Performance of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme

Why in News

The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme has recently completed 6 years of its launch in 2015. On the occasion of National Girl Child Day (24th January), the performance of BBBP scheme was discussed.

- The National Girl Child Day was started by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in 2008.

Key Points

- About the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme:
  - **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 child.
  - **Multisectoral Nationwide Campaign:**
    - BBBP is a national campaign and focussed multisectoral action in 100 selected districts low in Child Sex Ratio (CSR), covering all States and UTs.
    - 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.
  - **Performance of BBBP Scheme:**
    - **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.
      - Out of 640 districts covered under BBBP, 422 districts have shown improvement in SRB from 2014-15 to 2018-2019.
      - Notable Examples:
        - 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.

• **Other Initiatives for Girl Children:**

  ○ **UJJAWALA:** To tackle the problem of trafficking, it is a Comprehensive Scheme for Prevention of Trafficking and Rescue, Rehabilitation and Re-Integration of Victims of Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation.
  ○ **Kishore Health Card:** To record the information about the weight, height, Body Mass Index (BMI) of Adolescent Girls (AGs). These health cards for AGs are maintained at the AnganWadi centres (AWCs).
  ○ **Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG).**
  ○ **Sukanya Samridhi Yojana,** etc.

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