



Drop in Sex Ratio in Haryana

Why in News?

9 out of 22 districts of **Haryana recorded a drop in [Sex Ratio at Birth \(SRB\)](#)**. Though the state's overall SRB remained consistent at 916 (the national SRB is 933).

- **Gurgaon**, on the other hand, recorded a rise from **925 in 2022 to 928 in 2023**.

Key Points

- Northern and central districts such as **Sirsa, Fatehabad, Sonapat, Yamunanagar, Hisar, Bhiwani, Rohtak, Jind and Charkhi Dadri** saw a fall in the number of girls born.
- Since the 2011 Census, **the gap between boys and girls in Haryana has been a cause for concern**. The state's sex ratio at birth of 834 is the lowest in the country, which led to the state launching a stringent crackdown against **[female foeticide](#)**.
- In 2015, '**[Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao](#)**' was launched with the Centre's support to bring about social change.
 - In 2015, from 876, the state's sex ratio at birth climbed to 900 in 2016, followed by 914 in 2017.
 - It remained the same in 2018 but improved to 923 in 2019.
 - After that, it saw a dip again from 922 in 2020 to 914 in 2021.
 - At 916, the SRB showed a slight improvement in 2022 and continued to stay in the same mark 2023 as well.
- According to the officials, a total of **17 cases were filed under the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC-PNDT) Act, 1994**.
 - Around **2,387 raids** were conducted **on clinics carrying out sex determination tests** in the last five years across the state. Out of these, 487 raids were in other states.
 - A total of **1,376 [First Information Reports \(FIR\)](#)** were also registered **for sex determination and use of medical termination of pregnancy kits** across Haryana.
- The government needs to further strengthen the PCPNDT Act and should take strong legal action against illegal abortions.
- It is essential to organize awareness campaigns. **The key is to conduct these initiatives and regularly monitor the progress.**

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STATE'S SRB STILL BELOW NAT'L AVERAGE

- > Sex ratio at birth (SRB) is the **number of girls born per 1,000 boys**
- > Haryana's SRB had been a cause for concern **since 2011**, when the Census showed that the state's SRB of **834** was the **lowest** in the country
- > But the numbers have seen an improvement **since 2015**



HOW HARYANA DISTRICTS PERFORMED LAST YEAR

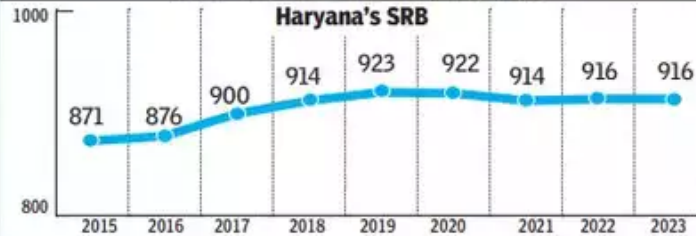
Top 5

District	SRB
Palwal	946
Panchkula	942
Fatehabad	934
Nuh	932
Gurgaon	928

Bottom 5

Rohtak	883
Mahendergarh	887
Sonipat	894
Charkhi Dadri	897
Rewari	897

How State Has Fared Over The Years



City Sees Rise From Prev Year

