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- Study Design and Objectives:
- Role of Directorates for promoting Nursing and Midwifery
- Dilution of the quality of teaching and training for N/M
- Comparison of nursing grade pays as per Sixth Pay Commission
- Career opportunities for the nursing workforce in the public health clinical and teaching institutions in India
- HR issues of nursing workforce in the Health Facilities
- SWOT analysis on nursing issues in Kerala and MP
- Model practices to be learned for strengthening N/M
- Reframing leadership for strengthening the nursing and midwifery workforce
- Recommendations



• Nursing Human Resource in India: current scenario

- RANM: 576 810

- RN and RM: 1 128 116

- LHV: 52 490

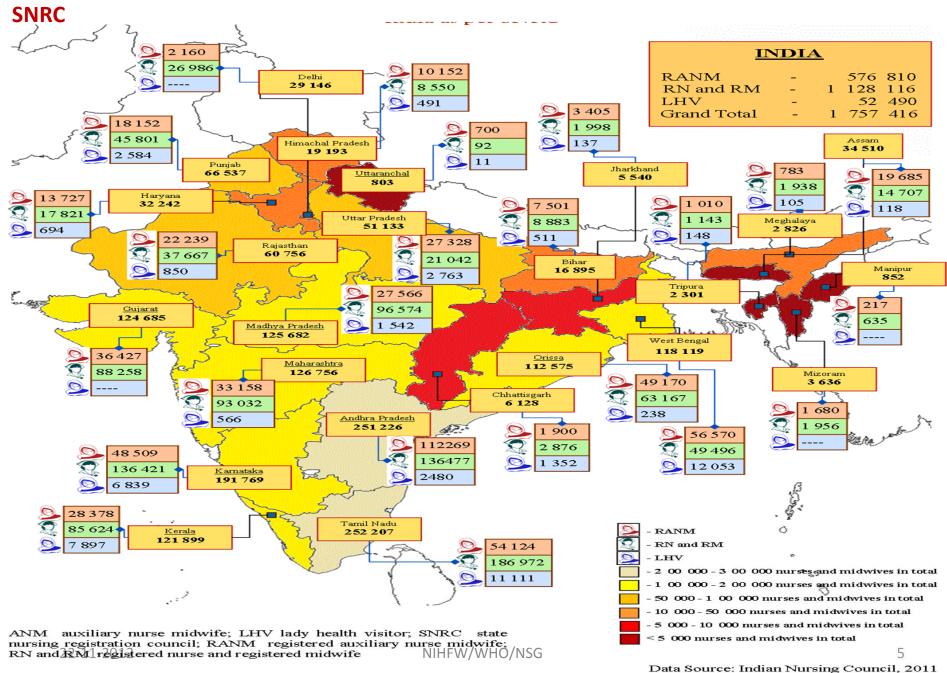
- Total: 1 757 416

• Established health facilities

• Major challenges still exist:

- IMR
- MMR
- TFR
- Perinatal mortality

Geographical Distribution of Registered ANMs, Nurses & Midwives and LHVS in India as per





Study Design and Objectives:

General Objective:

To review and critically examine the various aspects related to policy, service, education & training for nursing and midwifery in India and suggest suitable strategies for development of competent nursing and midwifery human power.



Specific Objectives:

- To critically review the evolution of the nursing and midwifery from historical to contemporary times in areas of policy, service, education & training in India
- To examine existing evidence, challenges, ongoing innovations and identify the gaps between needs, demand and supply of nurses and midwives,
- To recommend policy directions and options on how to lessen gaps both in terms of education and training as well service provision, and to suggest suitable strategies for development of competent nursing and midwifery personnel and services in India.



- The study descriptive and highly qualitative in nature.
- The study collected data from both primary and secondary sources.

Study area:

- State health directorates
- Educational and training institutions (nursing schools and nursing colleges)
- Health care facilities
- State nursing councils (SNCs)
- Other professional bodies

All in all, the study conducted in a short span of 6 months, gathered the information:

- Interviews with 60 key contributors
- Interactions held with 228 key respondents
- Made visits to 23 educational institutions
- Made visits to 17 healthcare facilities
- Visited 3 Directorates
- Visited 4 councils and 2 professional bodies

