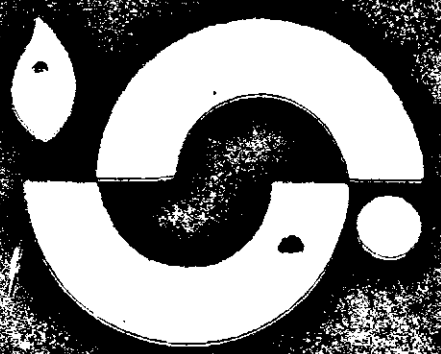




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PREFACE

The conventional method of obtaining births and deaths is the civil registration system whereby events are reported and recorded soon after the occurrence. Civil Registration in India is deficient in coverage and completeness. In order to meet the immediate requirement of providing reliable vital rates for purposes of planning and policy decisions, the Office of the Registrar General, India initiated a Sample Registration System (SRS). It started functioning covering the country both in the rural and urban areas since 1970.

A report on the Sample Registration System for the period 1970—75 for each of the five zones has been brought out incorporating the details of the functioning of the system, together with data on population composition, fertility and mortality. Comprehensive reports on SRS covering the period 1970—75 and 1976—78 have been brought out which give a detailed analysis of the levels, trends and differentials in regard to population composition, fertility and mortality at the national level and broad differentials among states by rural and urban areas. This report provides similar information for the period 1979-80.

The SRS is a Centre-State venture and the present study would not have been possible without the active involvement of the various implementing agencies for whom my thanks are due. I am also thankful to the staff and officers of the Sample Registration Unit of the Vital Statistics Division and the Data Processing Division for their hard work. In particular I am happy to place on record appreciation of the effort put in by Dr. M. Holla, Joint Registrar General, Shri V. S. Swamy, Deputy Registrar General and Shri T. K. Aikat, Senior Research Officer in bringing out this report.

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