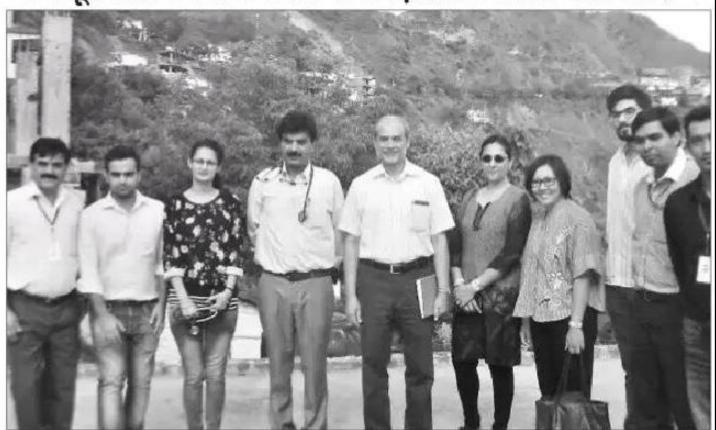
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डब्ल्यूएचओ की टीम ने किया संगड़ाह अस्पताल का निरीक्षण



संगड़ाह-डब्ल्यूएचओ की टीम द्वारा बुधवार को वरिष्ठचिकित्सा अधिकारी डा. काजी के नेतृत्व में संगड़ाह अस्पताल का निरीक्षण किया गया। विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन में बाल रोगों पर खोज कर रहे डाक्टर काजी के नेतृत्व वाली उक्त टीम द्वारा सीएचसी में गत मई माह से शुरू हुई संभावित गंभीर जीवाणु संक्रमण परियोजना से क्षेत्र के बच्चों को मिल रहे फायदे को लेकर उक्त निरीक्षण अथवा दौरा किया गया। डा. काजी ने अस्पताल में उपचाराधीन दो माह तक के शिशुओं की भी स्वास्थ्य जांच की गई। डब्ल्यूएचओ की टीम द्वारा अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रदेश व केंद्र सरकार तथा विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन को सौंपी जाएगी

Film on harmful effects of biomass cooking screened at KEM hospital

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A NATIONAL award winning film that highlights the adverse health effects of using biomass in cooking, and promotes the use of LPG, was screened at KEM Research Centre on Friday.

Annapurna, which won the national award for best editing along with a bronze beaver at the 8th National Science Film Festival, is about a pregnant woman who suffers from respiratory problems because she cooks on a chulha.

Dr Sanjay Juvekar, officerin-charge of KEM Vadu, said, "For the last 10 years, KEM has been working on air pollution. We have been trying to understand and conduct research on the effects of biomass on the society's health. This screening is an effort to promote the use of LPG in society," he said.

"Even though smokeless chulhas were introduced as an alternative to regular chulhas, our surveys have revealed that the smoke emitted leads to 20 per cent more pollution than the that caused by regular chulhas," said Rutuja Patil, a young research investigator at KEM Vadu.

KEM Vadu team has been

working in the tribal area of Junnar taluka to study air pollution.

While working here, the team realised the problems and complications that pregnant women faced due to the use of chulhas.

The team provided the families that used purely biomass fuel with LPG cylinders.

"Our initiatives brought a really positive effect. We

wanted this to reach the masses, which is why we decided to make a film on this issue," said Dr Makarand Ghorpade, clinical coordinator at KEM Vadu.

"We made this film for women who don't understand the use of LPG. The four protagonists in the film are women and it is woven around how they take these decisions," said Aditya Deshpande, the director.

Adolescent girls not mentally prepared for early marriage, have no say in groom selection: study

MASCARENHAS

PUNE, SEPTEMBER 21

A STUDY by the Indian Council of Medical Research, conducted across 22 villages in Vadu - 30 km from Pune - has found that girls in the age group of 17-19 years were mentally unprepared

The study found that not only were the girls scared, they were also not involved when the process of 'selecting' the groom was underway

"There was very little communication between the parents and the daughter on issues pertaining to the timing of their marriage and selection of groom. Gender played an important factor... mothers of adolescent girls felt helpless as they had to rely on the head of the family and they could not participate in the

PMC SURVEYS ONE LAKH COUPLE

A SURVEY by the Pune Municipal Corporation's health department, which reached out to one lakh couples in 2016-17 to encourage contraception and family planning,

