

**The Health News Updates (May 18, 2015)**  
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**Maternal and Child Heath**

**Abandoned well behind Anganwadi poses danger**

An abandoned well behind the Anganwadi in Keezhakattimancode in Kattimancode panchayat poses danger to children, say residents.

The residents said that in spite of several pleas, the authorities are yet to provide toilet facilities and proper building for the Anganwadi which is functioning in an old tiled building. Originally the building was constructed for a rural library.

Source: The Hindu

Read more

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/abandoned-well-behind-anganwadi-poses-danger/article7218242.ece>

**Almost 50% decline in under-five mortality since 1990: WHO**

NEW DELHI: Almost half the child deaths worldwide are still caused due to under-nutrition despite substantial progress made to reduce under-five mortality, a new report by the World Health Organization (WHO) secretariat has said.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Almost-50-decline-in-under-five-mortality-since-1990-WHO/articleshow/47323186.cms>

**Jamoga, the monster that feeds on fingers of young ones**

MAHARAJGANJ (Rae Bareli): Seven-year-old Kanti will never count 10 off her fingers. The little finger on her left hand is missing. She has the Jamoga monster that gripped her at birth, to blame.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Jamoga-the-monster-that-feeds-on-fingers-of-young-ones/articleshow/47315979.cms>

‘Tobacco lobbying in India undermining public health’

Three medical experts have cautioned that there was ‘troubling evidence’ of the tobacco industry influencing governments in India and other countries in Asia, which is undermining public health.

Source: The Times of India

Read more

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/tobacco-lobbying-in-india-undermining-public-health/article1-1347517.aspx>

**Abortion**

## **Abortions by U-15 Mumbai girls up 67%**

MUMBAI: Abortions among teenage girls below the age of 15 in Mumbai have recorded an alarming 67% spike in 2014-15. Civic data accessed through an RTI further shows that out of nearly 31,000 women who opted for medical termination of pregnancy, 1,600 were below the age of 19.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Abortions-by-U-15-Mumbai-girls-up-67/articleshow/47275294.cms>

## **Reproductive Health**

### **OHRC takes cognisance of child pregnancy case**

The Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC) has directed the Nabarangpur district administration to make arrangements for protection of an 11-year-old school girl in Nabarangpur district where the girl became pregnant after being raped by her neighbour.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/ohrc-takes-cognisance-of-child-pregnancy-case/article7217386.ece>

### **Rights and choices basic for women's health: Experts**

Rights and choices should be the core issues related to womens' health, experts said here on Thursday.

"It is high time for women across the world to have access to high quality services," Pamela Barnes, CEO of Engender Health, a nongovernmental organisation (NGO) working with gender issues said at a press conference here.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/health-fitness/health-news/Rights-and-choices-basic-for-womens-health-Experts/articleshow/47294851.cms>

## **Other Health News**

### **The overworked, but underpaid, nightingales deserve better**

Today being International Nurses Day, we look at the risks and travails of those in this noble profession.

A staff nurse in Vani Vilas Hospital was infected with a life-threatening disease after she accidentally pricked herself while assisting a doctor during an emergency operation. She has since been under treatment.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/bangalore/international-nurses-day-the-overworked-but-underpaid-nightingales-deserve-better/article7196598.ece>

### **India way behind on WHO health targets**

India has met only four of ten health targets under the Millenium Development Goals (MDG), and has made next to no progress on another four, according to new data from the World Health Organisation. The deadline for achieving MDGs runs out this year. The WHO's annual World Health Statistics for 2015 were released in Geneva on Wednesday.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-way-behind-on-world-health-organisation-health-targets/article7202411.ece>

### **'Khader trying to project himself as a hero'**

'The Minister has turned a blind eye to improving infrastructure, facilities at the hospital'

The Mangaluru unit of the Association of Medical Consultants has questioned the Health Minister U.T. Khader's decision to transfer Lady Goschen Hospital's Superintendent M.M. Shakuntala following the death of woman after giving birth.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Mangalore/khader-trying-to-project-himself-as-a-hero/article7218583.ece>

### **Indians likely to turn diabetic faster**

Recent study indicate that India is witnessing alarming rate of conversion, especially of those with normal glucose level moving to pre-diabetes and diabetes in ten years

For a country that is competing with China to be the diabetes capital of the world, here's more sobering news. The results of a recent study published in Diabetes Care indicate that Asian Indians have one of the highest incidence rates for diabetes, with the movement from normal and pre-diabetes stages to diabetes being rapid.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/india-is-witnessing-alarming-rate-of-diabetes-conversion/article7204468.ece>

### **'Survival tools' for epilepsy**

: A simple 'survival tool' is being prescribed by doctors at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), where stress is being laid on acquiring information on epilepsy in addition to providing the patient an emergency card, which has details such as the name of the doctor and two 'emergency medicines to be used during seizures'.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/survival-tools-for-epilepsy/article7217759.ece?ref=tpnews>

### **Of being strong, healthy and elderly**

Jipmer team goes to Ravuthankuppam village as part of Health Promotion Module. When a Jipmer team visited Ravuthankuppam village on the city outskirts, the issues they sought to address were not just the familiar symptoms of diabetes and hypertension but a set of stereotypes about the aged population as frail and dependent.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/puducherry/of-being-strong-healthy-and-elderly/article7216061.ece>

