

Changing Healthcare System and its impact on Tribal Community: A Case of Kerala.

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A health care system is an arrangement in which health care is delivered. There are many variations of health care systems around the world. The goals for health systems according to World Health Report and WHO (2000) are good health, responsiveness to the expectations of the population, and fair financial contribution. Health Care System is proposed a two dimensional approach to evaluation (quality, efficiency and acceptability) of Health care systems on one dimension and equity on another. In [India](#), the hospitals are run by government, charitable trusts and by private organizations. The government hospitals in rural areas are called the primary health centre (PHCs). Major hospitals are located in district head quarters or major cities. Apart from the modern system of medicine, traditional and indigenous medicinal systems like [Ayurvedic](#) and [Unani](#) systems are in practice throughout the country. PHCs are existent in most places, due to poor pay and scarcity of resources. High level of education especially among women and greater health consciousness has played a key role in the attainment of good health standards in Kerala. Due to the severe deficiencies in the public sector health system, the poor especially tribals are forced to seek health services from the private sector under immense economic distress. The tribal health status is more worse than other general community due to their specific social structure and life style. In this situation the changing health care system is positively or negatively affecting the tribal health conditions.

Methodology

The present study is purely based on secondary sources from various health department's reports, documents, journals, books etc.

Objectives

1. To assess the present health status of tribals in Kerala
2. To analyse the changing health care system and its impact on tribal community in Kerala.