



# National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)

## Why in News

Recently, the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare visited the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) Control Room to review the current status of [COVID-19](#).

## Key Points

- The National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), formerly National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), had its origin as the Central Malaria Bureau, established at Kasauli (Himachal Pradesh) in 1909.
- NICD was transformed into the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) with a larger mandate of **controlling emerging and re-emerging diseases in 2009**.
- It functions as the **nodal agency** in the country for disease surveillance facilitating prevention and control of communicable diseases.
- It is also a **national level institute for training specialized manpower** for public health, laboratory sciences and entomological services and is involved in various applied research activities.
- **Major Functions**
  - Undertakes investigations of disease outbreaks all over the country.
  - Provides referral diagnostic services to individuals, community, medical colleges, research institutions and state health directorates.
  - Engaged in **generation and dissemination of knowledge** in various areas like Epidemiology, Surveillance, and Laboratories etc.
  - **Applied integrated research** in various aspects of communicable as well as some aspects of non-communicable diseases has been one of the prime functions of the Institute.
- The Institute is under **administrative control of the Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.
- The Institute has its **headquarters in Delhi**.

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