Focus of the Study



Policy level

Human Resource Management Systems

Strengthening
Nursing
&Midwifery

Service Delivery

Education

Councils and Associations

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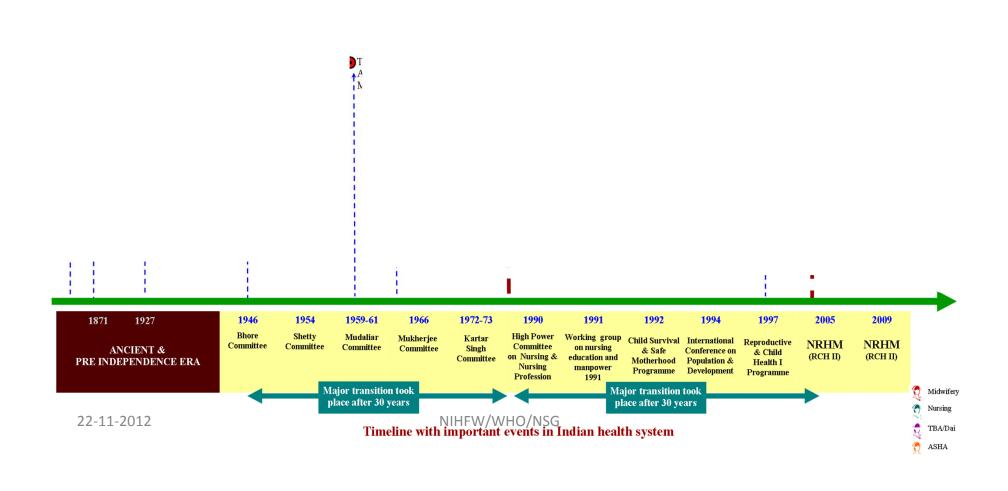
Key findings of the Study





Role of Directorates for promoting Nursing/ Midwifery

The changing faces of nursing & midwifery in India over the years



Role of Directorates for promoting Nursing/ Midwifery

• None of the states have a separate nursing Division and by far the best nursing structure is in the State of WB

• The nursing management structure is majorly managed by senior policy makers from the medical fraternity, and provides very little scope for nursing professionals to participate in policy decision making and to bring about any reforms.

Role of Directorates for promoting Nursing/ Midwifery

• Lack of coordination between the senior nursing positions under the Dept. of Family welfare /Department of Medical Services (DMS) and Director Medical Education (DME).

The weak supervisory structure for nursing staff both in clinical and public health cadres may be partially explained by the absence of nursing leadership positions at the state directorates.

• In Jan' 2010, under 11th Five year Plan, Rs. 1 crore released to each of the 15 states for upgradation/strengthening of Nursing Cells



Status of N/M Teaching Institutions and the Teaching Patterns



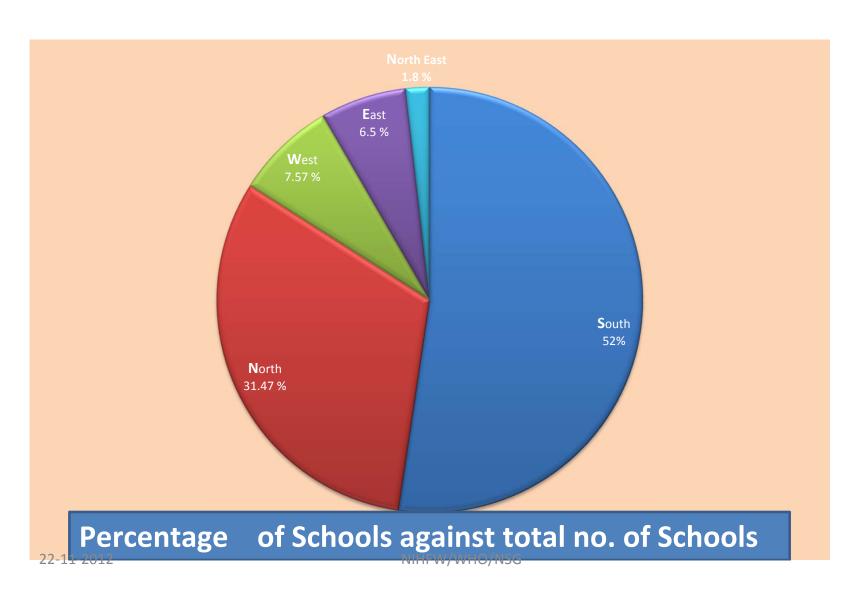
Geographical distribution of teaching institution: current scenario

- Auxiliary Nurse Midwife Training Centre (ANMTC)
- General Nurse and Midwives Training
 Centre(GNMTC)
- Bachelor of Science(Nursing)
 Colleges (B.Sc)
- Master of Science(M.Sc)

