

## CHAPTER 3

### OBJECTIVES

#### 3.1 General Objective of this Integrated Study

- In light of the findings from the literature survey, this integrated study aims to holistically examine the multifaceted challenges surrounding healthcare access and medication distribution in India.
- **Goals:** To emphasize the need for effective policy interventions and improved procurement processes that enhance the quality of medicines, alleviate healthcare costs, and ensure equitable accessibility, availability, and affordability of essential medications for all population.

#### 3.2 Specific Objectives of this Integrated Study

- **Study 1 - On Financial Burden of Medicines:** To evaluate the impact of government efforts to reduce out-of-pocket expenditures for medicines in India (*Systematic way of data synthesis based on published evidence*).
- **Study 2 - On TB Drug Therapy Challenges:** To explore socioeconomic and health policy challenges concerning the availability, accessibility, and affordability of quality drug therapy among people living with tuberculosis in Agra district, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- **Study 3 - On Financial Considerations in Pregnancy Outcomes:** To assess the impact of financial considerations on pregnancy outcomes and enhance healthcare access for expectant mothers in Agra district, Uttar Pradesh, India.

- **Study 4 - On Public Drug Procurement Performance:** To conduct a performance assessment of public drug procurement across seven different states from diverse geographic regions in India, focusing on procurement efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and the quality of distribution systems.