



Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme

For Prelims: Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme, One-Stop Centres

For Mains: Rights of the girl child, related issues and steps needs to be taken

Why in News?

According to recent guidelines issued by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme** will be extended to all Districts.

What are the Guidelines?

- The ministry has now **targeted improvement in the [Sex Ratio at Birth \(SRB\)](#) by 2 points every year**, improvement in the percentage of [institutional deliveries](#) at 95% or above.
- **Increasing girls' participation in sports** by identifying talent and linking them with appropriate authorities under '[Khelo India](#)'.
- Promoting self-defence camps, construction of girls' toilets, making available sanitary napkin vending machines and sanitary pads, especially in educational institutions, awareness about [PC-PNDT \(Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques\) Act 1994, etc.](#)
 - **PC-PNDT act** aims to **ban the use of sex selection techniques** before or after conception and **prevent the misuse of a prenatal diagnostic technique** for sex-selective abortion.
- **Zero-budget advertising and encouraging greater spend on activities that have on-ground impact.**
 - In 2021 parliamentary committee on empowerment of women in [its report](#) stated that nearly 80 % funds for the BBBP scheme **has been used for advertising, and not on sectoral interventions such as women's health and education.**
- Strengthen [One-Stop Centres \(OSCs\)](#), set up to help women facing violence, including domestic violence and trafficking, by adding 300 OSCs in districts which either have a high rate of crimes against women or are geographically large, preferably in [aspirational districts](#).

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■ Additional 300 One-Stop Centres to be set up; existing centres to be upgraded

■ Govt to introduce free day-care crèche facilities through Palna

■ Half-Way Homes to be set up under Anti-

Trafficking Units, where a group of victims, ready for reintegration, can live and work out of

■ Hubs for empowerment of women to be set up at Central, states and districts levels to merge and monitor schemes

What is BBBP?

■ About:

- It was launched in January 2015 with the aim to address sex selective abortion and the declining child sex ratio which was at 918 girls for every 1,000 boys in 2011.
- This is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- The programme is being implemented across 405 districts in the country.

■ Main Objectives:

- Prevention of gender-biased sex-selective elimination.
- Ensuring survival & protection of the girl child.
- Ensuring education and participation of the girl child.
- Protecting rights of Girl children.

■ Performance Analysis:

◦ Sex Ratio at Birth:

- **Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB)** has improved by 16 points from 918 (2014-15) to 934 (2019-20), as per the [Health Management Information System \(HMIS\) data](#).

• Notable Examples (Districts):

- Mau (Uttar Pradesh) from 694 (2014-15) to 951 (2019-20),
- Karnal (Haryana) from 758 (2014-15) to 898 (2019-20),
- Mahendergarh (Haryana) from 791 (2014-15) to 919 (2019-20), etc.

◦ Health:

- **ANC Registration:** Percentage of 1st Trimester ANC (AnteNatal Care) Registration has shown an improving trend from 61% in 2014-15 to 71% in 2019-20.
- **Institutional Deliveries:** Percentage of Institutional Deliveries has shown an improving trend from 87% in 2014-15 to 94% in 2019-20.

◦ Education:

- **Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER):** GER of girls in the schools at secondary level has improved from 77.45 (2014-15) to 81.32 (2018-19) as per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) provisional data.
- **Toilet for girls:** Percentage of schools with functional separate toilets for girls has shown improvement from 92.1% in 2014-15 to 95.1% in 2018-19.

◦ Attitudinal Change:

- The BBBP scheme has been able to bring the focus on important issue of female infanticide, lack of education amongst girls and deprivation of their rights on a life cycle continuum.
- Betijanmotsav is one of the key programmes celebrated in each district.

What are the Related Initiatives?

- [Beti Bachao Beti Padhao](#)
- [Sukanya Samridhi Yojana](#)
- [CBSE Udaan Scheme](#)
- [National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education](#)
- [National Girl Child Day](#)
- [Scheme for Adolescent Girls](#)
- [Sukanya Samridhi Yojana](#)

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