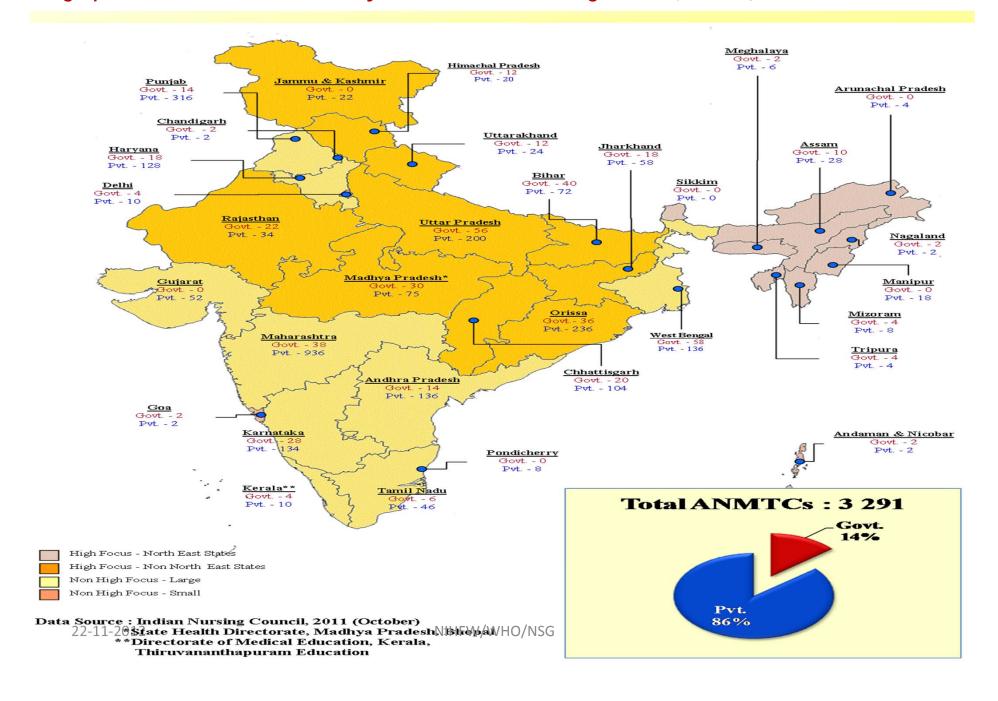


TRENDS IN NURSING EDUCATION

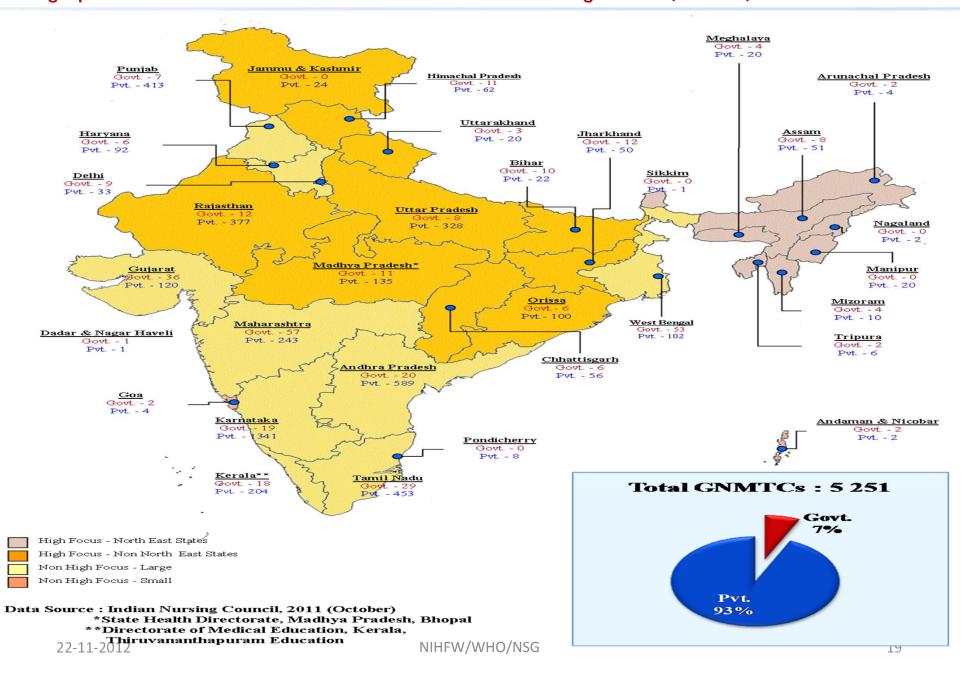
UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF NURSING SCHOOLS



