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Maternal and Child Health- National

In rural Maharashtra, kitchen farms to control malnourishment

Kitchen gardens proposed to be initiated in Maharashtra for reducing malnutrition, after it has been successful in reducing undernutrition in the piloted areas. However, the government maternal and child health programmes fail to involve fathers in their programmes. Men's role as caregivers are never reinforced.

Source: The Indian Express

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<http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/in-rural-maharashtra-kitchen-farms-to-control-malnourishment/>

Maternal deaths: Hospitals to get show-cause notices

A doctor after conducting 12 (out of 15) maternal death audits have made, in her report, the hospitals responsible for the death of the women in Mangaluru. Though the doctors have claimed that all were high risk patients, the report points out the lack of necessary non compromising services and also due to taking supplementary medicines supplied by representatives of private pharmaceutical companies through door-to-door sales.

Source: The Time of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/Maternal-deaths-Hospitals-to-get-show-cause-notices/articleshow/49984361.cms>

Vaccination gets Mission Indradhanush boost

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/vaccination-gets-mission-indradhanush-boost/article7956738.ece?ref=sliderNews>

True count of infant deaths is anybody's guess

Private hospitals are not reporting all infant deaths resulting in discrepancy in state and SRS data in Karnataka. As the health commissioner says, "This could be an additional burden on them as they think that their job is only to provide care and treatment. But, they also have an equal share in helping the State improve its health indicators".

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/true-count-of-infant-deaths-is-anybodys-guess/article7983669.ece>

Madhya Pradesh ranks second in urban stillbirths in country

The CRS statistics show that that MP is second in numbers after Maharashtra in highest number of still births. The data also shows that the still births are more in number in urban areas than rural areas. However it is also needed to understand the low reporting in rural areas.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/Madhya-Pradesh-ranks-second-in-urban-stillbirths-in-country/articleshow/50102208.cms>

Show hope for ASHAs

Unhappy ASHAs in Telangana are on a strike for 100 days in demand for increase in remuneration.

Source: The Hans India

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<http://www.thehansindia.com/posts/index/2015-12-15/Show-hope-for-ASHAs-193155>

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Family planning women's burden

Statistics released by Delhi government shows that sterilisations among women have gone up and among women have gone down which is indeed a matter of concern.

Source: The Time of India

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<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/Family-planning-womens-burden/articleshow/50113837.cms>

International

Humanitarian response treats women's health 'as an afterthought', says the UN

With ongoing humanitarian response in crisis, women's health is not an integral part. It needs to be in the centre of any humanitarian response, according to the UN's state of the world population report.

Source: The Gaurdian

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<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2015/dec/03/humanitarian-response-health-family-planning-women-girls-afterthought-un-population-fund-report>

Why IUD Access in India Falls Short

The burden of using some form of contraception has always been on women be it temporary or permanent. This article highlights why women in India do not prefer IUD as a form of contraceptive.

Source: Cosmopolitan

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<http://www.cosmopolitan.com/politics/a49528/iud-access-in-india/>

Abortion/Sex selection

Touts produced in court, cops suspect midwives involvement

Rural Gurgaon's demand for male child leads to sex determination. A team of touts, quacks and midwife are aiding women to determine sex of the foetus illegally in clinics.

Source: The Times of India

Northern Ireland's abortion law against human rights: Belfast high court

Despite having a good maternal healthcare, women in Ireland still don't have the right to abortion. Even though few changes have been brought in the legislation under certain circumstances, right to choice of women is left to be debated.

<p>Read more http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/gurgaon/Touts-produced-in-court-cops-suspect-midwives-involvement/articleshow/50152314.cms</p>	<p>Source: The Times of India world Read more http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/rest-of-world/Northern-Irelands-abortion-law-against-human-rights-Belfast-high-court/articleshow/49990703.cms</p>
<p>Govt plans law for \$400-million baby industry Some surrogate mothers in Mumbai have decided to approach the Supreme Court to appeal against the ban on commercial surrogacy and foreign couples seeking surrogates in India. A new bill also proposed which aims at at proper regulation and supervision of ART clinics and banks.</p> <p>Source: The Hindu Read more http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/mumbai/news/govt-plans-law-for-400million-baby-industry/article7982861.ece</p>	<p>Poll: Most Americans think attacks on abortion clinics are “domestic terrorism”</p> <p>Source: Vox: Policy and Politics Read more http://www.vox.com/2015/12/2/9835690/poll-abortion-domestic-terrorism</p>
Other Health News- National	
<p>Lancet study puts India as the worst performing among BRICS nations on health indicators Once again India lacks behind Bangladesh and Nepal in health indicators says the Lancet Study. Professor Reddy says that the idea behind this recent analysis of data was to make a case for better investment in health care better financial allocation and governance and improved utilisation of all resources.</p> <p>Source: DNA Read more http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-lancet-study-puts-india-as-the-worst-performing-among-brics-nations-on-health-indicators-2154760</p>	
<p>Healthcare system in India needs radical transformation: Study A Lancet study suggests if health for all is a dream in India, then huge transformations are needed in the healthcare system</p> <p>Source: The Economic Times Read more http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/50137472.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst</p>	

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Quality data must to monitor health programmes, says expert

Government official emphasising the need for good quality data and its used for understanding progress of programmes. It was also that officials needed to be supported for improving the quality of data collection and using the data to find problems and take actions to make improvements.

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<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/chandigarh/community/quality-data-must-to-monitor-health-programmes-says-expert/168191.html>

India still struggles with rural doctor shortages

Many rural setups do not have the basic non negotiable list of personnels. This is a result of an unwillingness of trained doctors to move to these rural setups as they don't see this an option for their practice due to various reasons.

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[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(15\)01231-3/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(15)01231-3/fulltext)