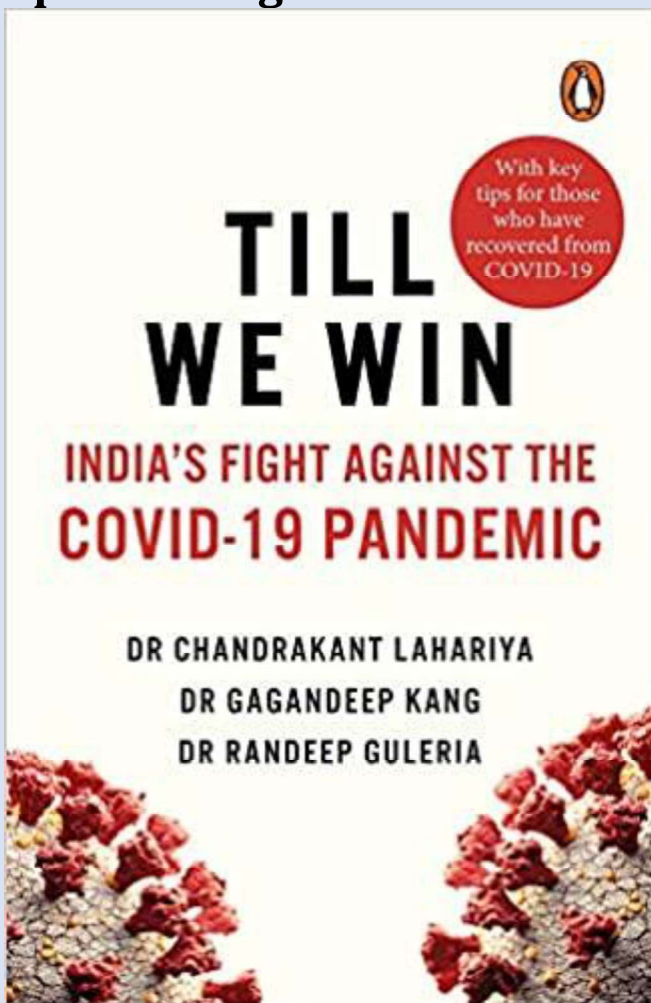


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3	HALL - A	19.12.2020	<a href="https://youtu.be/dso4ON2LLp8">https://youtu.be/dso4ON2LLp8</a>
4	HALL - B	19.12.2020	<a href="https://youtu.be/YqhU7nKSti8">https://youtu.be/YqhU7nKSti8</a>
5	HALL - C	19.12.2020	<a href="https://youtu.be/PDUtj8mtnEA">https://youtu.be/PDUtj8mtnEA</a>
6	HALL - D	19.12.2020	<a href="https://youtu.be/3oTeKmfD5As">https://youtu.be/3oTeKmfD5As</a>
7	PLANERY HALL	19.12.2020	<a href="https://youtu.be/Kq7YFN6AoSE">https://youtu.be/Kq7YFN6AoSE</a>
8	HALL - A	20.12.2020	<a href="https://youtu.be/0YF1vJ5X1QY">https://youtu.be/0YF1vJ5X1QY</a>
9	HALL - B	20.12.2020	<a href="https://youtu.be/1w0k7D4isCs">https://youtu.be/1w0k7D4isCs</a>
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12	PLANERY HALL	20.12.2020	<a href="https://youtu.be/P95hAQCHaxI">https://youtu.be/P95hAQCHaxI</a>

## Epidemiologist's Handbook



**Published by: Penguin Random House India; 2020; pp 352**

Pandemic is a word with Greek roots, which means 'All People' (Pan= All; Demos= People). Thus, a disease is termed a pandemic, when it has potential to affect all people. In such a situation, health experts including epidemiologists, need to act swiftly and with limited information that is available. During the

current pandemic, epidemiologists came to the forefront and attention. They responded to the challenge and guided India's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In this backdrop, recently released book titled 'Till We Win: India's Fight Against the COVID-19 pandemic' is quite inspiring. Dr Chandrakant Lahariya, who is an epidemiologist by training and a leading public health expert has authored this book with two other eminent Indian experts, Dr Gagandeep Kang (A leading virologist and Professor at Christian Medical College, Vellore) and Dr Randeep Guleria (a pulmonologist and Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi). This trio of authors- epidemiologist, clinician and virologist- makes this an interesting read.

