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An empirical study of consequences of adolescent pregnancy awareness among teenage married women of Patna Town

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Abstract : *Teenage pregnancy is a serious issue in today's scenario. Pregnancy in a women, aged between 13 to 19 is understood to occur in a girl who hasn't completed her core education, has acquired no skills, is financially dependent upon her parents and continues to live at home. Teenage pregnancy is rising but people rarely discuss it their teens. It has a devastating effect on physical and mental well being of the young mother. Adolescent pregnancy and childbearing entail a high risk of maternal death and the children of young mothers have higher levels of morbidity and mortality. Proper and effective sex education is the best method to improve the reproductive health conditions. Economic development*

and high standard of living are also helpful in taking decisions regarding reproductive matters. For the study, samples of 100 teenage married women were drawn randomly from three localities of Patna town. They were given questionnaire and the data collected were consolidated and tabulated. The results revealed that they had very low level of awareness about the consequences of teenage pregnancy and risks related to it.

Key words: *Teenage pregnancy, Reproductive health, adolescent, Reproductive rights.*

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Introduction :

Teenage pregnancy is a serious issue. Pregnancy in a woman aged between 13 to 19, is understood to occur in a girl who has not completed her core education – i.e. Secondary education, has few or no markable skills, is financially dependent upon her parents and continues to live at home. It is like "Children having Children." It is shocking that despite teenage pregnancy on rise, people rarely discuss with their teens its consequences. India has the second largest population in the world (next to China) having one billion plus people (Census