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**Letter of Recommendation**

This is to recommend Mr. Mayank Sharma, a student of M.Sc. Biostatistics and Demography at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, for the summer training program at ICMR-National Institute for Research in Reproductive and Child Health (ICMR-NIRRH).

I taught Mayank in the course Sample Survey Design and Methods in Biostatistics during his master's program. I found him to be a sincere and analytically inclined student with a strong interest in quantitative research and public health applications. He demonstrated a good understanding of survey methodology, sampling techniques, and statistical analysis.

Mayank is proficient in statistical tools such as R, Python, and STATA and has shown interest in applying these methods to analyze demographic and public health data. He is hardworking, disciplined, and eager to learn new research methods.

I believe that the training at ICMR-NIRRH will provide him valuable exposure to research in public health and population sciences. I strongly recommend him for this opportunity and wish him success in his future academic endeavors.

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