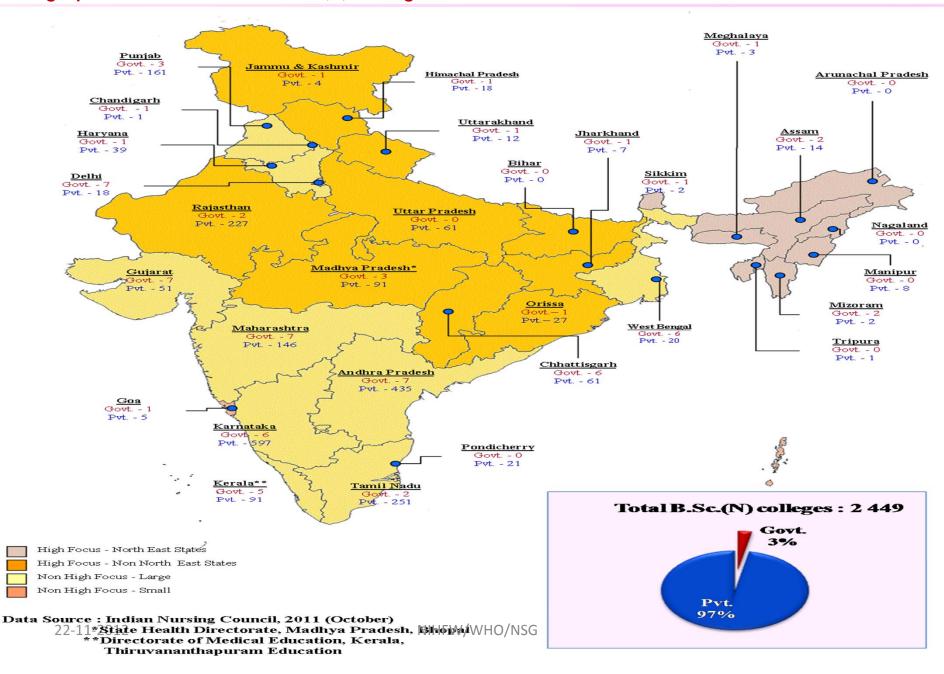
Geographical Distribution of Auxiliary Nurse Midwife Training Centre (ANMTC): Current Scenario



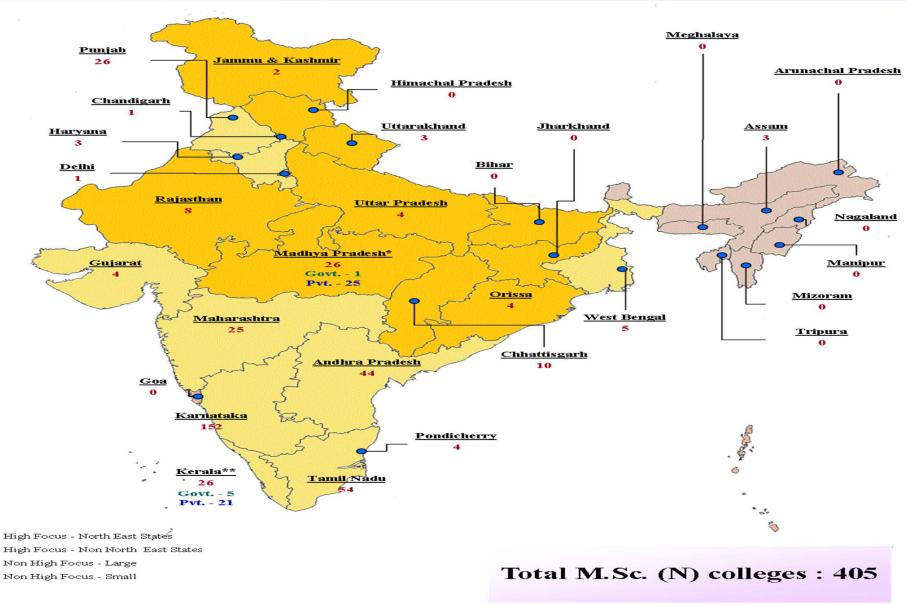
Geographical Distribution of General Nurse & Midwife Training Centre (GNMTC): Current Scenario



Geographical Distribution of B.Sc(N) Colleges: Current Scenario



Geographical Distribution of M. Sc (N) Colleges: Current Scenario





Coverage of ICM competencies in the INC curriculum of ANM, GNM and BSc.

- ANM, GNM and B.Sc. Syllabi by INC, & followed by teaching institutions, cover almost 98% of the theory and 95% of the practical components of the ICM competencies.
- Competencies covered in the syllabi, but lacunae exist in the implementation of actual clinical practice.
- Interactions held with the faculty/students, along with the observations made, conclude the non-implementation due to the Managerial, HR and Logistics constraints/ barriers faced by educational institutions

Dilution of the quality of teaching and training for Nursing & Midwifery

Variables	Actual on-site observations and feedback
• Norms for number of deliveries to be conducted	• Actual hands-on experience limited, varies from institution to institution.
 Norms for attachment with hospitals for hands-on training 	 Numbers of teaching institutions not commensurate with the number of hospitals and Improper attachment of multiple teaching institutions with a single hospital Lack of coordination between INC and SNC for providing recognition for opening educational institutions in the private sector, thus resulting in mushrooming of private institutions
• Existing infrastructure at the teaching institutions	Physical facilities and teaching aids grossly inadequate in various govt. and pvt. Institutions

Dilution of the quality of teaching and training for Nursing & Midwifery

Variables	On -site observations and feedback
• Teacher's role as practitioner & Supervisory and mentoring role	 The supervisory roles of the tutors/educators reduced considerably, Lack of accountability of the roles and responsibilities of the tutors.
• Safety and security issues of the students & lack of clean, healthy hostel facilities	 Lack of proper security measures for the girl students Very old , dilapidated Hostel buildings, overcrowded, cramped dormitories at most of the places, Water & sanitation facility scarce
• Non-attending institution a matter of concern	• This unethical practice widely known but no action taken against this.

