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- Newborns in developing countries are 10 times more likely to die than newborns in industrialized countries
- Average world child mortality rate in 60 years or so from now will be 10 per 1000, if the current rates of progress are maintained
- The number of under-five deaths caused due to pneumonia every year amounts to 2 million children
- The number of newborns who perish in the first 28 days of life each year is around 4 million.
- The number of priority countries that reported on having achieved 80 per cent vitamin A coverage with two doses totalled 32 in 2007 (DevInfo)
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