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In this context sustained and methodical efforts made by P&E Division starting from collection of data from various source agencies viz. Directors of Health Services of States/UTs, CCIM, CCH, State Boards of ISM&H, Drug Controllers of ISM&H of States/UTs, various AYUSH Medical Colleges spread all over the country and different Central Ministries viz. Registrar General of India (RGI), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW), Director General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S) to compilation of data and dissemination of the publication, are commendable.

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