Demonstration Rooms/ Models









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Pictures of the Girls Hostel







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Non attending Post BSc Nursing Admission in Bangalore, Karnataka, Non attending Post BSc Nursing course Admission in Bangalore, Karnataka Non attending Post BSc Nursing Admission in Bangalore, Karnataka, Non attending Post BSc Nursing course Admission in Bangalore, Karnataka providing Guidance and arrange B Sc. Nursing Admission 4 Years, M Sc. Nursing Admission 2 Years Post Basic B.sc nursing Admission / Post BSc Nursing Admission / PC BSc Nursing Admission / PBBSc Nursing Admission) correspondence and regular/irregular Nursing Admission, Attending and Non attending Nursing Course admission and GNM Admission (General Nursing and Midwifery). Get admission to M.Sc Nursing, B.Sc Nursing, Post B.Sc Nursing General Nursing in this academic year. providing admissions in Major cities Like Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and across the country for all nursing Courses. provides Nursing admissions only in INC and State Nursing Council approved Colleges with less fees and no donation. Only Limited Seats are remaining. For more Admission details contact below Numbers as well as send an email along with your details, contact number, and your requirement. For More Details Contact Websites:



Service Delivery



HR Issues Of Nursing Workforce In The Health Facilities

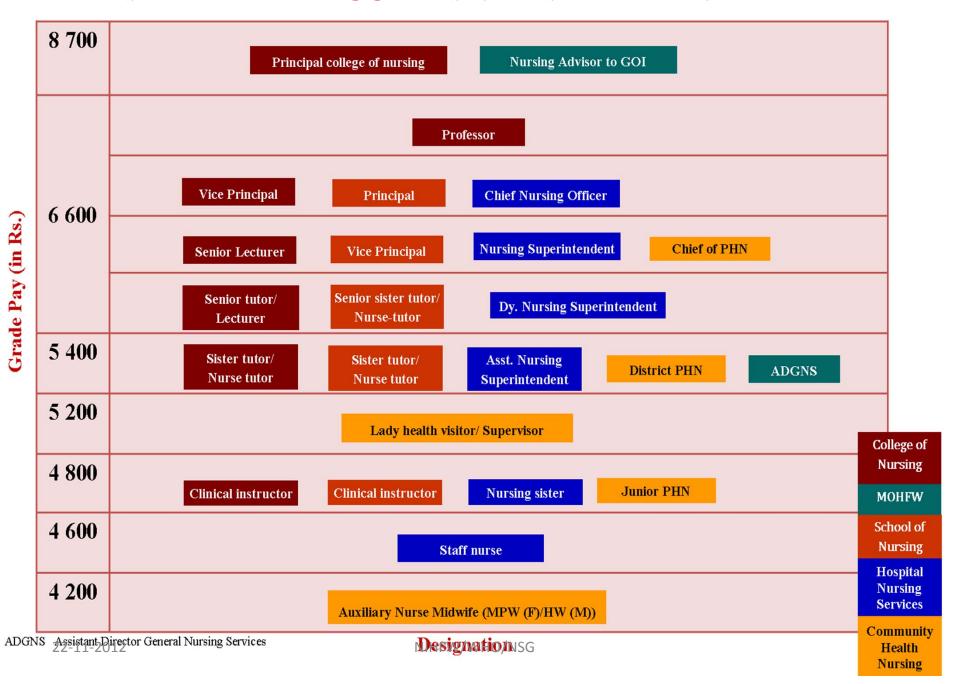
HR issues of nursing workforce in the Health Facilities

