

The Health Status of Indians: A Perspective

Abstract

This paper seeks to present a perspective on the wide range of health issues facing India. It does so using information from many different sources. The key insights arising from There is large heterogeneity in the requirement of health care. This care has to be made accessible at a low cost. Needs and requirements are changing rapidly with economic growth and shifts in Therefore whatever system we come with would also need to be one that smoothly changes its character with time. All of this, in the belief of the author can best be achieved through a strong reliance on private initiative – be if for profit or non-profit; and not by an over-dependence on public modes. The health policy for India should be one therefore that encourages all types of entry into the health care sector.