



Efforts to Curb Female Foeticide in Haryana

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A meeting was conducted by the Haryana government **to intensify efforts to curb [female foeticide](#) and strengthen measures under the flagship '[Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao](#)' campaign.**

Key Points

- **Formation of District-Level Committees:**
 - District-level standing committees have been constituted, headed by Deputy Commissioners (DCs) with Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) acting as member secretaries.
 - These committees are responsible for tighter monitoring and better coordination **aimed at improving the state's [sex ratio](#).**
- **Regular Monitoring and Inspections:**
 - Committees will hold **weekly meetings** to:
 - Review reports on the sale of [Medical Termination of Pregnancy \(MTP\)](#) kits.
 - Inspect ultrasound centres to prevent illegal [sex determination](#).
 - Formulate strategies to curb female foeticide.
- **Legal Actions and Disciplinary Measures:**
 - Doctors found involved in sex-selective abortions face **stringent disciplinary action**, including cancellation of medical licenses by the Haryana Medical Council.
 - [First Information Report \(FIR\)](#) are actively being filed against offenders, and illegal centres are being sealed.
 - All abortions beyond 12 weeks, especially when the couple already has daughters, will be **thoroughly investigated** by civil surgeons.
- **Early Pregnancy Registration:** The health department has been instructed to ensure Antenatal Care (ANC) registration of every pregnancy before 10 weeks for early tracking and support.
- **Personalized Support through 'Sahelis':** Pregnant women with one or more female children are assigned [ASHA or Anganwadi workers](#) as 'sahelis' (friends) for counseling and monitoring.
 - Disciplinary action will be **taken** against any ASHA or Anganwadi worker found negligent or complicit in illegal abortions.
- **Awareness and Community Engagement:**
 - District administrations will expand **Information, Education, and Communication (IEC)** campaigns.
 - **Religious** and community leaders will be involved to promote gender equality and the value of girl children.

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Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme

- It was launched in January 2015 to combat sex-selective abortion and improve the declining [child sex ratio](#) (918 girls per 1,000 boys in 2011).
- The scheme is a joint initiative of the Ministries of Women and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare, and Human Resource Development.
- Implemented across 405 districts, its **main objectives are to prevent gender-biased sex selection**, ensure the survival and protection of girls, promote their [education](#) and participation, and safeguard their rights.

Other Related Government Schemes

- [Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Pariwar Utthan Yojana](#)
- [National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education](#)
- [National Girl Child Day](#)
- [Scheme for Adolescent Girls](#)
- [Sukanya Samridhi Yojana](#)

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