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Article **Status of Women and Family Planning: The Indian Case**

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Abstract This article examines the extent to which the status of women in India is related to awareness, knowledge and adoption of family planning. It makes use of macro-level data for the states of India and micro-level data from household surveys and micro field studies to show the relationship between indicators of the status of women and fertility and family planning variables. It brings out various policy implications and suggests that efforts be concentrated on promoting the education of women, raising their age at marriage and providing employment opportunities for them outside the home as well as improving the role of women in decision-making and their perceived status within the family and the community.

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