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## CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF GIRL CHILD EDUCATION ON PANDEMIC (COVID19) IN INDIA AN EXPLORATORY STUDY

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### ABSTRACT

Girls' education could be a massive chance for India to be developed socially and economically. Educated girls' area unit the weapons UN agency yield positive impact on the Indian society through their contribution reception and skilled fields. They're the explanation of improved economy within the country also as society. to coach women is to guide the thanks to prosperity. The pandemic has hit young girls significantly exhausting, As they're stuck in limbo relating to their academic prospects — consistent with some estimates, the pandemic may cause 10 million Gymnasium girls in Indian nation to drop out.

It's the simplest thanks to scale back inequalities and build communities. when we educate girls we con jointly take a step towards reducing economic condition. however round the world girl, children face discrimination in numerous forms. Girls don't receive adequate nutrition; they need less or no access to tending and there's an enormous gap within the education for girls.

**Keywords:** Education, Gender Equality, Psychological State, Pandemic Impact, Prosperity and Property.

### Introduction

Education is one in every of the foremost important suggests that for empowering a personal or community normally, and women and girls especially. Level of instructional attainment and attainment rate area unit indicators of general development of any society. Gender equality and authorisation of women area unit indispensable for achieving prosperity and property development. The corona virus pandemic has caused a devastating health crisis in Indian nation leading to food shortages, school closures, and a loss of financial gain for daily wage earners and low-income households. Marginalized populations are disproportionately suffering from the pandemic, that has wedged their safety, psychological state, normal of living, and overall likelihood of social quality.

Since Independence, Bharat has adopted many various ways and methods for national, social, economic and political development. The scenario and standing of women conjointly has improved.

India continues to be removed from achieving gender equality and its skew sex quantitative relation of 940 females per a thousand males bears witness to the current reality. a girl child in India is commonly seen as a liability, a 'burden' to expire. Given the prevailing influence of patriarchic values, right from their birth, tons many girls bear the force of gender difference, gender stereotypes and area unit treated inferiorly, as compared to boys.

### Significance of girl child Education

Education could be a boon for women during this age of economic crises. In today's time, it's very troublesome to satisfy each the ends in an exceedingly upper-middle-class family. when the wedding, an informed girl will work and facilitate her husband in bearing the expenses of the family. she will conjointly earn if just in case her husband expires and there's no hand within the family. Education conjointly broadens the thought of the women; therefore, it helps within the sensible upbringing of her kids. It conjointly provides her the liberty of thought to determine what best is there for her and therefore the family.

Education helps a girl become economically freelance whereas she is aware of her rights and women empowerment that helps her to fight against the matter of gender difference.

### Review of Literature

Studies have shown that educating girls not solely edges the girls and their families however conjointly creates a lot of stable communities, improves the economy, and aids in reducing impoverishment. In India alone, investing in girls' education could lead to a 10% increase in GDP over the next 10 years as every \$1 spent on girls' rights and education would generate a \$2.80 return. That said, the urgency of training the girls can't be reasoned entirely in financial terms. The Indian government's inadequacy in totally providing support to vulnerable feminine populations to access education may be a violation of the correct to Education as enshrined within the Indian constitution



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In our country, many of us are unaware of however the education of the girl will rework lives for the higher. It's a tragic state of affairs once folks across socio-economic strata assume that finance during a girl child's education could be a waste of cash. The very fact that they might rather justify defrayal on their daughter's wedding expenses or gift rather than their education is even additional discouraging. Early education may be instrumental in shaping the society towards progress. Once a woman is educated, she is empowered. She will create choices for herself, raise the quality of living for her family and kids, generate additional employment choices and reform the society as an entire. Therefore, a modification within the attitude towards girl education in India is that the want of the hour. Each girl should be treated equally amorously and respect.

### Need of the study

A variety of things already deter girls in Indian nation from going to school, particularly people who come back from rural areas and low-income communities. The pandemic has exacerbated the hurdles these girls face additionally to exacerbating general favoritism. In India, the education of a boy is taken into account a lot of valuable, because the son can continually stay a part of the family. Moreover, girls are expected to require care of the menage by change of state and cleanup and seen as inferior to boys. Girls are expected to be told domestic skills in preparation for wedding so they'll watch out of their husband and future youngsters. Since a female offspring can leave the menage once wedding and become a part of another family, educating a woman kid is usually seen as associate degree supererogatory burden — folks receive a lot of come back on investment within the education of their son.