Programme is run by the KEM

Hospital Research Centre

(KEMHRC) and the HDSS - set

up in 2002 - monitors health

trends, diseases and vital events

found 2,261 married girls in the age group of 15-19 years. At least 1,073 girls had one child before they turned 20, 159 had two children, and 19 girls had three children by that age.

decision-making process," Dr among a population of over Saniay Juvekar, officer in-charge, 170,000 people residing in 22 Vadu Health and Demographic villages. Along with Dr Laila Surveillance System (HDSS) and Garda, director of KEMHRC, reprincipal investigator for the searchers used a mixed methods study, told The Indian Express. approach, complementing qual-The Vadu Rural Health itative approach with a survey

between 2012 and 14. "We involved 383 adolescent girls in our study. Their mothers' views were also studied. The aim was to document the adolescent

tions of marriage, and to record their need of knowledge and skills with reference to a healthy sexual and reproductive life," said Dr Ankita Shriyastaya, proj-

ect manager While adolescents were aware of the legal age of marriage, there seemed to be a divide between the personal choices made and the legal recommendations.

According to the study, reasons for early marriage included poor economic condition (71 per cent), the girl being a school dropout, more number of siblings, along with societal pressure and insecurity

When it came to selecting a groom, there was a preference for those who had a job as well as an agricultural background, found the study.

But the study found that the mental preparedness of the ado-

were "very scared and anxious" when they learnt that they were going to get married. 'There was a distinct lack of knowledge and awareness among girls regarding certain sexual and reproductive health issues that fuelled their fear and anxiety," said re-

Study researchers have called for creating a supportive network of leaders and teachers who can empower girls to negotiate with their parents.

They said educating young girls and boys about sexuality was not just necessary to provide them knowledge about their bodies, but also to eradicate the shame and stigma attached to their natural orientations and needs

There was a need to talk about safe sexual practices, so as to promote healthier and safe sexual behaviour, they said.

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igns improved cooking stoves pollution in rural households

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A scene from the film Annapurna

an important reason for continued use of cookstoves in poor rural households.

At least 630 million people, mostly from rural areas, are expected to continue using solid fuels a decade from now.

"This poses a challenge for clean cooking access for rural Indians who still use inefficient devices like chullahs and shidgis," said Dr Labhsetwar.

Annapurna — a short film on harmful effects of biomass in cooking

Researchers at KEM hospital and research centre have made a 40-minute film 'Annapurna' that depicts the harmful effects of biomass use in cooking. The film will be released on February 22 at the National Science Film Festival

in Guwahati. 'Annapurna' literally means "the goddess who provides food" and Indians have been worshipping cookstoves as Annapurna for ages. Although the harmful effects of biomass use for cooking (respiratory, pulmonary and vision) are known, acceptance of modern fuels, like Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) by the community is still a challenge, says Rutuja Patil, a young scientist at the KEM hospital who conceptualised the film.

Exposure of pregnant women to indoor air pollution (IAP) results in lower birth weights leading to further complications. Women and children are highly affected by IAP and it is important to imbibe the idea of changing cooking practices and clarifying the perceptions of LPG use in the community, Patil said, Government programmes have encouraged the use of modern fuel, yet the majority of the population still relies on biomass as a primary source of cooking.

'कांगारू मदर केअर प्रणाली'चा अवलंब करा

डॉ. चव्हाण यांचे आवाहन; मंचर उपजिल्हा रुग्णालयात उद्घाटन

मंचर, ता. १५ : "कांगारूच्या पिल्लाचा जन्म झाल्यानंतर पिल्ल लगेच आईच्या पोटावर असलेल्या पिशबीत आगेकच करते. या पिशबीत कांगारूचे स्तन असतात, वाळ लगेच स्तनपान करण्यास सुरवात करते. अन्न, ऊव व संरक्षणही मिळते. या नैसर्गिक पद्धतीचा अध्यास करून वाळाच्या संरक्षणासाठी 'कांगारू मदर केअर प्रणाली' अमलात आणली आहे. या प्रणालीचा अवलंव प्रत्येक मातेने करावा." असे आवाहन सार्वजनिक आरोग्य सेवा विभाग पणे मंडळाचे उपसंचालक डॉ. हनुमंतराव चव्हाण यांनी केले.

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