



## Revised Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme

**For Prelims:** Govt schemes for Womens and Girls, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme (BBBP), Women in STEM, STEM, Ministry of Women & Child Development (MW&CD)

**For Mains:** Non-traditional livelihoods for Girls, Girls in STEM, Women related issues, Women and Atmanirbhar Bharat

### Why in News?

The Central Government, expanding the mandate of its flagship scheme - '[Beti Bachao Beti Padhao](#)' (**BBBP Scheme**) announced the inclusion of skilling of girls in **non-traditional livelihood (NTL)** options.

- At the **national conference on skilling in non-traditional livelihoods for girls**, Ministries of Women and Child Development MW&CD emphasises the importance of convergence between various departments for providing quality education to empower girls.

### What is BBBP Scheme?

- **About:**
  - The Scheme was **launched** by Prime Minister on **January 22, 2015** to **addresses the declining [Child Sex Ratio](#) (CSR)** and related issues of women's empowerment over a life-cycle continuum.
  - It is a **Tri-ministerial effort** of the Ministries of Women and Child Development (MW&CD), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (**MH&FW**), and **Ministry of Education**.
- **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.
- **Innovative Interventions under BBBP:** Innovations that have created a positive ecosystem/ enabling environment for girls include:
  - **Guddi-Gudda Boards:** (Display of Birth Statistics (number of Girls born vis-à-vis number of Boys) in public). Example: Jalgaon district, Maharashtra has installed digital Guddi-Gudda Display Boards.
  - **Breaking Gender Stereotypes & Challenging Son-centric Rituals:** Celebration of birth of the girl child, dedicating special day on value of girl child, **plantation drives** symbolizing nurturing and care for girl child. Example: Cuddalore (Tamil Nadu), Selfie with Daughters (Jind district, Haryana).

### What are the New Changes in the BBBP Scheme?

- Some of the new aims in the revised BBBP scheme include:
  - **Ensuring 1% increment in enrolment at the secondary level** particularly in **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) subjects**.
  - Skilling of girls and women every year (mainly in non-traditional livelihoods)
  - Raising awareness about **safe menstrual hygiene**
  - Promulgating **elimination of child marriages**
- Other Changes to the Scheme:
  - The MW&CD also emphasised the convergence between various departments for providing quality education (including vocational) to empower girls.
  - A MoU was signed between the MW&CD and Ministries Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and Minority Affairs to **ensure adolescents complete their education, build skills, and enter the workforce** in a diverse range of professions.
  - A national committee headed by the Secretary of MW&CD, formed under the larger **Mission Shakti** will review the implementation of the BBBP scheme with states and UTs.

## What are the Other Initiatives to Support Girl Children?

- **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**

## What are Non-Traditional Livelihoods (NTL)?

- “Non-Traditional Livelihoods” (NTLs) – sectors and jobs where participation of women is and has historically been conventionally low or absent. Like STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) subjects due to gender-based categorization of the work, in the society.

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

### **Mains**

**Q.** What are the continued challenges for Women in India against time and space? **(2019)**

**Q.** Women empowerment in India needs gender budgeting. What are the requirements and status of gender budgeting in the Indian context? **(2016)**

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