

CITIZEN CHARTER



ICMR National Institute of Child Health Research (ICMR-NICHR)

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An Institute of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Department of Health Research

Government of India

Preamble

This Citizen Charter is a voluntary and proactive disclosure of the services and activities rendered by ICMR- National Institute of Child Health Research for generating evidence and improving the quality of life of children, in accordance with with national policies and guidelines.

About the institute:

ICMR National Institute of Child Health Research (ICMR-NICHR) is an institute of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), under the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Situated in New Delhi, the institute has been established through the restructuring of the former ICMR-National Institute of Pathology (NIP), which has served the country for over four decades.

ICMR National Institute of Child Health Research is dedicated to improving the health, development, and well-being of children across India, from conception to adolescence, by conducting high-quality research and translating scientific evidence into policies, programs, and practices. In a country with one of the world's largest child populations and a complex mix of persistent and emerging child health challenges, NICHR aims to serve as a national platform for child health research and evidence generation.

India has made substantial progress in child survival over the past three decades. According to the UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UN IGME) 2024 report, India's under-five mortality rate declined by 78% between 1990 and 2023, exceeding the global decline of 60.6%. In addition, 12 States and Union Territories have already achieved the SDG 2030 target for under-five mortality, and 6 have achieved the neonatal mortality target.

However, despite this progress, significant gaps remain in child survival and nutrition nationwide. The Sample Registration System 2023 reports India's neonatal mortality rate at 19 per 1,000 live births and the infant mortality rate at 25 per 1,000 live births, with infant mortality notably higher in rural areas compared to urban areas. Over 35% of children under five are stunted, and 19.3% are wasted, indicating chronic undernutrition with long-term impacts on growth and development. Anaemia among children aged 6–59 months increased from 58.5% in NFHS-4 to 67.1% in NFHS-5, despite improvements in several other indicators.

New challenges are also emerging. These include increasing rates of childhood

and adolescent obesity, rising mental health issues among young people, the impact of air pollution and climate change on child health, and the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance. Addressing these issues requires not only improved services and clinical interventions but also high-quality epidemiological, translational, clinical, and community-based research to guide national policy and practice.

Building on a long legacy of excellence in biomedical sciences, ICMR National Institute of Child Health Research has been established as India's dedicated research center for child health. The institute will focus on generating the evidence needed to improve child health outcomes nationwide.

Vision

To be the pre-eminent institute in South Asia for child health research, shaping national and regional policy through visionary research leadership.

Mission

To lead high-impact, interdisciplinary research in child and adolescent health and development and to translate scientific knowledge into policies and practices that improve the lives of children and families across India.

Core Values

1. Scientific Integrity

Upholding the highest standards of ethics, rigour, and transparency in every aspect of our research.

2. Excellence in Research Conduct and Leadership Development

Advancing the quality of child health research in India while nurturing the next generation of investigators through structured mentorship and professional growth.

3. Impact-Driven Research

Ensuring that our work translates into measurable health improvements for children—from the laboratory to the community.

