

# NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH MISSION: UPGRADATION OF HEALTH INSTITUTION IN SELECTED PRIMARY HEALTH CENTERS IN CHITTUR TALUK, PALAKKAD DISTRICT, KERALA

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## ABSTRACT

Health is a complete physical, mental and social well-being. World Health Organization defines social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. The term health care is not interpreted by all. Some use it comprehensively to include both medical treatments for illness and disease and public health services for prevention of diseases and promotion of health status.

The National Rural Health Mission was launched on April 12, 2005 to provide accessible, affordable and accountable. Quality health services to the poorest households in the remotest rural regions. The thrust of the mission was on establishing a fully functional, community owned, decentralized health delivery system with inter sectoral convergence at all levels, to ensure simultaneous action on a wide range of determinants of health like water, sanitation, education, nutrition and social gender equality. Under the National Rural Health Mission, the focus is on a functional health system at all levels, from the village to the district. So the study therefore traces Upgradation of Health Institution in Selected Primary Health Centres in ChitturTaluk.

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