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Media report “Launch of National Data Quality Forum (NDQF)”

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Preface

The PR Unit/PRO office of ICMR since last one and half years have reached from (where is ICMR located) to (everyday mention of ICMR and DG ICMR in National Media). This change from where to why signifies the media visibility and importance of our organization within this stipulated time duration.

Every week Indian Council of Medical Research and Director General ICMR are mentioned by dozens of daily news papers, periodicals and magazines including online editions.

This report regarding “Launch of National Data Quality Forum (NDQF)” features the media/news coverage provided to the NDQF by major national news papers of the country such as Outlook India, The Pioneer, Business Standard and Deccan Herald among others.

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The ICMR's National Institute for Medical Statistics and the Population Council have launched The National Data Quality Forum (NDQF) to generate meaningful dialogue around the improvement of data quality in general, and for health and medical research in particular. The NDQF will integrate learnings from scientific and evidence-based initiatives and guide actions through periodic workshops and conferences, a statement by the **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** said. Its activities will gear towards establishing protocols and good practices for data collection, storage, use and dissemination which can be applied to health and demographic data, as well as replicated across industries and sectors, the statement said. India has a rich resource of data on its population, its health status and demographic behaviour, and economic condition, among many other aspects of life and environment, the statement stated. This wealth of data is translated into insights and, eventually, into policy through a layered process involving human and technological inputs at every stage. However, these data often suffer from some common challenges related to human and technological factors that affect its quality. While in the recent years, data quality improvement efforts have been undertaken in both the public and private sectors at independent institution levels, a convergence of these efforts is yet to be achieved in the form of an integrated platform at the national level that can guide data quality improvement efforts in a cohesive manner, it said.

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some common challenges related to human and technological factors, affecting quality. The NDQF hopes to bring together relevant stakeholders, subject matter experts, industry leaders, decision-makers, and data scientists and analysts on a common platform to improve the quality of data that feeds into evidence-based decision making.



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"Our commitment to improving the quality of data that is used for medical research across the world is reflected in its robust analysis, preventive medical treatments and solutions and crisis management strategies," said Dr Henk Bekedem, WHO Representative to India. With a renewed emphasis on improving the quality of data that feeds into evidence based decision making at different levels, the NDQF hopes to bring together relevant stakeholders, subject matter experts, industry leaders, decision makers, and data scientists / analysts onto a common platform.

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