

Global South Leaders in Epidemic Analytics and Response Network (GS LEARN)

**Call for Expression of Interest from Participant Organisations (POs) in India
seeking training and mentorship support in epidemic and pandemic data
analytics and infectious disease modelling (2026-29)**

[EoI for Participant Organisations under GS LEARN]

Indian Council of Medical Research – National Institute of Epidemiology

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GS LEARN is a three-year global initiative led by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). It aims to strengthen leadership, technical capacity and collaboration in epidemic analytics and infectious disease modelling across institutions in the Global South. The initiative addresses the current imbalance between where modelling expertise is concentrated and where epidemics most often originate and have the greatest impact, by investing in local expertise, institutions and partnerships. GS LEARN brings together a diverse community of researchers, public health institutions, academic organisations and partners to ensure that epidemic preparedness, response, and policy are informed by locally grounded, context-driven analytics and modelling.

This is done by:

- Delivering standardized, high-quality training tailored to different levels of expertise.
- Supporting mentorship, fellowships, and work-based learning opportunities
- Strengthening institutional capacities and fostering regional leadership in epidemic analytics and infectious disease modelling.
- Building long-term partnerships within and across regions that promotes collaboration, knowledge exchange and peer learning across regions

Through GS LEARN programme, a network of institutions and experts in epidemic analytics and infectious disease modellers will be established and used as a platform for sustainable and far-reaching training opportunities, collaborations and knowledge sharing. By investing in institutions, partnerships and leadership across the Global South, GS LEARN will strengthen epidemic preparedness and infectious disease modelling and response capabilities while creating an ecosystem of expertise capable of supporting current and future public health decision-making and outbreak response.

About ICMR-NIE

The ICMR National Institute of Epidemiology (ICMR-NIE) is one of the permanent institutes of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, located in Chennai, that focuses on research and training in the areas of epidemiology, biostatistics, public health, and health systems.

ICMR-NIE is the Regional Facilitator for the GS LEARN initiative in India.

GS LEARN Trainings and Fellowship Programme (2026-2029)

- Trainings designed to strengthen epidemic and pandemic preparedness by building skills in epidemic analytics and infectious disease modelling that supports response and public health decisions alongside core learnings in endemic diseases to support national and regional health priorities.
- Application to real-life data and scenarios will be prioritised over theoretical application.
- Faculty from National Disease Modelling Consortium (NDMC), IIT Bombay and Imperial College, London.
- Online sessions and webinars- virtual training series on key topics related to infectious disease modelling, including but not limited to communication of modelling outputs to policymakers, key aspects of infectious disease modelling (targeted to the diseases of interest to the audience), incorporating health economics into modelling analysis, and using modelling to inform decision-making.
- In person contact sessions at IIT Bombay.
- Mentorship to early-mid career researchers.
- Collaborations on modelling projects and other modelling networks/initiatives.
- Network meetings/conferences.

Call for EoI for GS LEARN Participant Organisations

This Call for Expression of Interest (EoI) is for the identification, assessment, and onboarding of Participant Organisations (POs) in India who wish to receive training and mentorship from Implementing Institutions in epidemic and pandemic data analytics and infectious disease modelling for capacity strengthening and leadership development.

Why to apply?

- Strengthened institutional capacity in epidemic and pandemic data analytics and infectious disease modelling.
- Institutional linkage with the National Disease Modelling Consortium (NDMC) and Imperial College London as well as the wider Global Epidemic Modelling Capacity Network (GEMCAN); also including the University of Nairobi, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Stellenbosch University, MRC Unit the Gambia, and the National University of Singapore.
- Short-term international exposure for select participants via the GS LEARN fellowship program.
- Access to opportunities for collaborative research, innovation and knowledge sharing through selected platforms/channels
- Enhanced ability to generate, interpret and use modelling evidence to support preparedness, outbreak response and health policy decisions.

Who can apply?

- Academic/research organizations in India with interest in epidemic and pandemic data analytics, infectious disease modelling, or closely related public health functions.
- The organisation can nominate two to three permanent early-mid career professionals.
- Preferred nominee profile: Intermediate level of proficiency in either of these: epidemiology/biostatistics/statistical softwares/statistical or mathematical modelling.
- Applications from organizations (not from individuals) will be considered.
- Administrative commitment expected from the leadership of Participant Organisations:
 - a) Depute nominated staff to participate in online modules and in-person sessions for the duration of their training.
 - b) Support nominated participants in applying learnings from GS LEARN within institutional workflows, and in any subsequent trainings.

How to apply?

Interested organisations should prepare and submit the following as a **single PDF file in the prescribed format only**. This would include the following

1. Letter of nomination of participants from the administrative head of the organization.
2. CV of the nominees in the prescribed format
3. Commitment statement from the nominees

The prescribed format can be downloaded from the following link: [GS LEARN ICMR-NIE EoI form](#)

Kindly upload the filled EoI form in the google form link: [GS LEARN Google form](#)

Application deadline: 7 Nov 2026

Note

- EoIs NOT submitted in the prescribed format and through the Google form link will not be considered
- The decision of ICMR-NIE, will be final in matters related to the selection of Participant Organisations

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