

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 <u>National Girl Child Day</u> (**24**th **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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