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My Journey Through Two
Decades of AIDS Response



CELEBRATING SMALL VICTORIES BY J.V.R. PRASADA RAO

An international audience of public health specialists, UN officials and civil society activists joined in two webinars organised for the release of a pathbreaking narrative by J.V.R. Prasada Rao, former Health Secretary Government of India and former Special Envoy of the Secretary General on AIDS "CELEBRATING SMALL VICTORIES – My journey through two decades of AIDS response" on 21 and 22 November 2020.

The webinars were organised by the Jodhpur School of Public Health and Poonima University Jaipur where Prasada Rao is a National Professor.

Prasada Rao had the rare opportunity and distinction of working in the field of public health and AIDS control continuously for twenty years from 1997 to 2017, as the Director of National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), Secretary Health and Family Welfare Government of India, Regional Director of UNAIDS Asia Pacific and later as the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on AIDS in Asia Pacific.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Peter Piot, Director of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and former Executive Director of UNAIDS said "This book is first and foremost about genuine leadership, enshrined in science and evidence, with a total dedication to serving people and communities. Prasada Rao has combined wisdom with determination, and activism with political realism. From Bangkok to Mumbai, the book tells colourful and powerful stories about the importance of people led action, community empowerment and mutual learning."

Tom Frieden, former Director of Centres for Disease Control, Atlanta who reviewed the book has opined that the author raises the incisive question of whether NACO—India's National AIDS Control Organisation—should be a model for other health programs or even a basis to be considered in reorganising the central-level public health system in India in order to reach more of its health potential.

Dr C. Rangarajan, former Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh called Prasada Rao a general and a soldier simultaneously and commended the book to students and practitioners of public health.

The civil society and community representatives recalled the days when Prasada Rao led India's national response to AIDS from 1997-2002. Jahnabi Goswami the President of Assam HIV positive network termed Prasada Rao as her God who saved her life with timely support and empowered her to become a community leader.

Ashok Row Kavi formerly from Humsafar Trust, Mumbai, Smarajit Jana from Sonagachi project, Kolkata Anjali Gopalan from Naz Foundation, and other community leaders recalled their first interactions with Prasada Rao which led to mounting of a strong and effective prevention programme in India resulting in appreciable decline of new infections among key populations and extension of anti- retroviral treatment to HIV positive persons.

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In the later chapters, the book traces his disappointment at the waning interest of governments in supporting marginalised groups in important global events in 2016 and in the following years. His advocacy visits to countries are described in detail where he tried to challenge the governments to better their commitment to AIDS response and stigma reduction.

The book has been published by Notion Publishers, a prominent publishing house from Chennai and is available on Amazon, Flipkart and as an e-book on Kindle. The book is also available online from the publishers store at

www.notionpress.com/read/celebrating-small-victories



Excellent book!
Very useful for Health Policymakers
around the World!

All Policymakers should read and
have it in Their libraries.

The Public Health professionals, PH
students, and faculty would benefit
tremendously from this wonderful
book.

The author is the former Health
Secretary of India and then played an
active role in the Asia Pacific region as
a leader and Special Envoy to UN
Secretary-General Moon! Draws a
clear picture of how the AIDS
pandemic was handled effectively
during his tenure at UN and Govt of
India. The book will help Policymakers
extensively in the current pandemic
(Covid19) to implement effective
procedures/policies.

- Anil Purohit
(Founder and President - JSPH)

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Faculty: Prof. Suptendra Nath Sarbadhikari

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- Individuals with a background or interest in healthcare transformation, data science, eHealth, IT administration, engineering, and regulatory affairs.
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- STUDIES ON THE EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY OF E-HEALTH
- ECONOMICS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF E-HEALTH
- COST-EFFECTIVENESS, BUDGETARY IMPACT, AND OPPORTUNITY COSTS.

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