

3.4 Setting up of new unit of National Nutritional Monitoring Bureau of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-

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PROGRESS

National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) was established under the aegis of Indian Council of Medical Research in the year 1972, with the Central Reference Laboratory at the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad and its ten units in the states of Kerla, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujrat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. In 2012, NNMB has been expanded to six more states namely Assam, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Rajasthan, Puducherry and New Delhi.

The new unit in Rajasthan is located at Centre and is currently working on "Assessment of Diet and Nutritional Status of Urban Population and Prevalence & Determinants of Hypertension and Diabetes among the Adults". The NNMB work would be carried out in 5 cities of Rajasthan, namely Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, Hanumangarh and Dholpur. The unit is supervised by the Director himself. There is one Scientist (medical), two Research Assistants, one Technician and one Attendant in this project. The survey work in Jodhpur has been completed except estimation of blood sugar level and cholesterol which is in progress.