

Tribal health.

India has about 11 crore tribal population (8.6%), the second largest in world. There is an urgent need to protect the health and livelihoods of tribal population.

In this backdrop the ~~first~~ ~~Tribal Act~~ "State of India's tribal peoples' health" report finds it significant. (2018)

Findings of the report.

- ① 809 blocks have been notified as scheduled areas where tribal concentration is high. But half of them live outside the area.
- ② Though improvement in IMR, huge scope of improvement needed compared to other social groups. (Lancet: India has 2nd highest IMR in world)
- ③ Tribal children 50% more undernourished than others.
- ④ Half of maternal death occur in tribal population.
- ⑤ Rising trend of mental health, NCDs, cancer due to addiction.
- ⑥ Starvation of doctors & PHC.
- ⑦ Tribal sub plan which mandates 16,000 crore spending on tribal health floated by states.

Way forward.

National Tribal Health Action Plan:

- ① Tribal PHCs - CHCs for tertiary service.
- ② Tribal medical colleges and satellite based tribal Health Research.
- ③ Promotion of validated traditional medicine.

④ Introduction to tele medicine

⑤ Increased per capita tribal Health Expenditure in

line with (National Health Mission)
⑥ Motorcycle ambulances & trained tribal health personnel

Conclusion:- Identify & demarcate the tribal population data base
Separate Authorities to submit reports on

progress, usage of funds, and through

Engagement with local population, the Government

Should realise the ~~dream~~ of quality health

of Tribal people.