

## **Implementation Research India Summit 2022**

The burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), in terms of their epidemiological magnitude and the socioeconomic implications on multiple levels, from the individual to the society, is a matter of great concern globally and for India. The basic ambit of implementation research (IR) addresses the challenges that hinder accessibility, acceptability, affordability, and appropriateness of health care services, specifically in the context of NCDs. IR is also contextualised in the local settings, as opposed to other types of research, which tend to focus more on generalisable findings. Hence, as a corollary, IR needs to be carried out in a manner relevant and cognizant of the context in which a specific intervention or program is implemented and requires the creation of an enabling environment for such research. Creating an atmosphere that facilitates such research inevitably implies the need to generate awareness about IR, the need for carrying out this sort of research, having skills and knowledge to conduct IR, and ensuring the availability of financial and logistic support from the highest echelons of the government to facilitate such research.

With this backdrop, ICMR-NIIRNCD decided to organise the **Implementation Research India Summit 2022 (IRIS-2022)** on the **30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2022** in Jodhpur. Apart from the overarching objective **to appraise the stakeholders at the policy-making and planning level as well as at the level of execution of the plans in states and subject experts and start a dialogue among them, it also intended to forge partnerships with state governments and autonomous organisations to foster implementation research in India.** In addition, this summit also aimed **to pave the way for establishing a centre of excellence in communicable and non-communicable disease interface & to encourage young researchers to showcase their work in IR.**