CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEM
- INDIA

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CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM

- Under a Central Act for both Birth and Death
- Implementation is decentralized
- Registration at the place of occurrence of the event
- Based on informant reporting structure – head of household (home events) and institutional heads (institutional events)
Status of CRS in India

- More than 250 thousands registration centers
- Estimated births per year is 26 million.
- Estimated of deaths per year is 8 million
- Level of Registration of birth is 81%
- Level of Registration of death is 67%
- Level of registration among States varies from 45% to 100%

Rapid Assessment of CRVS

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<td>Legal framework for civil registration and vital statistics</td>
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<td>Registration infrastructure and resources</td>
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<td>Organization and functioning of the vital statistics system</td>
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<td>Completeness of registration of births and death</td>
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**Key Stakeholders**

- Health departments of Central and State Governments
- National and State Statistical Offices
- Finance and Planning departments
- International organizations and NGOs like UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO and PLAN India
- And above all, citizens of the country

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**Challenges in Registration**

- Improving death registration
- Lack of awareness and Low Demand because of delinking of birth certificates from basic services;
- Low level of coordination among concerned departments;
- Inadequate budget provisions by State Governments;
- Need for enhancing IT infrastructure at the lowest level;
Road Map

- Linking of Governments welfare schemes with birth certificates
- Computerized registration
- Ensure registration of all Institutional births and deaths
- Use of CRS data for computing vital statistics and Planning
- Effective advocacy and monitoring

THANKS FOR PATIENCE