



**National Seminar
On
“Health Policy Research: Current Scenario”**

15th March, 2019

Organized by
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We are pleased to inform that the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi is going to organize a one day National seminar on **“Health Policy Research: Current Scenario”** on 15th March, 2019. The seminar will provide an

insight into the current scenario of health research and policies.

About the Seminar

Health policy research is defined broadly as the production of new knowledge to improve how societies organize themselves to achieve health goals. It is an emerging research area that seeks to understand how different forces interact in the policy process to contribute to effective policy outcome. By nature, it is inter-disciplinary, a blend of anthropology, economics, sociology, political science, public health and epidemiology that together draw a comprehensive picture of how health systems respond and adapt to health policies. It covers a wide range of questions from financing to governance and issues surrounding implementation of services and delivery of care among the populations. Robust evidences from India highlight that huge health disparities exist between various population groups. Those with the greatest need for health care have the greatest difficulty in accessing health services in India. In spite of many national policies such as Ayushman Bharat Yojna, Indradhanush Scheme and Janani Suraksha Yojna being implemented, still there are poor health indicators reported from different parts of India. This could be majorly attributed to the significant gaps between the state policy and praxis. Further policies regarding clinical trials, drug development and delivery are not foolproof.

Even though there exists a complex regulatory framework, such as the Indian Penal Code and the Indian Contract Act, effective enforcement and implementation remains problematic.

Policies and programmes designed to benefit the various populations need to be tailored not only to promote the well-being in general but also to target the specific needs of each population group, as the needs of each population group differs both in nature and severity. Also, alternative medical systems have a lot of wisdom related to various health issues and can enormously contribute in the community health policies. Improving the health of Indian population will likely require multipronged efforts from various dimensions that try to address the very roots of inequality, discrimination and social injustice that constrains their opportunities to live healthy lives. The need of the hour is to take into consideration the culture, lifestyle, belief, social organization and the channels of communication of the population groups before introducing any health policy. The present seminar is intended to strengthen the links between research and practice. This platform presents an opportunity to explore the upcoming research on health systems and health policy research in India. This platform also serves as a forum for interaction between

academicians, policy makers and practitioners to debate and discuss the issues related to health systems and implementation research in India.

The seminar will cover the following themes:

- Genetics and lifestyle diseases
- Challenges in primary health care
- Maternal and child health
- Mental health
- Tribal system of medicine and health
- Psycho-therapeutic practices
- AYUSH

Registration Fee

There is no registration fee.

The participants are requested to email their abstracts highlighting the respective theme along with the filled-in registration form to healthpolicyseminar2019@yahoo.com

About the Department

The Department of Anthropology at the University of Delhi was founded in 1947 with the sole aim of undertaking holistic research and teaching in different aspects of human living. The first batch of students, admitted a year later, produced some of the finest anthropologists of international repute, who also contributed significantly to the administrative and corporate

life of the University of Delhi. Students trained in our department diffused to other universities, founding academic departments and centers, carrying forward the exemplary tradition of the University of Delhi therein. It was not only that the Delhi Department of Anthropology flourished, moving from one success to the other, but was also instrumental in the spread of anthropology to other parts of the country. In other words, our department has always been the leader, heralding the agenda of research and teaching for others to have a close and learning look; and with the efforts of the eighteen scholars who constitute the teaching faculty, the glorious status of the department continues and will continue to be so in future.

Registration Form

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