

**A Progressive Maternal Health Care Programmes in Tamil Nadu:
An Evidence from NFHS-3**

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Abstract:

The National Family Health Survey-3 (2005-06) provides enormous data related to Maternal Health care- antenatal, delivery and post natal care for the women are available for the state of Tamil Nadu. The present paper therefore aims to provide the prevailing situation regarding utilization of the maternal health care services in the state. It was observed that in Tamil Nadu around 34 percent women received all type of recommended antenatal care for their most recent birth during the five years presiding the survey. Interestingly the rate of increase was higher in rural area as compared with urban areas. Further, highest cases of safe delivery assisted by health personnel were found for the state of Tamil Nadu (91 percent). With regard to post deliver care services percentage values obtained for state of Tamil Nadu 92 percent. In addition attempt would be made to discuss some of the plausible reasons for the progressive of the maternal health care services in the state of Tamil Nadu with mother background characteristics by using the multivariate analysis. It observed that it does not provide any significant difference within the mother's backgrounds, the possible reason may that the maternal health care is universal in the state is concern.