



Palwal: Top Spot in Child Birth Sex Ratio

Why in News?

According to a report of the **Health Department, Palwal district** ranked first in having the **best [child birth sex ratio](#) of 946 girls against 1,000 boys** in the state for the year 2023.

- 25 villages in the district have achieved 1,000 or higher child birth sex ratio.

Key Points

- The **district was ranked at 12th position in 2022**. Deputy Commissioner received the cash reward of Rs 5 lakh at a function held in Panchkula under the [Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign](#).
- The district recorded a total of 28,989 births between January and December 2023.
- The number of girl children born during this period was 14,090 against the birth of 14,899 boys making the average sex ratio touch the figure of 946 for the first time.
- **Panchkula and Fatehabad got the second and third position**, respectively, with a ratio of 942 and 934.
- While **Nuh and Gurugram remained at fourth and fifth position, Rohtak was placed at the bottom** with a figure of just 883 in 2023.
- Palwal's neighbouring district of **Faridabad got the 16th spot** with a ratio of 906 in 2023.
- The **state average child sex ratio was 906 in 2023**.
 - The child sex ratio is calculated as the number of girls per 1000 boys in the 0-6 years age group.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Campaign

- 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**.