The book is indeed well written and aims at a wide range of audience including policy makers, health experts and general public. It discusses a bit about viruses and why pandemics happen. It provides information on SARS CoV2 and COVID-19, which would be of interest to everyone. The health sector response to the pandemic during the period early January 2020 until October 2020 has been covered in section-2. There are detailed deliberations on therapies, vaccines and health systems strengthening. It provides essential information on how to stay safe during the pandemic and also answers important questions in non-technical terms making it suitable for all readers. The book delves into various aspects of public health and provides valuable suggestions on how to strengthen India's health system.

The book was listed as a national bestseller in 'the Asian Age' bestseller for nonfiction, in the first week of release itself. A book review by a renowned public health researcher, Dr Anant Bhan, in The Indian Express remarked, "it is a balanced account of India's pandemic response and must be read by everyone."

The book is actually a must read for everyone interested in epidemiology in general and COVID-19 pandemic in specific. It is a good resource for doctors, public health experts, graduate and post graduate students of medical and nursing colleges of India, for whom, it should work like a handbook.

I am going to read the book, one more time. That's the quality of content in the book, very informative, insightful and useful.

**Reviewer: Dr Meera Dhuria**  
Joint Director, Epidemiology Division  
National Centre for Disease Control, DGHS,  
MoHFW, GoI

## News and Events

### Courses

#### Basic Course in Biomedical Research by National Institute of Epidemiology

An Online Course for Medical Postgraduates and Teachers in Medical Institutions in India As mandated by the National Medical Commission.

The course will explain the fundamental concepts of research methodology in health. It will be delivered through video lectures and reading materials. Certification will be done based on lecture wise assignments and a final proctored exam.


Cycle 4 enrollment is now open (enroll before 31 May 2021). Enroll now.

**NieCer 101:** Health Research Fundamentals, is a basic level course in health research methods. It will explain fundamental concepts in epidemiology and bio-statistics related to

research methods. This course will provide an overview of steps and principles for designing bio-medical and health research studies among human participants.

**NieCer 102:** Ethics Review of Health Research  
The course is technically supported by the World Health Organization (WHO), India. The course will provide the fundamentals of ethical issues in biomedical research involving human participants and provide updates on research ethics guidelines in India.  
This is a self-paced course. The participants can go through the learning materials and submit the self-assessment quiz anytime between 1 April and 31 July 2021.

### Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) programme run by National Centre for Disease Control

	<b>NATIONAL CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL</b> (DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES) MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF INDIA 22-Sham Nath Marg, Delhi- 110054. Tel: 011-23989072
<b>Inviting Applications For 2-Year India Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Programme</b>	
NCDC, in collaboration with the CDC, USA is runs the India EIS Programme, aimed at preparing public health professionals in field epidemiology and skills in leadership at district, state and national levels.	
Applications are invited for the enrolment in India EIS Programme tentatively commencing in July 2021. Please visit <a href="http://www.ncdc.gov.in">http://www.ncdc.gov.in</a> for more information & prescribed application form.	
Last Date for receiving applications - 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2021.	

## IAPSMCON 2021

<b>IAPSMCON</b> 46 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine (IAPSM) 2021 <b>VIRTUAL</b>
Theme: "Public Health in 21 <sup>st</sup> Century: Current Challenges and Future Opportunities"
Date: 19 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 Venue: PGIMER, Chandigarh
Preconference workshops: 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Organized by: Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh