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Work Profile at HSTP

My work at HSTP involves evidence generation and policy analysis to inform public health decision making. I work in close partnership with the Government of Odisha under its Health Systems Transformation Initiative towards strengthening demand and supply chain management of medicines at the public health facilities in the state. I also work on assessing the inefficiencies in health care financing at the sub-national level to strengthen their absorptive capacities and streamline rational use of health care budgets.

Major Research Interests

- Health Financing
- Health Systems Research
- Reproductive Health

Education

- PhD in Economics from Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore
- Master of Science (M. S.) Development Economics from Pondicherry Central University, Pondicherry

Brief Bio

Pratheeba is a development professional with more than 12 years of experience working in health and development sector. She has closely worked with the Union and State governments in various capacities to provide technical support on aspects that concern health systems. She was instrumental in developing the National Health Accounts (NHA) - India for the year 2004-05 at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the WHO India Country Office. At NHSRC, she contributed to the development of NHA 2013-14 and 2014-15. She also undertook an evaluation in six states to understand the health financing and service delivery mechanisms in the Urban Primary Health Centres under the National Urban Health Mission. During her work experience with the Population Foundation of India, she worked in close coordination with the state governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh to draft their state population policies. She also advocated with elected representatives of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, members of Parliamentary Standing Committees on Health and Family Welfare, Empowerment of Women, Finance and Petitions Commission, the Speakers' Research Initiatives on issues concerning young women, adolescent sexual and reproductive health and their empowerment. She has managed and guided several research studies and conducted independent studies in-house during her association with the Voluntary Health Services and Population Foundation of India to inform organisational advocacy efforts. She was also instrumental in establishing a Strategic Data Management Centre at Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society (TANSACS) and guided the team at the Data Management Centre.

Research publications

- **“India’s Government Health Expenditure as a Ratio to GDP: Is it a Fallacy?”** 2021, *Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)*, Vol. LVI, No. 48, November 27, 2021 co-authored with T.R.Dilip and Sunil Nandraj
- **“Methods and Measurement of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Healthcare Expenditures in India During 2013–2014 to 2016–2017”**, 2021, *Indian Journal of Human Development (IJHD)*, Sage Publications as a special article, co-authored with Charu C. Garg and Tushar Mokashi
- **“Utilization of Health Facilities for Childbirth and Out of Pocket Expenditures: Impact of Government Policies”** *Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)*, 2018, co-authored with Dr. Charu C. Garg and Jyotsna Negi, Vol LIII, No 42, pp. 53-61
- **“National Health Accounts Guidelines for India 2016”**, National Health Systems Resource Centre, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (was part of the drafting team)
- **“National Health Accounts Estimates for India 2013-14”**, National Health Systems Resource Centre, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (was part of the drafting team)
- **“National Health Accounts Estimates for India 2014-15”**, National Health Systems Resource Centre, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (was part of the drafting team)
- **“Household Health Expenditures in India 2013-14”**, Report of National Health Systems Resource Centre, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, 2016, New Delhi
- **Book on “Fiscal Reforms and Government Financing of Health Care in India”** – Pratheeba John, LAP Lambert Academic Publishing GmbH & Co. KG, Germany, 2011. ISBN 978-3-8465-5883-65
- **National Health Accounts 2004-05**, National Health Accounts Cell, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (was part of the drafting team)
- **“Socio Economic Determinants of Infant Mortality Rate in Indian States”**, co-authored with K. Sham Bhat and Tripura Sundari C.U. in G. K. Karanth (ed.) *Dimensions of Social Development: Status, Challenges and Prospects, Social and Economic Change Monograph Series*, No. 8, 2005, ISEC, Bangalore