

STATUS OF TRADITIONAL BIRTH ATTENDANTS IN THE SOCIETY: A STUDY IN NORTH INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Health is an important component for a human being. Before the advent modern health care system, history has revealed us on many traditional healing practices. Among these practices Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) was an important service delivery mechanism for the pregnant and child birth. The National Population Policy (NPP) of India 2000 mainly focuses on its commitment to 'Safe Motherhood'. TBA as a person who assists the mother during childbirth and who initially acquired her skill by delivering babies herself or while working with other TBAs. Traditionally, it is believed that body fluids released during childbirth are polluting, and therefore they employ TBAs to carry out such polluting tasks on behalf of the rest of the family'.

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