

The Health News Updates (December 1, 2015)
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Maternal and Child Health- National

Focus to Curb Maternal, Baby Deaths in 15 Districts in Odisha

Post a two day workshop of health officials and maternal and child health experts, 75 blocks in the 15 high priority districts have been selected for strategic upgradation of health care system

Source: The New Indian Express

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<http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/odisha/Focus-to-Curb-Maternal-Baby-Deaths-in-15-Districts/2015/11/20/article3137004.ece>

Maternal Deaths in Vani Vilas

In a span of ten 10 days there were 8 maternal deaths at the Vani Vilas Hospital for Women and Children. The doctors have claimed that all the women were high risk cases and had health complications at the time of admission.

A 3 member committee has been formed for the enquiry to determine the reason for death.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/bangalore/eight-maternal-deaths-in-10-days-in-bengalurus-vani-vilas-hospital/article7909205.ece>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/bangalore/probe-by-threemember-committee/article7914116.ece>

Health Concern: 60% pregnant women in Kashmir suffer anemia

A report released by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare reveals that nearly 60 percent pregnant women in Jammu and Kashmir suffer from anaemia. This has also led to abortions and obstetric complications.

Source: Kashmir Images

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<http://dailykashmirimages.com/Details/97493/health-concern-60-pregnant-women-in-kashmir-suffer-anemia>

State rolls out new infant care system

The Assam health department and UNICEF roll out a new scheme, Home-Based New Born Care (HBNC) considering the poor maternal and child health status in Assam.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/guwahati/State-rolls-out-new-infant-care-system/articleshow/49969180.cms>

Plans to induct midwives in maternal health services

After long removing Dais from the national programme the Jharkhand Health Department plans to include them back in the coming year under the NRHM. Apart from conducting deliveries where women can't reach the institutions, they will also be trained to ensure ante natal check ups, identify high risk pregnancies and referral to pregnant mothers and also to provide counselling on nutrition and

safe delivery.

Source: Hindustan Times(Ranchi)

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<http://www.pressreader.com/search?query=midwife%2Bjharkhand&hideSimilar=1>

A vaccine boost to India's polio fight

India has launched the new inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) injection in the national immunisation programme on November 30, currently being implemented in the states of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and later expand to other states.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/a-vaccine-boost-to-indias-polio-fight/article7927744.ece>

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Nagaland Health Sector In Shambles

A poor health condition in women's health have made HRLN file various public Interest litigation(PILs) concerning status of women's health in Nagaland.

Source: The Morung Express (Nagaland)

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<http://morungexpress.com/nagaland-health-sector-in-shambles/>

International

Our family planning failure

Pakistan compared itself to Bangladesh on not able to stabilise the population and reduce TFR.

Source: The News

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<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-351338-Our-family-planning-failure>

'Drugs for all HIV patients not feasible'

In September the World Health Organisation announces that anyone infected with HIV should begin antiretroviral treatment soon after the diagnosis. The new guideline stresses that, in order to effectively implement the recommendations, countries will need to ensure that testing and treatment for HIV infection are readily available. In response The National Aids Control Organisation (NACO) has made it clear that India is not ready to adhere to WHO's recent recommendation.

Source: The Time of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Drugs-for-all-HIV-patients-not-feasible/articleshow/49976146.cms>

The health app that hopes to empower women

Clue, an app that tracks a woman's menstrual cycle, and can predict, not only fertility and menstruation, but also related symptoms such as mood swings or PMS (premenstrual syndrome).

Source: BBC

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<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-34835823>

Abortion/Sex selection

Health Dept to hire detectives

The Punjab Health department will now hire agents to keep a watch on diagnostic centres and provide information on illegal gender

Former DPP 'encouraged abortion on demand'

Britain's abortion laws will be challenged in a ground-breaking High Court case this week over the failure to prosecute doctors accused of

<p>determination tests.</p> <p>Source: The Tribune</p> <p>Read more</p> <p>http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/bathinda/health-dept-to-hire-detectives/164532.html</p>	<p>agreeing to terminate a pregnancy on the grounds of gender.</p> <p>Source: The Telegraph UK</p> <p>Read more</p> <p>http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/12022919/Former-DPP-encouraged-abortion-on-demand.html</p>
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Other Health News- National

Taking health care to tribal heartland
 For a change a workshop to discuss best practices in tribal health took place in a tribal village in Gadchiroli district in Maharashtra. This time the agenda looked into the priorities of the tribals instead priorities for the tribals.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/taking-health-care-to-tribal-heartland/article7927736.ece>

Two die while cleaning soak pit
 Even with an Act to prohibit manual scavenging in the country, many are still taken up for contract jobs. Karnataka is fourth in the state list of highest number of manual scavengers.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/two-die-while-cleaning-soak-pit/article7928625.ece>

Latest Articles/Studies/Blogs on Maternal, Reproductive and Child Health

Study Reveals That If You Have ‘Sex Problems’, These ‘Friendly’ Services Won’t Help
 An audit conducted by the YP Foundation on government and non-government health centres in and around communities in the National Capital Region.

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<http://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2015/11/sexual-and-reproductive-health-in-india/>

From rhetoric to reality: opportunities and threats to sexual and reproductive health and rights, and gender responsiveness for disabled people in post-conflict and post-crisis settings

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<http://www.rhmjournal.org.uk/2015/11/from-rhetoric-to-reality-opportunities-and-threats-to-sexual-and-reproductive-health-and-rights-and-gender-responsiveness-for-disabled-people-in-post-conflict-and-post-crisis-settings/#sthash.5r6i5OkI.dpuf>

Symptoms and medical conditions in 204 912 patients visiting primary health-care practitioners in India: a 1-day point prevalence study (the POSEIDON study)

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[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X\(15\)00152-7/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X(15)00152-7/fulltext)

Urban health in India: many challenges, few solutions

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