No matter however gifted and impressive she is, the girl child typically receives the shorter finish of the stick. In concern of exploitation and abuse, many girls aren't sent to high school and unbroken reception solely to be married off early. And though she isn't married off, the jeune fille continues to be denied a worthy education, quality tending, employment opportunities and equal rights that a boy simply gets. Whereas some women manage to 'escape' from the shackles and check out to create a bright future, most resign to their unwell fate.

### Advantages of Women Education in India

There are a unit ton of benefits concerned within the education of girls. A learned and big up women will play a very important role within the development of the country. An informed girl will share the load and burden of the boys in numerous fields. A learned girl if not forced to marry in her early age, will function author, teacher, advocate, doctor, and mortal. She will perform okay in different vital fields too.

Girl education in India is needed for the longer term of the country as women's area unit the first lecturers of their children UNESCO area unit the longer term of the state. Uneducated women cannot dynamically contribute in managing the family and take correct care of the kids and therefore lead to a weak future generation. There are a unit various blessings of girl education. A number of the highest one's area unit mentioned as under:

- Educated women area unit a lot of able to influence their future.
- Educated women area unit able to scale back economic condition by operating and being economically sturdy.
- Educated women have Low risk of kid mortality.
- Educated women area unit five hundredth a lot of probably to possess their kid immunised.
- Educated women area unit less probably to be taken advantage of and fewer probably to contact HIV/AIDS.
- Educated women area unit less probably to become victims of domestic or sex offense.
- Educated women scale back corruption and alter the conditions that cause terrorist act.
- Educated women area unit higher operational to contribute to the family earnings.
- Educated women area unit healthier and have a tendency to possess larger vanity and assurance.
- Educated women facilitate contribute and prosper their community.
- Women UNESCO area unit educated see the potential and want to market education in others.

Educated women will, no doubt, handle her family a lot of expeditiously. She will create every family associate responsible by impartation sensible qualities in kids. She will participate within the social workings and this will be an excellent contribution towards the socioeconomic healthy nation.

By educating a person, solely a region of the state would be educated but by educating a lady, the full country are often educated. Lack of girls' education weakens the potent part of the society. So, girls ought to have full rights for the education and may not be treated inferior to men.



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## Challenges to Girl Child Education Gender Discrimination in India

Girls in India face discrimination each within their homes and out of doors in their communities. difference in India suggests that unequal opportunities for girls. India is that the solely country within the world wherever the mortality of girls under- five years exceeds that of boys. \* Girls are inspired and additionally engaged additional in unit work and drop out of faculty at an early age. Most of the time their movements ar restricted to urge an education and interact in social exchanges.

### Poverty

Poverty and gender-based preference are two of the most challenges that impact girl education. girls are forced to remain reception or interact in daily wage labor to contribute to the financial gain of the house. According to a UN report, each year over 1.5 million girls in India ar married before they flip 18. they're not allowed to travel to high school when wedding. Eventually, these young girls become mothers at an early age that has adverse effects on the health of each mother and child.

### Distance from Home

Even though 80 % of colleges in India within the country's villages, most of them are non-functional. there's a severe lack of academics, correct teaching-learning facilities, and infrastructure. Girls in rural areas usually ought to walk an extended distance to succeed in college during a completely different village or town. because of worry of harassment and violence against girls, most folks value more highly to not send their girls to high school.

### Lack of bogs in faculties

In developing countries like India, an absence of separate bogs for girls and boys is one in all the highest barriers to education. Adolescent girls oft miss college because of hygiene-related issues and eventually drop out. faculties don't give sanitary napkins because of extreme taboo which regularly cause girls of ill age dropping by the wayside of faculty.

