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WHO South-East Asia unveils Book capturing elimination of infectious diseases

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Shows the great progress that has been made in the control of communicable diseases in the Region during the past decade



A book titled ‘Elimination of Infectious Diseases from the South-East Asia Region Keeping the Promise’ was recently launched in India.

Edited by Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia, the book is a compilation of chapters authored by public health experts and details the achievements by Member countries such as elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and Syphilis, yaws, malaria, lymphatic filariasis, trachoma and moving towards a leprosy free world.

Dr Palitha Abeykoon, Special Envoy of the WHO Director-General for COVID-19 Colombo, Sri Lanka, said the book is “inspiring, highly engaging and valuable collection of major achievements in communicable diseases control in our Region, as envisioned by Dr Khetrapal at the beginning of her tenure. We all applaud her that the promises have been kept.”

Prof N K Ganguly, former Director-General of Indian Council of Medical Research, termed the book as a real time description of what we have done and different experiences of different countries.

Professor A P Dash, eminent scientist and infectious disease expert said, because of global warming there is a changing pattern and behaviour of vector borne diseases. We need to reorient the control programmes according to these changes.