

Preface

The Society of Statistics and Computer Applications was founded in 1997 on the occasion of 75th birthday of Professor MN Das, former Director of the Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute. Besides organizing annual conferences in different parts of the country, the Society brings out a Journal, Statistics and Applications. This is an open access journal, available at www.ssca.org.in, which aims at facilitating applications of statistics for providing services in agricultural, social, medical, industrial, financial and other similar sectors and also for theoretical and applied research work in Statistics. The journal also has a section on algorithms and software related activities. The society had the privilege of being nurtured by Professor MN Das as Founder President till he left for heavenly abode on 09 January 2012. Dr. Das was also the founder Chair Editor of the Journal.

One of the major concerns in our country is the distressing scenario on child health and nutrition. Millions of children die each year due to preventable and treatable causes, and of these, nearly one million die on the day they are born. Almost half of those who survive are undernourished and suffer from lifetime of poor health. The Society of Statistics and Computer Applications took a very timely decision to bring out a Special Volume on Statistical Concerns in Child Health and Nutrition.

Eminent Community Health and Nutrition Professionals including Statisticians engaged in these areas were invited to share their research experiences for possible inclusion in the special volume. After the usual review process, 10 research papers were accepted for publication and are included in this volume. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the authors for responding to our request.

We would like to profusely thank the reviewers who did a commendable job by way of finishing the review process in a short span of time. We would like to place on record our gratitude to Dr. V.K. Gupta, President of the Society, and all members and office bearers of Executive Council of the Society for their support. In particular, we would like to thank Dr. Alope Dey, Chair Editor and Dr. Rajender Prasad, Executive Editor, Statistics and Applications, for their overall help in this task. We hope that this Special Volume will provide impetus in finding ways to control some of the issues involving child health and nutrition.

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