
Title : Government policies and Ergonomics in India

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The process of reformation is being actively practiced in India. Life in India, with a population of 1.21 billion out of which 26.1% is below the poverty line, is rife with many challenges like the high level of disparity in income, lack of basic infrastructure and the incidence of diseases. As a result, delivery of quality and affordable healthcare is an enormous challenge. While ergonomics has a bigger role in delivering and the progress of the health care system, little knowledge and gross unawareness have pushed the focus on ergonomics research and teaching away from the limelight.

In a developing country like India importance is given more to the economic and engineering aspects than human health. The central government has accorded priority to all three aspects of healthcare - prevention, treatment and discovery but ergonomics in India is still in its childhood and mainly concentrated in the defence and agricultural sectors. The role and scope of Government policies in industry, agriculture, defence, education etc. and the progress and future of ergonomics in India will be discussed.