

# **Local Support System for UN-SDG:3@ Medical Libraries: An Assessment**

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# Introduction

- ❑ Sustainable development is an approach to growth and human development that addresses the present's needs without jeopardizing future generations' capacity to meet their demands (UN, 1987).
- ❑ In 2015, the UN adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, creating 17 goals called Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which aims to ensure that no one is left behind by providing the most realistic and efficient means of addressing the root causes of violent conflict, human rights violations, climate change, and environmental degradation.
- ❑ In achieving SDG-3, medical libraries need to play a significant role, thus the study aims to investigate the role and contributions of libraries of three leading medical institutions in Manipur.

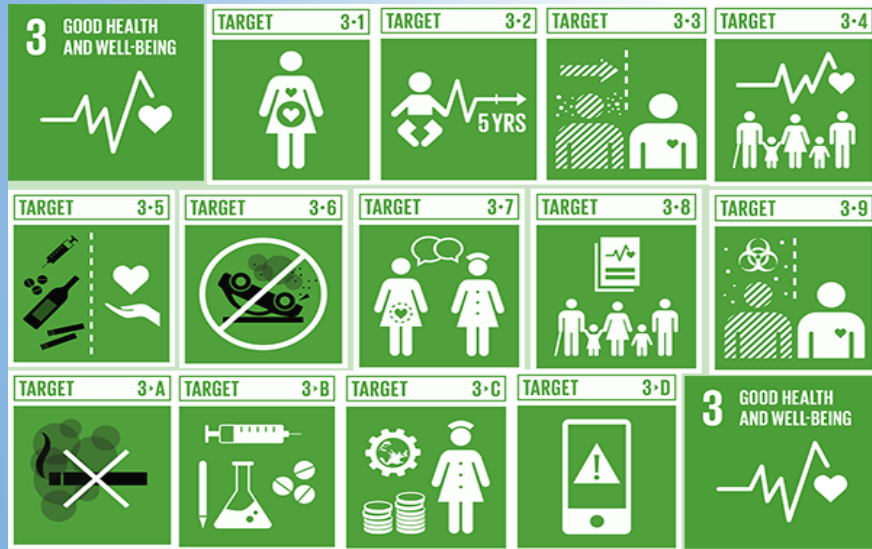
# Sustainable Development Goals





# Target Themes of SDG-3

SDG 3 aims to secure health and wellness for everyone at every stage of life, such as communicable diseases, maternal mortality, mental health, and the healthcare workforce.



Target	Themes
3.1	Maternal Mortality
3.2	Neonatal & Child Mortality
3.3	Communicable diseases
3.4	Non-Communicable Diseases & Mental Health/ Wellbeing
3.5	Substance Abuse
3.6	Road Traffic Accidents
3.7	Sexual and Reproductive Health
3.8	Universal Health coverage and access to Medicines
3.9	Pollution & Contamination
3.a	Tobacco Control
3.b	Research and Development of Vaccines & Medicines
3.c	Health financing & Health Workforce
3.d	Management of National & Global Health Risks

# Research Questions

- ❑ RQ 1- What roles do the medical libraries play in achieving health and well-being?
- ❑ RQ 2: What efforts have the local medical libraries in Manipur played in attaining SDG-3?

# Scope & Methods

- ❑ The libraries adopted for the study are The Central Medical library, RIMS, JNIMS library, and Shija Academy of Health Sciences library.
- ❑ With an exploratory approach, a personal interview with professionals has been conducted over and above a review of pertinent literature.
- ❑ A content analysis approach and questionnaire techniques are used to conduct the study.
- ❑ Scholarly databases like Google Scholar, SAGE, and Science Direct are employed to search for literature.
- ❑ Findings from this literature helped to seek information on RQ 1, and a solution to RQ 2 is established on information acquired from the adopted institutions.

# **Role of the Medical Libraries in Achieving SDG-3**

## **5.1. Maternal mortality**

Target 1 of SDG-3 focuses on reducing maternal mortality. This requires that the mother remain healthy. In this regard, both the libraries of RIMS and JNIMS provide resources related to vaccination programs for mothers.

## **5.2. On Neonatal & Child Mortality**

Target 2 focus on preventing the deaths of infants under five years of age. The Central Medical library, RIMS, provides information on immunization programs and schedules to the library's users and visitors



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### **5.3. On Communicable Diseases**

Every year, millions of people become infected with HIV, millions contract Tuberculosis (TB), and millions fall ill from malaria. Target 3 of SDG-3 focuses on eradicating this illness. It also focuses on combatting hepatitis and water-borne sickness. The Central Medical library, RIMS, periodically displays flyers and posted signage explaining the many measures to avoid this global epidemic. The library also provides a hand sanitizing station.

