PREFACE

The Civil Registration System (CRS) may be defined as a unified process of continuous, permanent and compulsory recording of the vital events and characteristics thereof, as per legal requirements in the country. In India, the Civil Registration System covers registration of births and deaths. It provides the best source of information on the vital rates at all levels.

2. This issue of the Report on 'Vital Statistics of India based on the Civil Registration System' for the year 2017 provides an overview of the working of the Civil Registration System (CRS) in the country and presents a compilation of data on registered births, deaths, infant deaths and still births with rural-urban & sex-wise break-up and sex ratio at birth based on Civil Registration Records. Ideally, an Annual Report on vital statistics containing more detailed information should have been brought out. However, due to limited availability of information contained in the Annual Reports of some of the States, the report for the year 2017 containing key information of events pertaining to the time period 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017 has been brought out for the convenience of users. An attempt has been made to present more detailed analysis as compared to previous Reports.

3. The publication is divided into two parts. Part I provides a brief review of the Civil Registration System and contains a summary analysis of data on registered births, deaths, infant deaths and sex ratio at birth at State level. Part II consist of the main tables which provide State and District-wise data on registered births, deaths, infant deaths and still births with rural-urban & sex-wise break-up.

4. The data source for the report is the statutory Annual Statistical Report prepared by the Chief Registrars of Births & Deaths of States/UTs. I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all the Chief Registrars of Births & Deaths of various States/UTs for their kind co-operation in providing the requisite information.

5. The report has been prepared by the CRS Section of this office. I would like to place on record my appreciation for the efforts put in by all the officers and staff working in the CRS Section of the Office of the Registrar General and the Officers/Staff connected with the Civil Registration system in the States/UTs.

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