Variables	On-site observations and feedback	Impact
In-service training	• Lack any opportunity for knowledge and skill upgradation.	• Stagnation, merit not linked with promotion
Supervision by the seniors	• Culture of supportive supervision and learning on the job is lacking	• Lack of supervision and mentoring led to vacuum of role models
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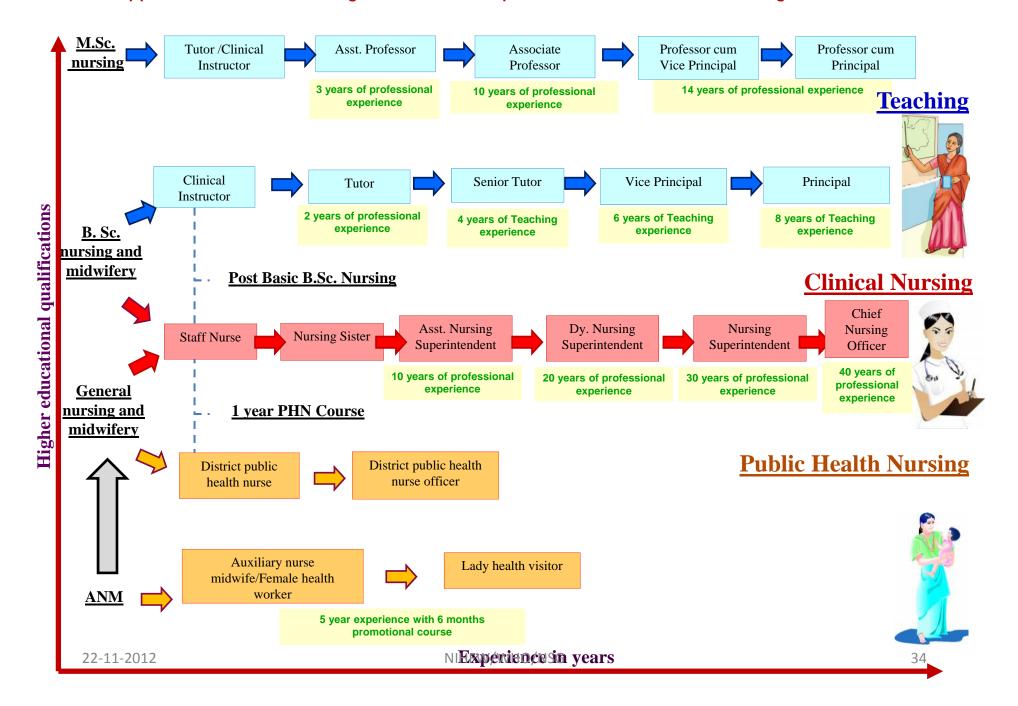
HR issues of nursing workforce in the Health Facilities

Variables	On-site observations and feedback	Impact
Involvement in decision making	No representation at the policy level in the hospitals, No delegation of financial and administrative powers	Nurse-bed ratio norms not revised for decades. The heavy burden of patient care, especially on the nursing workforce not addressed for a long time. The budget for the nursing workforce not revised.
Gender and sexual harassment and human rights issues	Several instances of harassment are silently being voiced by the victims. Due to the fear of job-related discrimination and further victimization, several such cases go unreported.	Many cases of harassment are not reported due to fear. As a result, perpetrators feel more encouraged, Women prefer not to take up ward duties or to accept the postings in remote areas.

Comparison of nursing grade pays as per Sixth Pay Commission



Career opportunities for the nursing workforce in the public health clinical and teaching institutions in India





SWOT analysis on nursing issues in Kerala and MP

- Socio-demographic and Health indicators
- Directorates
- Educational institutions
- Service Delivery Institutions
- Regulatory Bodies and Professional Associations



Model Nursing and Midwifery Practices: Integration of Teaching and Services and lessons to be learnt

- ✓ Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore
- **✓** Military Nursing Services in the Armed Forces
- ✓ Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram





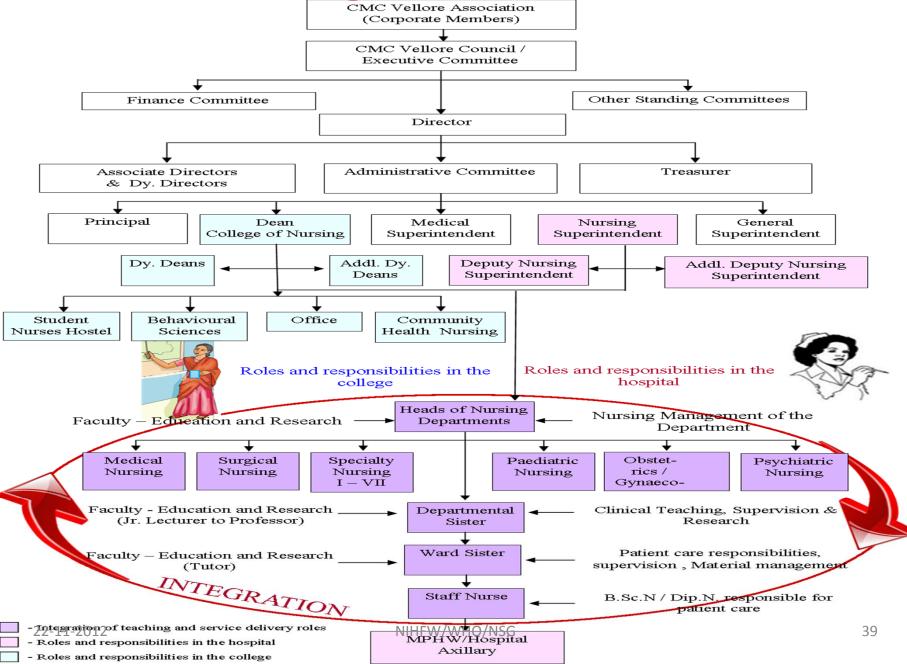
Model practices to be learned for strengthening N/M viz organizational structure and leadership positions

- **❖** Senior nursing positions (from both service delivery as well as the academic sides) are at par with the senior medical positions.
- Senior nursing administrators are involved in policy decision-making and enjoy full financial as well as administrative authority at par with their medical counterparts.
- **❖** The various nursing departmental heads are supported by a number of subordinates/supportive staff, which enables them to look into nursing issues efficiently.
- Nursing is given the due professional status.

