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Urban Health - Emerging Health Perspective: A praiseworthy resource for a potential urban health crisis

URBAN Health - Emerging Health Perspective is a new book compiled and edited by Dr Edmond Fernandes and Dr. Indu Grewal. Published by global health strategies, the book looks at health in emerging and evolving urban settings.

The book is a compilation of 20 chapters written by different authors, covering a wide variety of topics ranging from road safety, water & sanitation to drug abuse in an urban context.

By MAHESH CHOWDHURY

The book highlights how populations are preferring to move to cities for and how that influences social, commercial, environmental and legal determinants of health.

Considering that India is going through rapid urbanization, industrialization and globalization, there are new challenges that demand new algorithms and thoughts aligned with urban health issues, living space, crowding and diseases and rapid transmission of infectious diseases, the editors do a praiseworthy job of bringing these diverse themes within the umbrella of Urban Health.

The editors have brought global researchers from various backgrounds and hence offer varying and unique perspectives to urban health as a concept, hence, saving the book from becoming an advocate for a certain school of thought or otherwise. The book is an important read for Students, Public Health & Public Policy Professionals, policy makers, Government & UN Officials, civil society organisations and other stakeholders. What remains missing from the book is some focus on smart cities and urban architecture. It also fails to include the end game diseases like malaria, dengue, Tuberculosis. Inclusion of those could have built greater value to the same.

North East Times cover's a book review on Urban Health - Edited by [Dr. Edmond Fernandes](#) and Dr. Indu Grewal