertain causes of their death and use it for policy and program development”.

More specifically it plans to -

1. Provide platform for national stakeholders from civil registration system (CRS) and health sectors to identify actions to strengthen national mortality information system
2. Assess the applicability of global and national best practices in mortality surveillance and estimation to the Indian context.
3. Identify key research priorities in mortality sciences for India and mechanisms to implement it.

The overarching outcome of the symposium is to establish a **National Consortium for Strengthening Mortality Information System in India** to support national efforts for “Viksit Bharat”.

Who should participate

Academicians, researchers interested in understanding and contributing to the mortality information system of India.

CRS stakeholders, HMIS personnel, epidemiologists, demographers, program managers, medical personnel, public health specialists, international development partners, and national and state level stakeholders.



Key Thematic Areas

- Mortality data use for policy and program and research
- Civil registration System (CRS)
- Medical certification of deaths (MCCD)
- Verbal autopsies for all non-institutional deaths
- Artificial Intelligence and digital technology for mortality Surveillance

Attractions

- Keynote address from national and international experts
- Panel discussions with policy makers and state level program officers
- Sharing best practices and innovations in mortality surveillance and data use
- Scientific paper presentation by researchers

Paper Presentations

Papers are invited on the thematic areas and a select few will be chosen for oral presentations and rest as poster presentations. Fund permitting, travel grants will be made available to those making oral presentations.

WORKSHOPS

1. **Developing analytical insights using verbal autopsy for neonatal deaths and still births**
2. **Using mortality data to inform policy? A workshop with Case Studies**
3. **Strengthening MCCD in hospitals- Bridging Clinical Practice and Public Health Action**

If you are interested, register for anyone workshop.

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