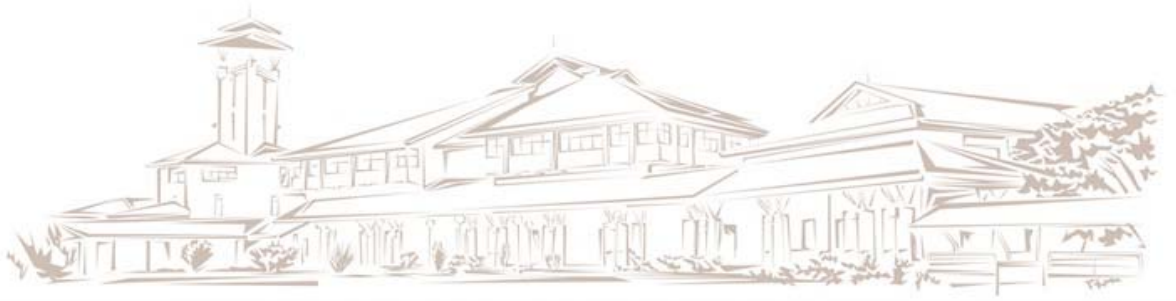


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Inter-economic group marriages and health status of (ever) married women in India

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