



NFHS-4 shows decreasing trend in under age marriages

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Data from National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 (2015-16), India fact sheet reveals decline in percentage of women in the age group 20-24 married before age 18 years. As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 (2015-16), the percentage of women in the age group 20-24 married before age 18 years is 26.8 which was 47.4 in National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-3 (2005-06), thus showing decreasing trend.

Data from National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 (2015-16), India fact sheet have also revealed that Women age 15-19 years who were already mothers or pregnant has shown a decreasing trend. Further, Institutional births have shown an increasing trend with mother's education and household wealth quintile. Similar trend is observed in case of full immunisation of Children (12-23 Months) and mothers who had at least four Antenatal care visits.

All Government programmes focus towards empowerment of women and utilize the findings of these surveys.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Women & Child Development, Smt Krishna Raj in reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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