



SITUATION REPORT -1: CHILD DEATH INCIDENTS IN RAJASTHAN

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A. CURRENT SITUATION

Nearly 200 children have died in the past two months at the J K Lon Government Hospital in Kota, Rajasthan. This has come barely six months after the death of more than 150 children in an alleged encephalitis epidemic in Muzaffarpur, Bihar. In 2017 alone, more than 1,000 children died in the state-run Baba Raghav Das (BRD) Medical College in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. According to the UNICEF's report, 'State of World's Children 2019', India reported the maximum number of deaths of children under five in the world in 2018.

B. CASUALTIES REPORTED – CUMULATIVE (till 5th January 2019)

Below is the table showing deaths reported in Kota JK Laun Government Hospital since 2014. The children who died were mostly infants and under 5 years old.

Year	No. of death reported
1 st Dec 2019 - 5 th Jan 2020	110 children
2019	963 children
2018	1005 children
2017	1027 children
2016	1193 children
2015	1260 children
2014	1198 children

C. HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- The state government claimed that in the period 2014 to 2019, the death toll in 2019 has been the lowest.

NGO Response

- The National Human Rights Commission sent a notice to the state government stating the situation raises some serious concerns.



D. KEY REASONS FOR THE DEATHS

As reported by media, below is the key reasons for the deaths of babies in Kota:

- Hypothermia (body temperature imbalance) and inability of the hospital to provide facilities to cater to mother and child intensive care during pregnancy and after child birth.
- Lack of enough staffs
- Shortage of oxygen cylinders
- The severe cold wave
- Lack of Intensive care units within a 200 metre radius also contrite towards the mortality rate.
- 3-4 children were seen sharing a single bed in the ICU without noticing the chance of infection.

E. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

- Media and IAG-WhatsApp Groups.

F. KEY CONTACTS:

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