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Health status of women : A case study of Patna M.C. Area

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Abstract : *Women's Health in India is often ignored and does not get much importance as compared to males in the family. But there has been tremendous gain in the last 50 years as far as health of women is concerned as many problems have been wiped out like deaths due to Malaria, small pox, etc. However, women's health in India as anywhere else depends on their social status, their capacity to meet basic needs and their working and living conditions. Thus, this research paper is an effort to have a close look at women's health in the selected areas of Patna Municipal Corporation, taking into consideration their social background, educational level and detailed information on their health related issues. Many aspects related to health such as food habits, water intake, regular checkups, pre*

and post pregnancy care, health insurance, etc. have been discussed in detail. All the above facts were evaluated on the basis of different age groups and different income groups. At the end proper analysis and interpretation has been done to explain the variations in the results. The research ends with some simple suggestions for the improvement of health of women in the study area.

Key Words : *Age-structure, Relationship status, Food habits, Health insurance, Mental and Physical harassments, Domestic violence.*