### **5.4. On Non-Communicable Diseases & Mental Health/Well-being**

SDG-3 fourth target focuses on encouraging mental health and well-being, also aims to reduce the early death rate from non-contagious diseases like cancer, diabetes, etc. It has been observed that none of the three libraries provide conduct workshops or counselling sessions on mental health awareness. However, they displayed inspirational quotes on bulletin boards and display boards to uplift the user's spirits.

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### **5.5. On Substance Abuse**

The fifth target is to improve alcohol misuse treatment and prevention, including narco-drug abuse. Due to the seriousness of the substance addiction issue, all three institution's libraries do not entertain intoxicated person on their campus. The library has erected notices prohibiting the consumption of drugs and alcohol on campus.

### **5.6. On Road Traffic-Related Accidents**

Target 6 set out to reduce road traffic accident-related deaths and injuries worldwide by fifty percent. Central Medical, RIMS, and JNIMS libraries have displayed signage emphasizing traffic safety guidelines on their campuses.

### **5.7. On Universal Health Coverage (UHC) & Accessibility to Medicines**

Target 8 emphasizes universal coverage of primary health care services and ensures everyone has access to high-quality, safe, and reasonable essential medications. The Central Medical library, RIMS, offers information about several initiatives and amenities through flyers and pamphlets.

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## **5.8. On Pollution & Contamination**

Libraries adopted for the research provide hygienic and clean water for drinking and other purposes—these supports fulfilling target 9 of SDG-3. The target seeks to significantly minimize the mortality rate and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and pollution of air, water, and soil pollution. All the three library premises are litter and plastic-free zones, contributing to reducing the mortality rate caused by unsafe water, unsafe sanitation, and lack of hygiene.

## **5.9. On Tobacco Control**

The implied goal of 3.a of SDG-3 is to enhance the enactment of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control worldwide. Keeping in view the significance of the goal, all the adopted libraries in the research take the initiative of declaring their respective libraries as tobacco-free zones.

# Findings & Discussions

The Present positions & status of the three Medical Libraries are as follows:

## Central Medical Library, RIMS



- RIMS has made a significant effort to promote SDG-3 by encouraging online and offline database subscriptions on the fitness and well-being of human society.
- All authorized users of the library have access to these resources.
- The library provides posters and papers on healthcare programs and services, along with vaccination regimens of all kinds.
- Bulletin and display boards also feature inspiring words to raise visitors' spirits.
- The libraries also impart awareness about the necessity of child immunization.
- A hand sanitization station and clean water are available throughout the library.
- The library does not let inebriated people inside.



## JNIMS Library



- The library of JNIMS has also made major efforts to support SDG-3 by increasing online and offline database subscriptions for human society's health and well-being. All legitimate library users have access to these materials.
- Various indications to avoid communicable diseases such as malaria, HIV, and tuberculosis are displayed around the library.
- The collection has posters, articles about healthcare programs and services, along with immunization regimens of various types.
- In order to lift visitors' spirits, bulletin boards and display boards provide inspirational phrases.
- The library also provides information on the importance of children's immunizations.
- The library has a hand sanitization station and clean water accessible to all.
- The library does not let drunk persons inside.
- Finally, the library has a smoke, rubbish, and plastic-free zone



## Shija Academy of Health Sciences



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- ❑ Shija Academy of Health Sciences, the first homegrown private medical college in North-East India, started its first session in 2021.
- ❑ Because it is still in its early stage of development, the library lacks numerous capabilities that may help users achieve SDG-3.
- ❑ At the very least, the library does not allow intoxicated users. The library, like the other two, is free of tobacco, litter, and plastic free zone.

# Conclusion

The incorporation of fitness and well-being as goals in the SDGs emphasizes the significance of health and wellness in our lives. Furthermore, IFLA's acknowledgment of libraries' responsibilities in attaining the SDGs highlighted a crucial issue that librarians and different information professionals must address. Over and above to the earlier works of collection management, knowledge sharing, advocacy, and research, libraries and information professionals can expand to provide evidence-based information for health promotion and preventive medicine. Based on the above study, medical libraries and information professionals in Manipur have been helping people meet the community's health requirements. Medical libraries of Manipur might implement several global initiatives by libraries and librarians. This will put them in a deliberate position to help Manipur attain the SDG-3, ensuring physical fitness and well-being. Policy frameworks with a comprehensive, integrated, and holistic viewpoint must be developed to attain Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Locally available medical libraries should develop new mechanisms and services towards this goal.



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