



Significant Improvement in Sex Ratio in Bihar: NFHS-5

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According to the National Family Survey-5 released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on November 24, 2021, there has been a significant improvement in the sex ratio of Bihar. It has increased from 1062 in 2015-16 survey (NFHS-4) to 1090.

Key Points

- The sex ratio (number of females per thousand males) in Bihar has increased to 1090 from 1062 in the last survey.
- While the sex ratio of urban areas of Bihar is only 982, the sex ratio of rural areas is 1111.
- According to the survey, the literacy rate among women in the age group of 15-49 in Bihar is only 55 percent, which is a cause for concern.
- The infant mortality rate in Bihar has come down to 46.8 (per thousand) from 48.1 in the previous survey.
- There has been tremendous improvement in the matter of family planning in Bihar. According to NFHS-4, only 24.1 percent of women in the age group of 15-49 years of Bihar had done family planning, which has increased to 55.8 percent in NFHS-5.
- On the other hand, 63.5 percent of women aged 15-49 in Bihar are victims of anemia, which was 60.3 percent in the last survey.
- The total fertility rate in Bihar has also come down to 3.0 (child/female) from 3.4 in the previous survey.