### **IMA to provide health care during Kumbh Mela**

NASHIK: The Indian Medical Association (IMA) is coordinating with doctors, paramedics and non-governmental organisations to provide health care during the Kumbh Mela in case of an epidemic, emergency or a disaster. As many as 75 people from the medical field have been trained for the purpose. The IMA is also going to form a rapid task force with a group of doctors for the Kumbh.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/nashik/IMA-to-provide-health-care-during-Kumbh-Mela/articleshow/47322805.cms>

### **Global development summit to aid Kuthambakkam's health issues**

CHENNAI: The village of Kuthambakkam is soon likely to have better sanitation and health care facilities. This year's International Development Design Summit (IDDS), an initiative of the USAID, will have experts around the globe coming together to find a solution to Kuthambakkam's community health problems. The four- week summit titled IDDS- Aarogyam (good health) will be hosted in Chennai in July supported by a city based social venture, Ayzh, which provides clean delivery kits to low income hospitals in rural India and Africa.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/Global-development-summit-to-aid-Kuthambakkams-health-issues/articleshow/47322336.cms>

### **Health minister JP Nadda for sharing of best practices among Commonwealth nations**

NEW DELHI: Health minister J P Nadda has called for sharing of best practices among Commonwealth countries to augment the health system capacity. "The Commonwealth can make a contribution by way of sharing best practices in critical areas essential to augment the health system capacity," Nadda said at the Commonwealth health ministers meet at the 68th World Health Assembly 2015 at Geneva.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Health-minister-JP-Nadda-for-sharing-of-best-practices-among-Commonwealth-nations/articleshow/47323139.cms>

### **Patnaik for strict implementation of health schemes**

BHUBANESWAR: Close on the heels of successful implementation of three social security schemes by the NDA government, chief minister Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday directed the authorities to take stringent action against officers not properly implementing Biju Krushak Kalyan Yojana (BKKY) and Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY).

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhubaneswar/Patnaik-for-strict-implementation-of-health-schemes/articleshow/47280211.cms>

### **Govt to provide free diagnostic tests for all**

NEW DELHI: The Centre is set to announce a scheme for providing free diagnostic tests, including several blood tests, x-rays and advanced CT scans, for those visiting public health facilities. Private service providers will be roped in wherever required.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Govt-to-provide-free-diagnostic-tests-for-all/articleshow/47240315.cms>

### **Centre seeks probe against former health official**

PATNA: The Centre has asked the Bihar government to probe charges against former principal secretary (health) Afzal Amanullah, now serving at the Centre, who has been accused of protecting the then PMCH surgery HoD, Dr Abdul Q Siddique. Dr Siddique allegedly tampered with his date of birth.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/patna/Centre-seeks-probe-against-former-health-official/articleshow/47288861.cms>

### **Healthy woman's H1N1 death raises concerns again**

MUMBAI: The H1N1 death of a healthy 25-year-old Mumbai woman has raised concerns about the virus's resurgence. Doctors said sporadic cases continue to occur, though maximum temperatures are inching towards 40 degrees Celcius.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Healthy-womans-H1N1-death-raises-concerns-again/articleshow/47275910.cms>

### **Mental health course for cops**

NEW DELHI: A day after a traffic head constable was caught on camera misbehaving with a woman and hitting her with a brick, Delhi Police has formed a committee to look into mental health issues of its personnel. It has also roped in an NGO to formulate a counselling programme.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/Mental-health-course-for-cops/articleshow/47256525.cms>

### **While treating patients, don't forget to care for own health, PGI tells doctors**

While treating others, doctors at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, seem to forget to take care of their own health. Now, the PGIMER has decided to make it compulsory for all doctors to undergo health checkup once a year.

Source: Hindustan Times

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[http://www.hindustantimes.com/chandigarh/while-treating-patients-don't-forget-to-care-for-own-health-pgi-tells-doctors/article1-1346900.aspx](http://www.hindustantimes.com/chandigarh/while-treating-patients-don-t-forget-to-care-for-own-health-pgi-tells-doctors/article1-1346900.aspx)

### **'Cancer treatment ain't just for the rich'**

When the World Health Organisation added 16 new anti-cancer medicines to the model list of essential medicines (WHO EML) on May 8, a group of Young Professionals' Chronic Disease Network headed by Indian-origin US resident Sandeep Kishore was elated.

Source: Indian Express

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<http://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/health/cancer-treatment-aint-just-for-the-rich/>

### **Health Min's Surprise Visit to Hospital**

BHUBANESWAR: Doctors and staff of Capital Hospital were taken by surprise to find Health Minister Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak carrying out an unscheduled inspection of the hospital on Saturday.

Source: Indian Express

Read more

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/odisha/Health-Mins-Surprise-Visit-to-Hospital/2015/05/17/article2818835.ece>

### **Shipping containers turn hi-tech clinics for rural health delivery**

Modifying shipping containers into mobile clinics, equipped with lab investigation and telecommunications facilities, is the latest effort in disaster management. The aim is to set up more than 100 micro health centres across the country and one at Pabal village in Shirur tehsil of Pune district will be installed on May 14.

Source: Indian Express

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<http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/pune/shipping-containers-turn-hi-tech-clinics-for-rural-health-delivery/>