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Women's Health Care & Child Delivery System

Issues and Challenges

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C-section, popularly known as caesarean delivery, is a major surgery involving risks. Women are three times more likely to die during caesarean delivery than a normal one. Unnecessary c-section puts strain on the family and burdens the health system. C-section deliveries should be limited to life-saving emergencies.

But C-section is on the rise in India for various reasons. Among the urban privileged, C-section helps those wanting delivery on auspicious dates or wanting to avoid pain during deliveries.

What is the situation in rural areas among the less privileged?

Earlier this year, the Forum for Indian Women Intellect surveyed a village in Tamil Nadu to know about the prevalence of C-section deliveries, decision-making around such deliveries, clinical outcomes, and lived experiences.

- Do rural women prefer normal delivery or C-section?
- Who decides whether a delivery should be C-section?
- What drives decisions?
- How are caesarian operations for women in rural areas different from those in urban areas?

In this seminar, the researchers present their findings and discuss solutions to reduce C-section deliveries among rural women.