

## ICMR-NIE to strengthen the research capacity in India

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ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), a premier institute of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has announced the launch of Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) 'NIE-ICMR eCertificate' courses– called as NleCer courses with the aim to strengthen the research capacity in India.

The first in the NleCer series, Health Research Fundamentals (NleCer 101) –is a basic level course in health research methods. The course is designed and conducted by faculty members from ICMR School of Public Health at ICMR-NIE. It will explain the fundamental concepts in epidemiology and bio-statistics related to research methods. This course will provide an overview of steps and principles for designing bio-medical and health research studies among human participants.

The Health Research Fundamentals (NleCer 101) was launched in 2016. Approximately 21,000 candidates from across the Country have participated in the course until now. The next session of the course is scheduled during 29 July – 20 September 2019. Interested Participants can now register until 29 th July 2019.

The course will be useful to any current or potential health researchers including students, clinical/ public health/ laboratory researchers, physicians, research associates, allied health professionals, scientists, statisticians, ethics committee members and project managers. The course is open to undergraduate students in Medical/Dental/AYUSH disciplines or graduates in any other discipline as well.