Model practices to be learned for strengthening N/M viz teaching

- **❖** Integration of teaching & services and teachers are also practitioners.
- **❖** Ideal teacher–student ratio of 1:10 is maintained
- **❖** Nurse-managed community-based programmes part of curriculum
- ***** The major focus is on training the students for conducting low risk deliveries independently.
- **❖** Implementation of the ICM competencies viz-a-viz the INC syllabus for both practical and theoretical components.
- ❖ Overall personality development of the students, in terms of building their management skills, confidence and self-esteem.

Integration Model



Model practices to be learned for strengthening N/M viz service delivery

- **HR** planning and revision of nurse-patient ratio done regularly to ensure the ideal nurse-bed ratio.
- **Senior nurses facilitate the learning opportunities of the junior nurses by mentoring, supervising and demonstrating clinical tasks to them.**
- **❖** Nursing superintendent being the ward in-charge and the decision maker, is the role model for the entire nursing personnel.
- **❖** Nurses are trained and empowered to practice their skills proactively, especially in providing emergency care, even in the absence of the doctor.

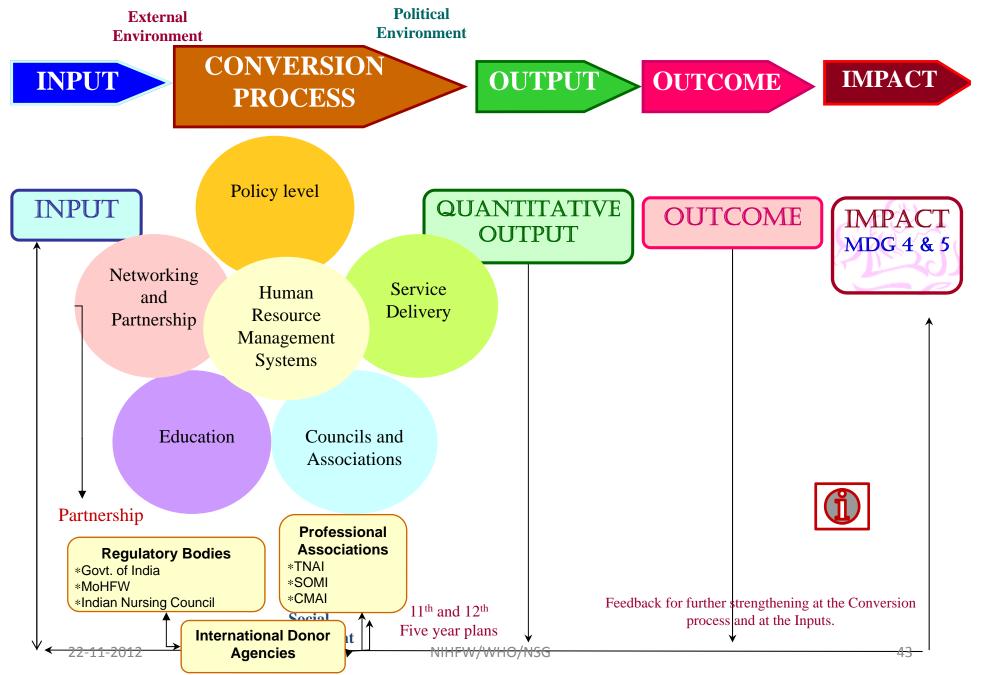
Conclusions & Recommendations



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- Strengthening nursing at the Directorates of both Central and State level for policy level reforms
- Promoting N/M role in the health care services
- Promoting reforms in the educational institutions for strengthening the N/M workforce
- Strengthening nursing management issues at the INC & SNC and TNAI
- Networking, partnership and advocacy at the national and international levels
- Human resources management issues

