

Book Review

Wonderful compilation on Indian Programs, Policies and Legislation related to Health

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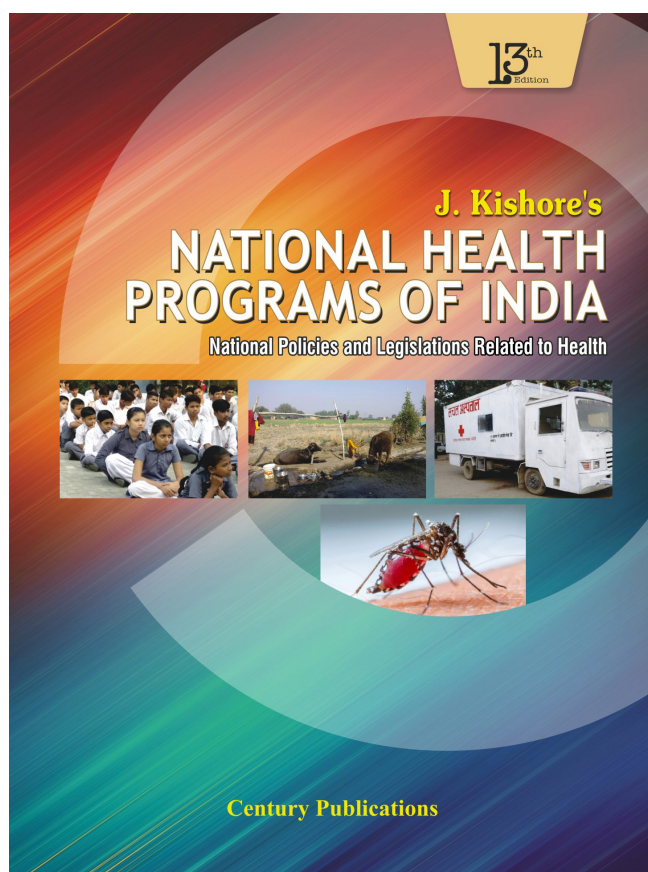
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National Health Programs of India are an extensive list and difficult to understand. Various National Health Programs are characterized by its goal, objectives, strategies and newer initiatives, which is very exhaustive to learn. But this wonderful compilation of all major National Health Programs of India in one book is excellent and effectively written by the author. This book is extremely beneficial for MBBS, MD, MPH, DNB, DPH, DHA, PGDMCH, PGCHCFW, PGDGM, DPHM, BSc and MSc Nursing students.

The content of this book is divided into three parts. First part deals with the various aspects of National Health Programs. Second part deals with major National Policy related to health and their characteristic features. Third part deals with the Legislation and National and International Health Organization. The unique feature of this book is that it starts from the concepts and principles of public health programs with Planning of public health in India and then five-year plans, Health care delivery system of India. Then, it describes various National health programs like National Health Mission, Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Plus Adolescent Program, Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program, National AIDS Control Program and many others. Many newer initiatives like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat, Anemia Mukta Bharat, National Health Profile 2017, Nutrition Policy 2016 and many others have been described in an elaborative and beautiful manner.

Critical evaluation of every National Health Program should be a core element for its success. None of the books except this book has described the SWOT (Strength, weakness, opportunity and threat) analysis of various health programs in a very clear, crisp and point wise style. Recent updates and various newer initiatives in every National Health programs is revised and updated with justified rationale behind it.

For Undergraduate and postgraduate students of not only Community Medicine subject but other non-clinical, paraclinical and clinical subjects also, this book can serve as a guiding tool for various National Health Programs knowledge, assessment and evaluation. It explains from the rationale behind inception of various programs and



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legislation till its evaluation phase with its challenges and solutions to curb these problems. Each chapter has an introductory part outlining the importance and relevance of various programs and legislations to be discussed, followed by specific details and end with the critical evaluation that is particularly useful. I think all Medical students and Professionals should go through this book for in-depth knowledge of every program and legislation and understanding the present challenges and solutions in path of its implementation.