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Government launches new free contraceptives

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Government has launched two new free contraceptives, an injectable drug and a pill, expanding the basket of choices for the country's population to meet their family planning needs.

The contraceptives, which are available for free in medical colleges and district hospitals at present, have so far been launched in ten states- Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Haryana, West Bengal, Odisha, Delhi and Goa.

The contraceptives are safe and highly effective. The Antara injectable being effective for three months and the Chayya pill for one week, will help meet the changing needs of couples and help women plan and space their pregnancies.

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The mission is being implemented in 146 high focus districts that house 44 per cent of the country's population, with the highest total fertility rates in the country.

These districts are in the seven states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Assam.

Training of healthcare practitioners from all the states has been completed as well, with a pool of state and district level doctors and staff nurses being trained to support the roll-out.