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## **A STUDY OF STATUS OF INFORMATION AMONG MALES REGARDING HIV/AIDS**

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### **ABSTRACT**

HIV/AIDS since its first reported case remains amongst one of the most serious, dreaded and challenging pandemics. More than three million people around the world die of AIDS each year and, so far-off, more than 27 million people have died of the disease.

New data reveals that HIV/AIDS epidemic in India is smaller than previous estimates, but the overall number of HIV cases is still high. As per the recently released data of HIV/AIDS by NACO in India in HIV Estimation 2015 report, the total number of people living with HIV (PLHIV) in India is estimated at 21.17 lakhs (17.11 lakhs–26.49 lakhs) in 2015 compared with 22.26 lakhs (18.00 lakhs–27.85 lakhs) in 2007. Children (less than 15 years) account for 6.54%, while two fifth (40.5%) of total HIV infections are among females. HIV prevalence in India is estimated at 0.26% (0.22% – 0.32%) in 2015. After three decades, now there is greater understanding of epidemiology of this disease that actually kept scientists and doctors perplexed. The fact that it is still medically incurable is one major aspect leading to the anxiety and chaos in society. The social, cultural and psychological aspects of the disease, the nature of its causes, possibility of its infection etc still makes it more unique and difficult to handle.

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