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To  
The Secretary (Health)  
Department of Health / Family Welfare / Medical Services  
All States in India

Sir/Madam,

**Sub:** Nomination for India FETP-MPH programme at ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai, for the year 2024-Reg.

ICMR - National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE) is a permanent premier institute of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. ICMR School of Public Health at ICMR-NIE had been conducting two Field Epidemiology Training Programmes (FETP) affiliated with Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram, an institute of national importance under the Government of India, viz., (1) Master of Applied Epidemiology (MAE) during 2001 to 2010 and (2) Master of Public Health (Health Services Development Research) (MPH-HSDR) during 2008 to 2010.

Since July 2011, ICMR SPH at ICMR-NIE has been conducting the India FETP-MPH (Epidemiology and Health Systems) programme. ICMR-NIE has already trained 310 public health specialists and another 32 are getting trained. These trainees are from 28 States across our country. Almost all the ICMR-NIE graduates practise public health in India, and several of them hold key positions in public health programmes in different States.

The India FETP-MPH programme being conducted at ICMR-NIE is affiliated with SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram, and the course is recognized by the National Medical Commission. The programme focuses on training middle-level health managers from State health departments and is supported financially by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and the ICMR. As part of ICMR's commitment to strengthen the Indian public health system, this programme is offered with no tuition fee to the Government sponsored candidates. The programme uses the learning-by-doing model with a focus on applied epidemiology and health systems. This two-year programme comprises four contact sessions across 35 weeks at ICMR-NIE interspersed with three field postings of 69 weeks duration.

Candidates fulfilling the following criteria are eligible to apply for the programme:

1. M.B.B.S. degree recognized by the National Medical Commission
2. (a) Working in public health, preferably regularized and permanent employees of State or Central Government Department or Medical institutions or (b) Private (Non-Government) candidates worked / working in public health
3. Three years experience in public health related activities
4. Age up to 45 years as on 1.7.2024. Departmental candidates from ICMR institutions will be granted age relaxation of 5 years. SC/ST/OBC/PH candidates will be eligible for age relaxation as per Government of India rules

The following documents are available on our Institute's website: [www.nie.gov.in](http://www.nie.gov.in)

1. India FETP-MPH Admission Notice - 2024
2. India FETP-MPH Information Brochure - 2024
3. India FETP-MPH Application form - 2024

The academic session for the year 2024 will commence on 1 July 2024. The selected candidates need to be deputed to ICMR-NIE, Chennai, for the entire duration of the programme.

**We request you to kindly forward the Admission Notice among the eligible employees and facilitate nominating suitable candidates for the India FETP-MPH programme commencing at ICMR-NIE, Chennai, on 1 July 2024.**

**In view of the timelines, I request you to forward the applications from the eligible candidates to reach us on or before 31 December 2023 and sponsor the selected candidates for the India FETP-MPH programme.**

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



**(Dr. Manoj V Murhekar)**  
**Director**

Encl: As stated above

cc:

The Director of Health  
Department of Health / Family Welfare / Medical Services  
All States in India