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## “India's journey towards UHC: some critical reflections”



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Indranil is one of the authors in the forthcoming India Health Systems in Transition Series (HiTS) report produced by World Health Organisation. He is the main contributor in two chapters on health reforms and assessment of health system and jointly contributed in two other chapters on health financing and physical and human resources. He has authored papers in various national and international journals.

### Abstract

India is one of the most privatised countries in the world when it comes to health financing, as out of every hundred rupees spent on health more than seventy comes from people's pocket. Though there seems to have a consensus that a 'fair financing' system has to emerge essentially through expansion of public spending, ground reality suggest a virtual stagnation in public spending and increasing inequity and impoverishment. There have been some efforts to move towards “Universal Health Care” through both supply and demand side interventions at the national and state level. Through empirical data and evidence the author aims to critically reflect on the effectiveness of some of these important policy measures and draw attention to reforms that are crucial to bring in much needed financial protection for the country.

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