DV DASHBOARD INSIGHTS on Assessing trends in health and social indicators: A multi-round analysis of NFHS data in India

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This Dashboard is built from the survey data collected from the National Family Health Surveys or NFHS spanning between the time of 2005 to 2021 with NFHS-3 being conducted in 2005-06 NFHS-4 being conducted in 2015-16, NFHS -5 being conducted in 2019-21.

Key Observations

1. Alcohol and tobacco consumption by men and women



Our analysis reveals that, across all surveyed regions, the prevalence of tobacco use among men significantly exceeds that among women.

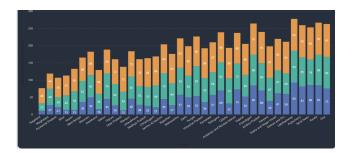
- Average alcohol consumption is 32.49% among men and 3.189% among women nationwide.
- Gujarat reports over 50% tobacco consumption among men, driven by cultural acceptance, especially in chewing forms.
- Goa, a top tourist destination, sees high alcohol consumption. This is influenced by tourism and a culturally liberal attitude towards alcohol.

2. Literacy Improvement and Gender Gap



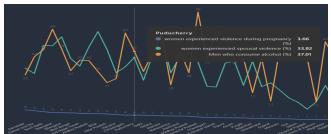
- NFHS-3 reported 81% literacy for men and 65% for women and NFHS-5(average of all states) showed significant improvement with 90% literacy for men and 80% for women.
- The gender gap in literacy has notably narrowed across surveys.
- This happened because Increased awareness of education's importance and government initiatives like "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Abhiyan."

3. Mothers who received postnatal care.



- Significant improvement in postnatal care across three NFHS surveys.
- Goa and Kerala show remarkable increase in postnatal care utilization.
- This happened because of increased awareness about maternal health, Government initiatives for maternal healthcare.
- States with higher literacy rates tend to exhibit better postnatal care outcomes, highlighting the role of education in improving maternal health.

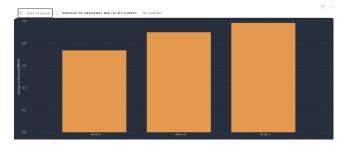
4. Relation Between Alcohol Consumption Pattern and Violence Against Women:



States with higher alcohol consumption tend to have higher rates of violence against women.

- Outliers like Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Delhi have higher alcohol consumption but relatively lower violence against women. This is due to better socio-economic equality, education, and opportunities for women in these areas.
- States like Madhya Pradesh and Bihar have higher rates of violence against women despite lower alcohol consumption. This is attributed to the lower socio-economic status of women in these states.

5. Abnormal BMI Trends in India Across NFHS Surveys



Men who were overweight 13.48% and women who were overweight 16.75% during the time of NFHS-3 and rose to 27.09% for men and 27.65% for women during NFHS-5 cause of various reasons.

 Urbanization, Dietary Shifts, Decreased Physical Activity and Covid-19 as most of them stayed inside because of lockdown.