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Dr Pratima Murthy, Director and Senior Professor of Psychiatry at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru has over three decades of experience in the field of addiction and mental health. She is an alumnus of Bangalore Medical College. She completed her Diploma and MD in Psychological Medicine from NIMHANS and has a Diploma in Psychological Medicine from the University of Manchester, UK. She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Glasgow, UK. She has an honorary doctorate from the Sathya Sai University of Health Sciences and the YSR University of Health Sciences. As the Director, NIMHANS, Dr Murthy has undertaken several initiatives to improve patient care, establish newer facilities, expand training programmes and further strengthen research in mental health and neurosciences. As a psychiatrist she has been involved in several rights-based initiatives for persons with mental illness, including improving conditions in mental hospitals, providing leadership to Tele-MANAS and has been an expert on the WHO MNS Technical Advisory Group and WHO mh GAP guideline formulation for mental health and substance use. As an addiction specialist she has made seminal contributions in clinical care, training research and policy in the area. She has been instrumental in expanding addiction services, establishing a toxicology lab as well as a dedicated laboratory for tobacco testing, facilitated digital interventions and initiated DM and PDF addiction programme. She is presently guiding the National Mental Health Survey II. She has been involved in developing national guidelines for tobacco cessation and led the national guidelines for addiction management. She has published extensively and won several awards.



Professor Chidambara Chandrasekaran (1911-2000), known as the doyen of demography in India, was the Director of the International Institute for Population Sciences (then DTRC) from 1959 to 1965. Prof. Chandrasekaran obtained his Ph.D. in Statistics from the University of London in 1938. He also studied at the School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, USA. Prof. Chandrasekaran served as Population Adviser at ESCAP, Bangkok, and was associated with the World Bank and UNFPA as a Population Specialist. He was the President of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) from 1969 to 1973. He and Prof. W. E Deming developed the well-known Chandra-Deming formula to provide better estimates of vital events. This technique based on the dual record system was an innovation that is continuously being used by the Sample Registration System in India for collecting vital events. Prof. Chandrasekaran was instrumental in initiating and conducting the well-known Mysore Population Study in the early fifties, which was jointly undertaken by the Government of India and the United Nations. His autobiography -The Life and Works of a Demographer- was published in 1999.

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