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Estimation of Subnational Demographic and Disease Burden Trends in India: Opportunities, Challenges, and Capacity Building

Professor Lalit Dandona is a Distinguished Research Professor, Public Health Foundation of India and Professor of Health Metrics Sciences, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington. He is Director of the India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative, which is a collaboration between PHFI, ICMR and IHME and over 100 institutions across India and several global partners. Besides health and disease measurement and its application to policy, the research of Prof. Dandona's teams in India over the past 25 years includes a wide range of population-based studies and health system assessments. He serves on the International Advisory Board of The Lancet and on the editorial boards of several other journals. He has published widely in peer-reviewed journals and has served as scientific reviewer for over fifty journals and international granting agencies. Prof. Dandona's profile has been published in The Lancet. He received the inaugural BioMed Central Research Award in Medicine, and he is included in the Stanford Mendeley Database of top global scientists. He has served as a technical expert in public health and policy for governments, academic institutions, international organizations and funding agencies. Prof. Dandona received his medical training at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, the Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland, and public health training at the Johns Hopkins University.



Prof. P.N. Mari Bhat (1951-2007) had a very distinguished academic career. He obtained his Ph.D. in Demography from University of Pennsylvania under the guidance of Dr. Samuel Preston, a renowned mathematical demographer. Prior to joining IIPS as its Director in 2005, Dr. Bhat worked as a Professor at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, as Director of PRC at Dharwad, and as Associate Professor at Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum and also at ISEC, Bangalore. His research works reflected a unique combination of statistical acumen and social science perspectives in demographic research. He was pioneer in providing fertility and mortality estimates for colonial India and for the early decades of independence. For a detailed discussion on Prof. Bhat's research contribution to Indian demography, see "P.N. Mari Bhat: An Intellectual Tribute" by M. Das Gupta, S.H. Preston, V. Rao and T.V. Sekher, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. XLII (36), 2007.