Education is an important a part of a living being, whether or not it's a boy or a girl. Education helps a personal to be smarter, to be told new things and to grasp concerning the facts of the planet. Education plays one in all the foremost necessary roles in women empowerment. It additionally helps to place a stop to discrimination supported gender. Education is that the start to grant girls the facility to decide on the means of life she desires to steer.

Education helps girls to be additional productive in her work. A knowledgeable lady has the talents, info, talent, and self-assurance that she needs to be a superior mother, employee, and resident. girls represent virtually 0.5 the population of our country. Men and women are like 2 sides of the coin and want identical chance to contribute to the country's development. One cannot survive while not the opposite. Here are essays of varied lengths on lady Education to assist you with the subject in your communicating. you'll choose any lady Education essay per you want.

### Pandemic impact on girl child Education

Most significantly, the Indian government ought to give a right away and concise arrange on school re-openings further as give internet-connected devices to schools across the country. This can aid in providing a sleek transition for all students, particularly girls, as they come to continue their education.

- The impact of COVID-19 on children's education has been profound.
- At gift, thirty 8 million children's worldwide, ar entirely lacking schooling. The consequences of this lack of schooling are extensive for the foremost vulnerable.
- To mobilize and support learning continuity, UNESCO has established the worldwide Education Coalition for the tip goal of protective the proper to education.

While the COVID-19 crisis has for the most part spared children from its devastating health effects, its impact on their education has been profound. the consequences of school closures are extensive, and for the foremost vulnerable childrens the negative impacts are womb-to-tomb.

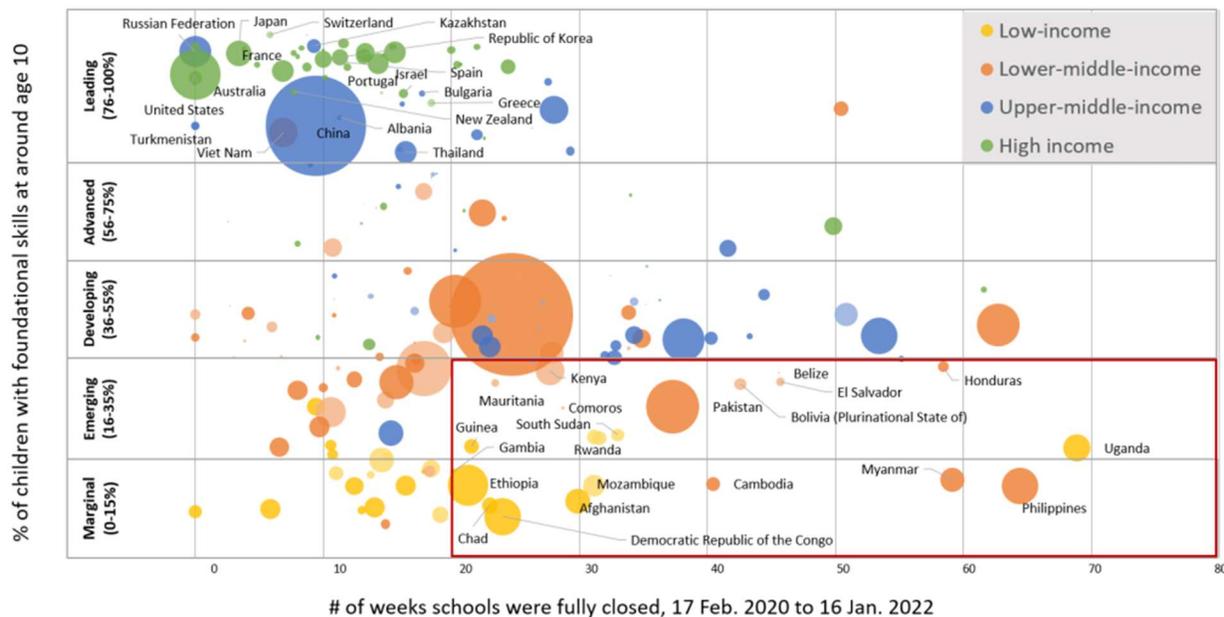
The disruptions COVID-19 have generated accompany a steep price. At present, 38 million children's worldwide, ar entirely lacking schooling. Since the onset of the pandemic, children round the world have lost associate degree calculable 1.8 trillion hours of in-person learning.



