



# Women in Haryana Assembly

## Why in News?

Recently, the upcoming Haryana Assembly elections highlighted the **persistent gender disparity** in political representation, reflecting the state's historical gender imbalance.

## Key Points

- **Women in Haryana Politics:**
  - Since Haryana's formation in **1966**, only 87 women have been elected to the Assembly.
  - The state has never had a female chief minister.
  - Haryana's gender ratio remains skewed at **916 females per 1,000 males (2023)**.
  - Since **2000**, **47 women legislators** have been elected in Haryana.
  - In **2014**, **13 women won seats**, the highest number ever. This dropped to 9 in 2019.
- **33% Reservation for Women:** The Bill granting reservation to women in Parliament and assemblies, passed recently, will take effect from 2029.
- **Notable Women Contesting in 2024:**
  - **Arti Singh Rao** : Daughter of Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh, contesting from Ateli.
  - **Shruti Chaudhary**: Granddaughter of former CM Bansi Lal, contesting from Tosham.
  - **Geeta Bhukkal** : Four-time MLA and former education minister.
  - **Vinesh Phogat** : Wrestling icon, contesting from Julana.
  - **Savitri Jindal**: Asia's richest woman, contesting as an Independent from Hisar.
  - **Chitra Sarwara**: Contesting independently from Ambala Cantonment after being denied a Congress ticket.

## Women's Reservation Act, 2023

- The [Constitution \(106th Amendment\) Act, 2023](#) reserves one-third of all seats for women in [Lok Sabha](#), [State legislative assemblies](#), and the Legislative Assembly of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, including those reserved for [SCs and STs](#).
- The reservation will be effective after the publication of the census conducted following the Act's commencement and endures for a 15-year period, with potential extension determined by parliamentary action.
- The rotation of seats allocated for women will be governed by parliamentary legislation after each [delimitation process](#).
  - Currently, around **15% of the total members of the 17th Lok Sabha (2019-2024) are women** while in state legislative assemblies, women on average constitute 9% of the total members.