



National Data Quality Forum

[The Indian Council of Medical Research \(ICMR\)](#)'s National Institute for Medical Statistics (ICMR-NIMS), in partnership with Population Council (International non profit NGO that conducts research in biomedicine and social science) has launched the **National Data Quality Forum (NDQF)**.

- The National Data Quality Forum (NDQF) is an **integrated national-level platform** that aims to improve the **quality of health and demographic data** by generating **meaningful dialogue** around the **improvement of data quality** in general, and for health and medical research in particular.
- NDQF will bring all relevant stakeholders, subject matter experts, industry leaders, decision makers, and data scientists/analysts on a common platform for discussing improvements in the quality of **data ecosystem** in India.
- NDQF will integrate learnings from **scientific** and evidence-based initiatives and guide actions through **periodic workshops** and **conferences**.
- NDQF's activities will help establish **protocols** and **good practices of data collection, storage, use and dissemination** that can be applied to **health and demographic data**, as well as can be replicated across other industries and sectors also.

National Institute for Medical Statistics

- NIMS is one of the **permanent institutes** of Institutes of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi.
- The Institute came into existence in the year 1977 with the mandate to provide **technical expertise on research methodology, programme evaluation, mathematical modeling, data analysis etc.**
- It is India's only institute to coordinate and standardize the **collection of medical and health statistics** in the country.

Major Achievements of NIMS

- Establishment of India's **first Clinical Trials Registry**, in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology and [World Health Organisation \(WHO\)](#).
- Integrated Behavioural and Biological Assessment on National Highways (IBBA-NH) among truckers for HIV epidemic in the country.
- Identified as the **National Nodal Agency** for the implementation of **Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP)-Non-Communicable Disease (IDSP- NCD)** risk factor survey.

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