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50% girls lose virginity before 18

Mumbai: More than half of the women in Maharashtra lose their virginity by the time they reached 18 years of age, while men get into their first sexual intercourse before 24 years of age, according to the latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS-3).

Among the youth in the 15-24 years age group, women are much more likely than men to have intercourse due to early marriage system prevalent in Maharashtra, it said. NFHS-3 released recently, reveals information on population, health and nutrition in urban and rural Maharashtra.

About 39 per cent of women get married before the legal minimum age of 18 that forces them into teenage pregnancy. The percentage of teenage pregnancy is 14 in the state, the report, based on interviews of 9,034 women and 8,867 men said. Young women in rural areas (18 per cent) are twice as likely to bear a child compared to urban areas where the percentage is nine, it added. On the use of contraceptives, it said that the awareness about the various contraceptive methods is increasing in the state.

However, most women still don't know that condoms could prevent HIV/AIDS.

Maharashtra has fifth highest contraceptive rate in the country with 67 per cent. But only 47 per cent of women know that consistent condom use can prevent HIV/AIDS and only 30 per cent women have 'comprehensive knowledge' of it. The report indicated that almost one in three married women have experienced spousal physical or sexual violence in the state. Quite surprisingly, 51 per cent of women believe that it is justifiable for husbands to beat his wife under specific circumstances,

the report says.

About 30 per cent of the women are been slapped by their husband. Eight to 12 per cent women report having arms twisted or hair pulled, being pushed, shaken, kicked, dragged or having something thrown at them. But only one per cent of women have initiated violence against their husband, it said. PTI

