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## FOREWORD

The National Cancer Control Programme of India is one of the first such programmes in a developing country. Over the years the NCCP has achieved substantial gains in cancer treatment capacity building and in initiating community based cancer control and palliative care. Health being a state subject, the state Governments has also supported various initiatives. Non Governmental sectors have also been active notably in the field of palliative care. Cancer registry network has been set up under the National Cancer Registry Programme of the Indian Council of Medical Research. However there are many challenges to achieve comprehensive cancer control in India with limitations in geographic coverage, early detection and screening services, palliative care and human resources. Cancer research including vaccine studies such as that for HPV vaccine also needs attention.

With this background, a national task force was constituted to address all the issues in a comprehensive manner. Leading experts in their field of work were the members of the task force including WHO and IARC representation. Sub groups were formed for cancer control, radiation oncology, medical oncology, surgical oncology, palliative care and rehabilitation and cancer research. Committees interacted and held meetings and developed approach papers for each of these areas.

This report is a compilation of the task force reports, formulated as a prelude to conceptualize the 11<sup>th</sup> plan strategy. We would like to acknowledge the contributions of all task force members and staff of the cancer division in the ministry for their contributions. Technical support and facilitation of WHO India office is also acknowledged. These reports will serve as a good resource for planning, implementation and evaluation of cancer control programmes.

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