Nursing & Midwifery Leadership Management Model



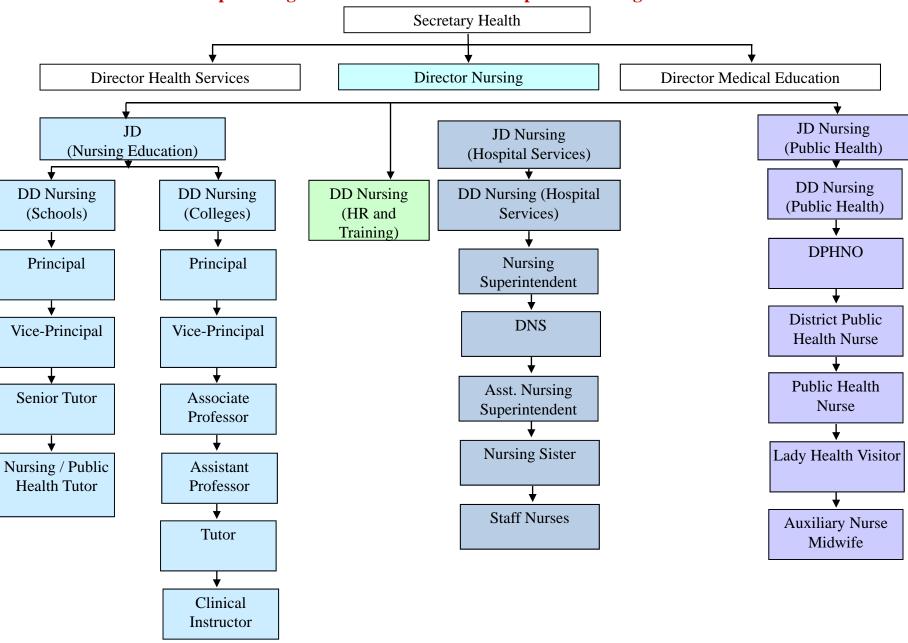


1. Strengthening nursing at the directorates for policy level reforms:

- * Strengthening nursing at the Directorate for policy level reforms by setting separate nursing division at both Central and State Level.
- * Separate budget for nursing and midwifery and Utilization of the Rs. 1 crore released to each of the 15 states for up gradation / strengthening of Nursing Cells.
- * Creation of more posts of Nursing Administrators in the Directorates.

- Creation of separate Nursing Directorate.
- Filling –up of vacant posts
- Professional status to Nursing

Proposed organizational structure for a separate nursing division



JD 22- Joint Director; DD Deputy Director; DPHNO District Public Health Nursing Officer

DNS Deputy Nursing Superintendent;



2. Promoting N/M role in the health care services:

- * Improved Pay Scales and career graph
- * Strengthening supervisory/management role
- * Decentralizing powers e.g. financial and ward management.
- * Regular in-service training/ CNE
- * Clinical postings to be based on specialization/ expertise.
- * More involvement and responsibility for MCH services in line with their expertise.

- To resolve disparity in pay scales between services delivery and education
- Training Policy for In service Nursing Professionals
- To be members of the Decision making bodies in Hospitals
- Certificates for CNE to be based upon clinical skills acquired
- Midwifery cadre
- Second ANM



3. Promoting reforms in the Educational institutions

- * Integration of teaching and services
- * Autonomy and financial powers to the principals.
- * Mentoring and supervisory role of the faculty.
- * Norms for midwifery hands on training not to be compromised.
- * Compulsory attachment with the hospital for skill practice
- * Implementation of INC syllabus both theory and practice.
- * Regular in-service training for the faculty.
- * Teaching and boarding infrastructure in place.
- * Research/Advocacy.
- * Healthy learning environment.

- Teachers to be practitioners
- Strict implementation of INC guidelines for attachment of teaching institutions with service delivery centre for skill based training.
- Supervisory norms to be put into place along with accountability measures.
- Guidelines for Safety/ Security of Girls in Hostels



- 4. Strengthening nursing management issues at the central and state level nursing councils/Association (INC, SNC,TNAI):
 - * Leadership Role of the Council and Associations, To become agents for change.
 - * Coordination and Hand holding between central and state nursing councils.
 - * Strict implementation of regulations and guidelines for the conduct of teaching institutions.
 - * Surprise inspections to check teaching practices, faculty placement and infrastructure availability
 - * Strong regulations for promoting nursing and midwifery. professionalizing the nursing and midwifery services and upholding the dignity and honour of the profession.
 - * Addressing gender and human rights issues for ensuring safety and security of nursing human power

- Guidelines for coordination between the functioning of the SNC and INC
- Strict Norms to check large-scale mushrooming of private institutions
- The Registrar of state nursing councils to be only a nursing professional.
- Transparency and openness among the councils and the associations
- Re-registration to be made mandatory, and CNE to be made a pre-requisite for re-registration



5. Networking, partnership and advocacy at the national and international levels:

- * Networking & partnership with various nursing associations/bodies both at national & international level for bringing about systematic and strategic changes as required.
- * Advocacy and sharing best practices though regular symposiums/workshops etc.

- TNAI /professional bodies/associations to take the lead to develop partnership and collaboration at national and international level.
- Research/advocacy given preference, to be promoted at the national and international level through interinstitutional collaboration.



6. Human resources management issues

- * Revised selection and recruitment norms.
- * Revised norms for Nurse/ Bed Ratio to reduce the workload and burnout
- * Transfer and Placement Policy.
- * Merit to be considered for Promotions.
- * Career Graph to be streamlined.
- * Clear cut job profile

- HR policy
- Training policy
- HR mapping of nursing professionals
- Uniformity in the pay scale between the teaching and the service delivery



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