



राष्ट्रीय जानपदिक रोग विज्ञान संस्थान  
**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY**  
(Indian Council of Medical Research)



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To  
The Secretary (Health)  
Department of Health / Family Welfare / Medical Services  
States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu & Telangana and  
Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Nomination for India EIS (South) Programme conducted by NIE, Chennai, for the  
year 2018 – Reg.

ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai is one of the premier institutes of Indian Council of Medical Research. The institute's vision is to be a catalyst for a vibrant national health system through responsive research, education and training in epidemiology and public health. In addition to various research activities, ICMR School of Public Health at NIE offers 2-year Master's level public health training affiliated to Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, since 2001 and M.Sc. (Bio-statistics) affiliated to Periyar University, Tamil Nadu, since 2016.

The India Epidemic Intelligence Service Programme (EIS), a Government of India initiative, is modeled on the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). India EIS Programme, a joint venture between India and USA, is aimed at preparing public health professionals in India for leadership positions at district, State and national levels. The programme provides two years of applied epidemiology training to medical doctors through on-the-job training and close mentorship. The program currently resides in National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi with support from CDC, Atlanta. Given the initial success of India EIS and the need for its expansion and geographic reach, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, International Health Division, Government of India, vide OM No.GHSA/WFD/1/2016-GHSA Project Cell/IH dated 26 December 2016 has decided to create the South hub of India EIS at ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology in collaboration with CDC, India to increase enrollment and strengthen the public health workforce capacity in the country. The South hub covers Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry and the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

The objectives of the programme are to create highly competent field epidemiologists within the public health sector to meet national need for public health leaders, strengthen the public health system through rapid outbreak response throughout the country and facilitate a

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more integrated approach to public health practice through integration of field and laboratory components.

The duration of the India EIS (South) programme is two years, comprising of 15 weeks of contact sessions in staggered phases at ICMR-NIE or other institutions. The duration of each contact session would be for a maximum duration of two weeks except for the first contact session which may be for a maximum period of 4 weeks. The scholars will be in their parent department with linkage to the State IDSP unit for the entire two-year period except during the contact sessions.

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

1. Regular employees of Central/State Health Service or equivalent (autonomous bodies or undertakings) permitted by their employer for the programme.
2. MBBS degree (from recognized institution) with three years work experience in public health
3. Not exceeding 45 years on the date of commencement of the academic session (i.e., 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018)

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

1. India EIS (South) Admission Notice - 2018
2. India EIS (South) Information Brochure - 2018
3. India EIS (South) Application form - 2018

The academic session for the year 2018 will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. The selected candidates need to be permitted to do the programme for the entire duration of two years.

We request you to kindly arrange to circulate the Admission Notice among the eligible employees and nominate suitable candidates for the India EIS (South) programme commencing at NIE, Chennai, on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

We also request you to forward the applications from the eligible candidates to reach us on or before 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and permit the selected candidates to be admitted to for the India EIS (South) programme.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. Manoj V. Murhekar)  
Director-in-Charge

Encl: As stated above

cc:

The Director of Health  
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