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Maternal and Child Health- National

Half of Delhi slum kids underweight: CRY

A study conducted by CRY reports the health status of children in Delhi slums. The study done in metro cities in India also shows that the downward trend in child nutrition and lesser % of children who have been given the required immunisation.

Source: The Hindu

Read more

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/half-of-delhi-slum-kids-underweight-cry/article7839435.ece>

Are Doctors Cheating Moms of Natural Deliveries? A New Mommy Asks

Source: The Quint

Read more

<http://www.thequint.com/women/2015/10/31/are-doctors-cheating-moms-of-natural-deliveries-a-new-mommy-asks>

Making Health Care Accessible

Regular accessibility of health services is still a dream in MP. To compensate health camps have been organised which have benefitted many women in MP

Source: Outlook

Read more

<http://www.outlookindia.com/article/making-health-care-accessible/295822>

Global maternal mortality numbers drop, but India is still a long way from meeting UN targets

Even after the umbrella programme of NRHM to tackle the dire situation of maternal health, results have not been able to reach upto the UN targets

Source: DNA

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<http://www.dnaindia.com/health/report-global-maternal-mortality-numbers-drop-but-india-is-still-a-long-way-from-meeting-un-targets-2145069>

The labour room bullies

A time when care and sensitivity should be highest, has no place for any respect, dignity of women, during labour. It is also noted that the occurrence is higher with higher level of disempowerment among women. The news highlights the violation of reproductive rights in health centres in urban and rural areas.

Source: The Times of India

Read more

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/The-labour-room-bullies/articleshow/49791192.cms>

Nagaland Health Minister launches Pentavalent Vaccine

Source: Nagaland Post

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<http://www.nagalandpost.com/ChannelNews/State/StateNews.aspx?news=TkVXUzEwMDA4ODg2Mg%3D%3D>

Maharashtra govt. woos tribals by implementing the APJ Abdul Kalam Amrut Aahar Yojana for pregnant tribals

Under the scheme, the government has planned to provide 'one full hot cooked nutritious food' to every pregnant (in the third trimester) and lactating mother (first three months post-delivery) in tribal areas of the state. "The scheme is unique in the sense that the government role will be as a funding agency. It will be the tribal women and the local 'meal committees' who will be implementing the scheme.

Source: DNA

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<http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-maharashtra-government-s-free-for-moms-meal-eyes-healthy-tribal-kids-2141766>

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BMC's vasectomy programme fails to find many takers

Every year there is a decrease in the acceptors of Vasectomy in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) despite their continuous effort in propagating and promoting vasectomy. In 2008-09 it was 4,661, which reduced to 729 in 2013-14 and in 2014-15, total vasectomy surgeries dropped to a record low of 424 — 1/5th of the figures registered in 2008-09.

Source: DNA

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<http://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report-bmc-s-vasectomy-programme-fails-to-find-many-takers-2141428>

Commercial surrogacy: The half mothers of Anand

The exploitation of women from poor economic conditions has been an ongoing phenomenon in the area of surrogacy. The article highlights key concerns in the upcoming bill.

Source: Hindustan Times

Read more- <http://www.hindustantimes.com/health-and-fitness/the-half-mothers-of-anand/story-0snxL9TyckZ38QusrKNGI.html>

Assisted reproductive technology bill and Surrogacy with response from the Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction(IASR) members

The Govt proposes to introduced the bill in the Budget Session of the Parliament and is currently welcome for suggestions from concerned parties and various government departments.

Source: The Economic Times

Read more

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/government-in-process-of-finalizing-assisted-reproduction-technology-bill/articleshow/49813692.cms?utm_source=hootsuite&from=mdr

Source: The Times of India

Read more

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Dont-advise-doctors-on-reproductive-medicine/articleshow/49823633.cms>

Abortion/Sex selection

Over 200 arrested for Sex Determination Tests in 5 months in Haryana

Haryana has one of the worst sex ratios in the country. The state government officials said on Saturday that the accused persons, including doctors, quacks, touts and patients, were found involved in the unethical and illegal activities related to sex selection.

Source: The Times of India

Read more

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/Over-200-arrested-for-SDTs-in-5-months-in-Haryana/articleshow/49613342.cms>

Ireland: Pro-Abortion Campaigners Trying to Overturn 8th Amendment Protecting Unborn Babies

Source: Life news

Read more

<http://www.lifenews.com/2015/10/30/ireland-pro-abortion-campaigners-trying-to-overturn-8th-amendment-protecting-unborn-babies/>

Other Health News- National

Make Sex Education Compulsory in Schools, Say Activists

3,000 parents from across the country have signed a petition for the union Women and Child Development Minister to demand for compulsory sex education in schools.

Source: NDTV

Read more

<http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/make-sex-education-compulsory-in-schools-say-activists-1241370>

BJP-led NDA govt to come out with national Nutrition Strategy

Source: Economic Times

The NDA govt has a National nutrition Plan underway which should have its draft ready by end of December.

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http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-11-05/news/68044108_1_nutrition-data-bjp-led-nda-govt-focus-districts

Reliance Foundation partners four majors in Project Asman to reduce maternal, newborn mortality

Source: Firstpost

Read more

<http://www.firstpost.com/living/reliance-foundation-partners-four-majors-in-project-asman-to-reduce-maternal-newborn-mortality-2493920.html>

RSS seeks review of population policy to counter 'demographic imbalance'

The RSS strongly promotes for a uniform family planning norm in the country, including the Muslims, reiterating its stand on having uniform civil code in the country.

Source: The Times of India

Read more

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/RSS-seeks-review-of-population-policy-to-counter-demographic-imbalance/articleshow/49611118.cms>