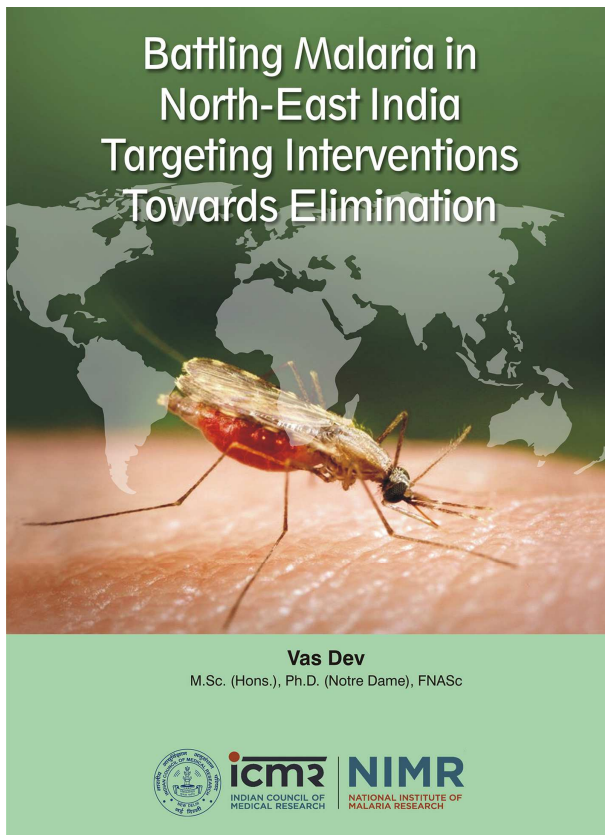




Book Review

BATTLING MALARIA IN NORTH-EAST INDIA TARGETING INTERVENTIONS TOWARDS ELIMINATION

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Dr Vas Dev has once again come up with a master piece – a *vade mecum* – in as far as Indian malariology is concerned, and this time he has treated North East States of India with his nearly three decades of malariological explorations in the difficult sylvatic and mountainous terrains – full of wilderness, leeches, centipedes and, of course, malaria mosquitoes!

This monograph entitled “*Battling Malaria in North-East India: Targeting Interventions Towards Elimination*”, by Dr Vas Dev, is unique in many ways; (i) first such a treatment to the malaria problem in the hyper-endemic and far less explored North East Region of India, (ii) it highlights in context with the

malaria epidemiology the crux of the problem – mostly in planning and operational stages, in the often hard-to-approach Region, (iii) It deals with malaria vectors which are difficult to control through conventional methods, and (iv) the book commissions the necessity of a ‘malaria map’ of the whole of NE Region for an effective disease control.

The monograph comprises 18 Chapters arranged systematically under 7 Sections, with a wide range of topics, including historical account, mosquito fauna, epidemiology, surveillance vector control, national policy for malaria elimination as practiced in the northeast, and the future of malaria research. Every chapter is amply beautified in interpretation by relevant photographs, figures and/or tables of data on various aspects of malaria. The author has laboriously mined malariometric data from the Northeastern States. He has wisely appended a list of countries which have been recently certified malaria-free by the WHO, alluding toward India's own goal to eliminate malaria by 2030!

Minor shortcomings apart, the book brings in a gust of fresh wind – the science of malariology, from the far nook of the country where not many medical entomologists have ventured to toil.

The book is published by the ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research, Delhi. It is a treat to read and must be a regular accomplice on the study desk of a serious malariologist in the country.

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