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The bi-directional influence between mental ill health and poverty is now firmly established. In extreme situations, lack of social protection, enhanced susceptibility to ill health and limited or non-existent pathways to mental health care, render a person homeless. While a few studies have been conducted on this tragically symbiotic relationship in India, a robust understanding still seems lacking.

This thesis focuses on understanding the mental ill health–poverty–homelessness nexus in greater detail and depth, exploring its myriad intricacies and contexts. The role of niche experiments in being analytic, reflective, dynamic and responsive is also studied using experiences of service users.

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