

Update on the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram

Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram covers children from birth to 18 years for 4Ds: Defects, Diseases, Deficiencies & Development Delays

Under-5 Mortality Rate in Rural India Drops from 51 to 34 Per 1,000 Live Births Between 2014 and 2022: SRS Report

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Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) is a program to improve the overall quality of life of children and provide comprehensive care to all the children in the community. This program involves screening of children from birth to 18 years of age for four Ds- Defects at birth, Diseases, Deficiencies and Development delays, spanning 32 common health conditions for early detection and free treatment and management, including surgeries at tertiary level. Children diagnosed with identified health conditions are provided early intervention services and follow-up care at the district level.

According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) report by the Registrar General of India at national level, the Under-5 Mortality Rate (U5MR) in the rural areas has declined from 51 per 1,000 live births in 2014 to 34 per 1,000 live births in 2022.

The Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Smt. Anupriya Patel stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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