

# Hyderabad: Book analyses initiatives taken to make health services accessible

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**Hyderabad:** Noted public health advocate and president of Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), Dr K Srinath Reddy has come-out with a new book 'Make Health in India-Reaching A Billion Plus', which critically analyses various policy initiatives undertaken over the last 15 years to improve access and affordability of health services in the country.

Published by Orient Black Swan, the book pays attention to National Health policy 2017 and Ayushman Bharat, the health insurance initiative of the Centre and attempts to profile the growth of the National Health Mission and the performance of government funded health insurance schemes.

The storyline of the book is the staccato progress of India's progress towards UHC, Dr Reddy said. "Based on the national and global experience it provides a set of actions that can create a coherent framework for promoting and protecting the health of all Indians," he said.

The book provides a narrative of how India's health policy had evolved over the past 15 years, set against the need to provide universal health coverage through an efficient health system and improve the social determinants of population health, he added. The book details the challenges arising from a weak health system and adverse socio-economic determinants of health.