

## '1.2mn children die before first birthday'

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**Jaipur:** The poor health care of India prevents a very bleak picture. As many as 1.2 million children die before having the chance to celebrate their first birthday. Not only this, 8 lakh children die the day they are born and every 28 minutes, a young baby dies during child birth. Such alarming figures gain recognition of the abysmal state



of child health care. This was stated by President, Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organizations (CAHO), Dr Vijay Agarwal, while addressing the students of IIMR University (IIMR-U) on the occasion of the 54th Foundation Day on Friday evening. Dr Agarwal further added that capacity building and skill development is very important for our future healthcare professionals. President, IIMR-U, Dr Pen-

kaj Gupta said that there is a need to revert to our roots when it comes to healthcare. In Ayurveda medicine, we were taught that prevention is better than cure. However, with the influx of western culture in our society, we begin to replicate their techniques of 'pill popping' for every minor illness. There is a need to get back to preventive health care, contribute to do more research and possible interventions in the healthcare sector.