

Dr. Sunita Taneja

Senior Scientist and Executive Director

Qualifications

MBBS, Nagpur University, Maharashtra

PhD, Pediatric Research, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

Key areas of work: Maternal and child nutrition, child growth and development

Core strengths: Epidemiology, biostatistics, evidence synthesis and scientific writing, data management

Work experience: With over 30 years of experience in public health research, Sunita Taneja is a highly respected leader in the field of community health. Her work has been pivotal in advancing knowledge and practice in child health, nutrition, and early childhood development, with a strong emphasis on evaluating both single and integrated interventions to improve birth outcomes, survival, growth, and neurodevelopment during the most critical stages of life.

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Beyond her scientific accomplishments, she has exceptional leadership and mentorship qualities. An advocate for capacity building, she has mentored and empowered early-career researchers, public health professionals, and field staff—instilling in them both practical skills and a strong research ethic.

A prolific scholar, she has authored 162 publications in internationally peer-reviewed journals, making significant contributions to the global evidence base in maternal and child health. Her research has not only advanced academic understanding but has also shaped policies and informed programs aimed at improving the health and well-being of vulnerable populations.

Her ability to cultivate and sustain strong, collaborative partnerships with government agencies, academic institutions, and international organizations has greatly amplified the reach and impact of her work, ensuring that evidence is effectively translated into action, driving meaningful change in public health practice and outcomes.

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