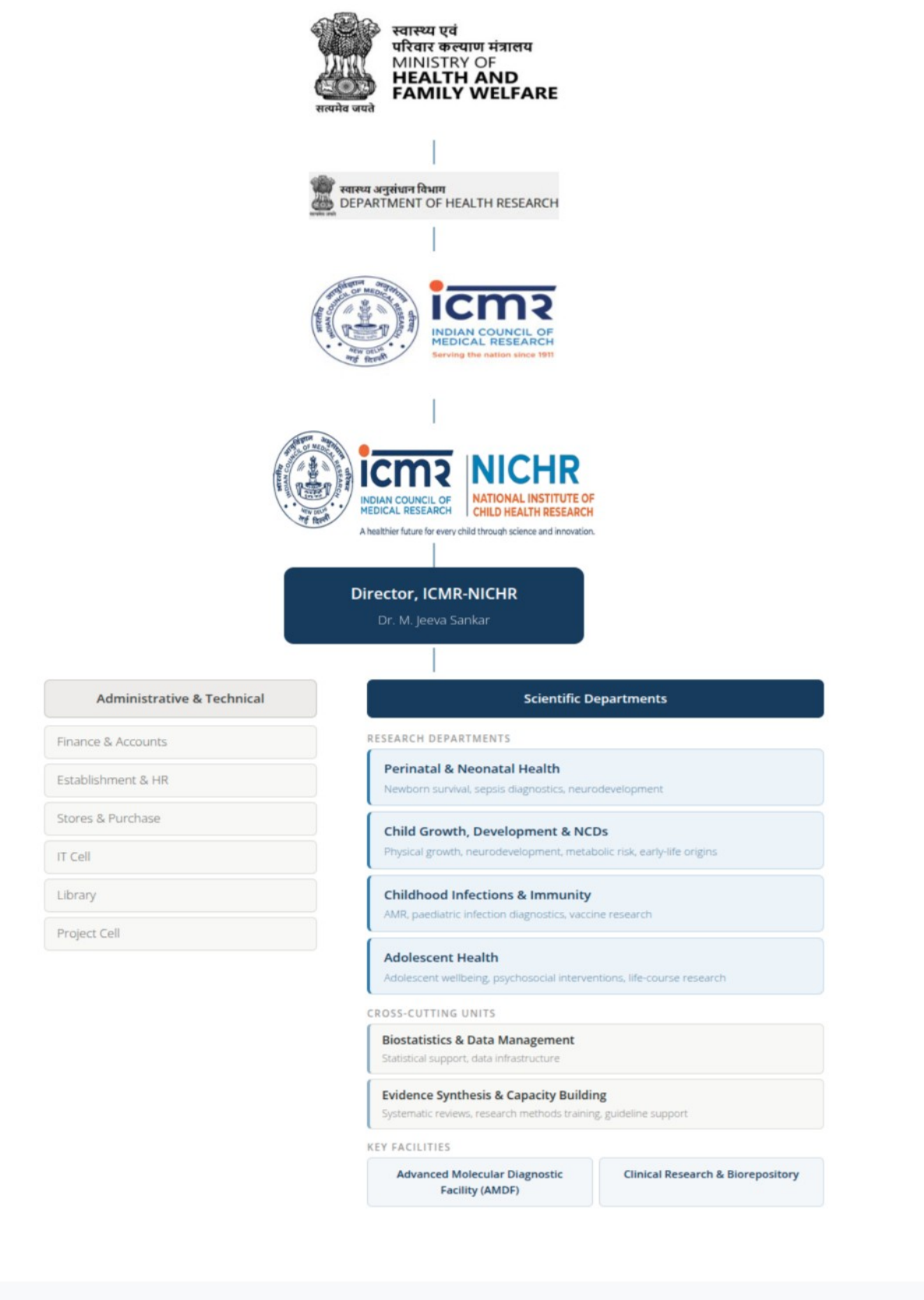
4. Equity and Inclusion

Addressing disparities across populations, regions, and social groups so that no child is left behind.

5. Collaboration and Partnership

Building intersectoral and interdisciplinary alliances—with clinicians, programme managers, policy-makers, and communities—for research, innovation, and policy translation.

Organogram



Facilities available

1. Central Instrumentation Facility
2. Molecular and Immunology laboratory
3. Advanced Molecular Diagnostic and Research Facility (AMDF)
4. Biostatistics and epidemiology

Academic activities

1. **ICMR AcSIR PhD Program:** PhD (Medical Research, Life Sciences, Epidemiology, Public Health, Community Medicine and allied subjects)
2. **MSc Dissertation** in Biotechnology, Immunology, Clinical Epidemiology, Community medicine, Bio-informatics, Statistics, Research methodology, Biochemistry, social sciences, Anthropology, Molecular Biology, Paediatrics, Master of Public Health (MPH)

Services provided

Services Provided/Transactions	Requirement from the stakeholders	Check List	Turnaround Time	Contact details of the concerned official
Molecular transcript determination in hemato-proliferative disorders of childhood and infancy	Clinicians/researchers who are interested in research and diagnosis for leukemia, prognostication, improvement in clinical outcomes at their hospital, submitting requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	30 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of PML - RARA	MoU, MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital; submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of AML1-ETO	MoU, MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital; submitting requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of CBFB - MYH11	MoU, MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of BCR-ABL1	MoU, MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital; submitting requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of RBM15-MKL1	MoU, MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital; submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in

Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of DEK-CAN	MoU , MOA, MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital; submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of FLT3-ITD	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital,	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of FLT3-TKD (D835Y/I836)	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of NPM1	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of c-KIT (Exon 17)	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of E2A-PBX1	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of TEL-AML1	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of MLL-AF4	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in

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Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of MLL-ENL	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of MLL-AF6	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of MLL-AF9	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of MLL-AF10	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of BCR-ABL1 (major)	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of BCR-ABL1 (minor/micro)	MoU ,MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of P2RY8-CRLF2	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of TCF3-HLF	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in

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Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of ETV6-ABL1	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of NUP214-ABL1	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of RC5D1-ABL2	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of PAG1-ABL2	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
Diagnostic RT-PCR assay for Detection of SSBP2-CSF1R	MoU , MOA, MTA with the concerned Hospital;submitting Requisition letter/referral letter from hospital	Case record form, consent form, requisition/referral letter from the hospital	15 working days	In charge AMDF, Dr. Aroonima Misra; Email- misra.aroonima@icmr.gov.in
M.Sc Dissertation in Biotechnology, Immunology, Clinical Epidemiology, Community medicine, Bio-informatics, Statistics, Research methodology, Biochemistry, social sciences, Anthropology, Molecular Biology, Paediatrics, Master of Public Health (MPH)	Post Graduate students in fields of Biotechnology, public health, epidemiology, statistics, demography, data science, computer or information technology, social sciences from a state or central Government	Documents in support of Minimum qualification Letter from Head of the Institution Research proposal/ synopsis Approval letter from parent IEC/IRB	Average time from application to screening interview 1 month duration	Academic In-charges (Dr Poonam Gautam, email: poonamgautam.nip@gov.in and Dr Neeraj Kumar, email: neerajkumar.nip@gov.in

PhD (Medical Research, Life Sciences, Epidemiology, Public Health, Community Medicine and allied subjects)	Doctor of Medicine (D.M.) or Master of Chirurgiae (M.Ch.) or Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) or Master of Surgery (M.S.) from the National Medical Commission (NMC) recognized Medical College OR Master's degree in science with minimum 55% marks or equivalent grade for General (UR)/General-EWS and minimum 50% marks or equivalent grade for OBC (NCL)/SC/ST, Third gender and Persons with Disability (PwD). The applicant should have a valid National-level Fellowship (JRF/ SRF of any funding agency, e.g. CSIR, ICMR, UGC, DBT, DST, etc.) or any other equivalent fellowship like DBT-BET, INSPIRE, RGNF, etc. Staff of AcSIR affiliated research institutes. OR A degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) with minimum 55% marks equivalent grade for General (UR)/General-EWS and minimum 50% marks or equivalent grade for OBC (NCL)/SC/ST, third gender and Persons with Disability (PwD) from the National Medical Commission (NMC) recognized Medical College	Documents in support of minimum qualification	Average time from application to screening interview: 3 month duration	Academic In-charges (Dr Poonam Gautam, email: poonamgautam.nip@gov.in and Dr Neeraj Kumar, email: neerajkumar.nip@gov.in
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