One hundred and thirty-one million students starting from pre-primary (ages 3 through 6) to higher secondary (ages 14 through 18) education in 11 countries absolutely lost a minimum of 3 quarters of room instruction time from March 2020 to Sep 2021

- The full extent of the impact of school closures on learning remains unknown; but, nearly seventieth of ten-year-olds in low-and-middle-income countries might be unable to browse an easy story.
- The prices of closing schools outweigh the risks of keeping them open, write the authors, and COVID-19 mitigation measures like ventilation and masks will facilitate.
- Consolidating the info and increasing the potency of instruction ar very important ways that to support learning recovery.

We are heading toward the one centesimal week of education disruption round the world. On average, every country has older twenty weeks of full school closures, and another twenty weeks of partial closures. School children have lost associate degree calculable a pair of trillion hours – and investigating – of in-person instruction since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and sequent lockdowns.



School closures tended to be longer in low- and middle-income countries.

Image: UNICEF calculation based on data from UNESCO Global Monitoring of School Closures, UNICEF MICS Foundational Learning Skills Module, and the World Bank Learning Poverty Index

In anticipation of the International Day of Education on Jan 24, UNESCO, United Nations Children's Fund and therefore the UNESCO co-hosted the webinar Mission: convalescent Education - what's required to avoid losing a generation. The event targeted on the importance of keeping schools open and supporting learning recovery, because the extremely contagious letter variant spreads round the globe, adding pressure on education officers to shut schools all over again.

Girls also are less possible to possess access to technology for remote learning. In Bihar, a state that has one in all the very best impoverishment rates in Indian nation, simply 28%h of girls according having access to a phone compared to one year of boys. consistent with a study undertaken by the Malala Fund, that took sample populations from the 5 states of of Assam, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, and Delhi, in, 71% of cases, phones are closely-held by a male family member. This will hinder girls' access to phones as they'll be hesitant to raise their male relations. Male relations usually hold the authority reception and so have the facility to limit or deter girls' phone usage. solely 26% of girls aforesaid that they may access the phone gift within the menage whenever they needed to, compared to 37% of boys.

On a bigger scale, solely 23% of Indian households have access to the web for remote learning. Although the Indian government has reported telecasting curriculum-based lessons for free on TV in Bihar, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, and Telangana, only 11% of the 3,176 children surveyed across these regions reported accessing these. This hurdle is combined by girls already having diminished access to technology. Technology disparities will have a permanent impact on girls continued their education, and remote learning has created



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education for girls from marginalized communities even a lot of inaccessible. There's a desperate want for the Bureau of Indian Education to bridge the technology gap and enact policies to support faculties across the country by distributing technological devices among students United Nations agency don't have them.

### Role of Government of Andhra Pradesh

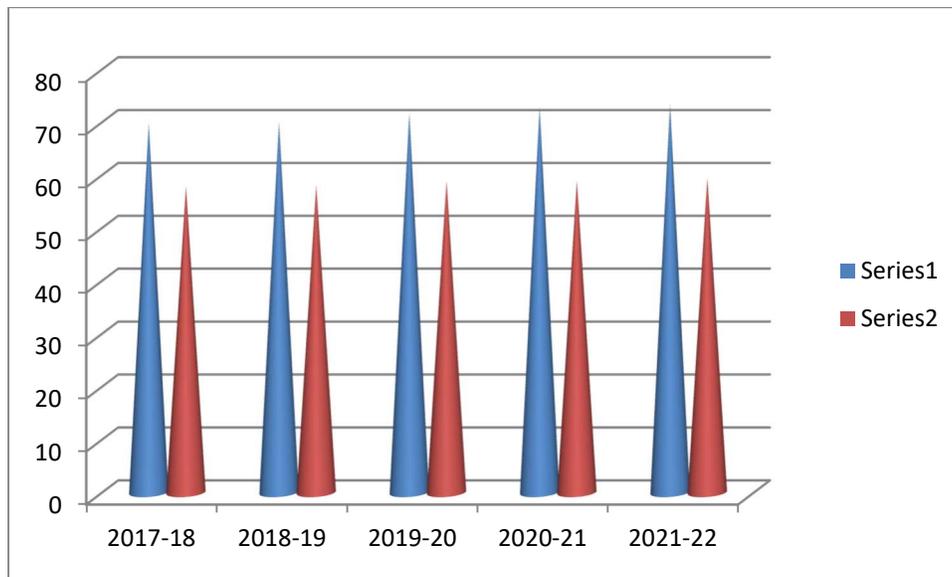
As per the 80th spherical unit survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organization from 2017-18 to 2021-22, Andhra Pradesh with a skill rate of 66.4% has been graded the worst among all Indian states. however, the numbers solely replicate a putting gender inequality and difference in achieving feminine skill.

There is a close to Bastille Day distinction between the male (73.4%) and feminine (59.5%) skill rates as per the survey. it's additional worse with 53.4% skill rate among rural ladies. However, a similar information highlighted the bit-by-bit shrinking gap within the entrance quantitative relation within the young cohort, indicating a reducing gender gap and ever-changing perceptions towards girl child education. Older adults, still being a majority of the population, continuing to spotlight the skill gap.

Overall Rural Literacy in Andhra Pradesh: 60.4 per cent

Year	Male	Female
2017-18	62.6	49.4
2018-19	63.9	51.7
2019-20	64.8	52.1
2020-21	66.9	53.1
2021-22	67.5	53.4

Source: As per NSSO survey



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### Interpretation

The above graph shows that Overall Rural Literacy in Andhra Pradesh 60.4% to the statement and similarly in Male Education Percentage are enhanced from 2017-18 to 2021-22 a small number of 5.1%. And at that same time the female Education percentage 4% only.



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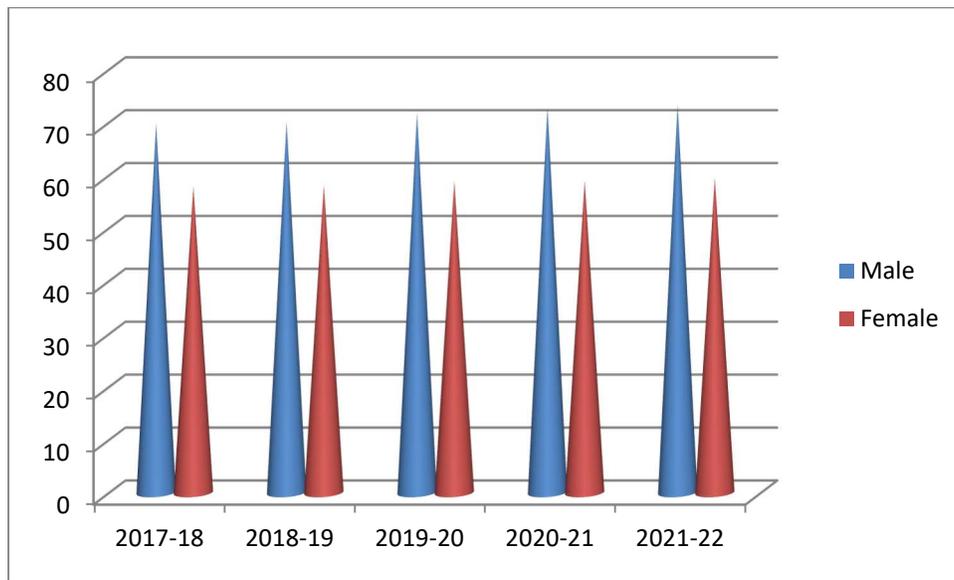


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Overall Urban Literacy in Andhra Pradesh: 73.4 per cent

Year	Male	Female
2017-18	79.8	69.8
2018-19	80.8	70.7
2019-20	83.4	71.3
2020-21	84.9	72.5
2021-22	86.3	73.1

Source: As per NSSO survey



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Overall Literacy in Andhra Pradesh: 66.4 per cent

Year	Male	Female
2017-18	69.8	57.9
2018-19	70.1	58.1
2019-20	71.8	58.9
2020-21	72.9	59
2021-22	73.4	59.5

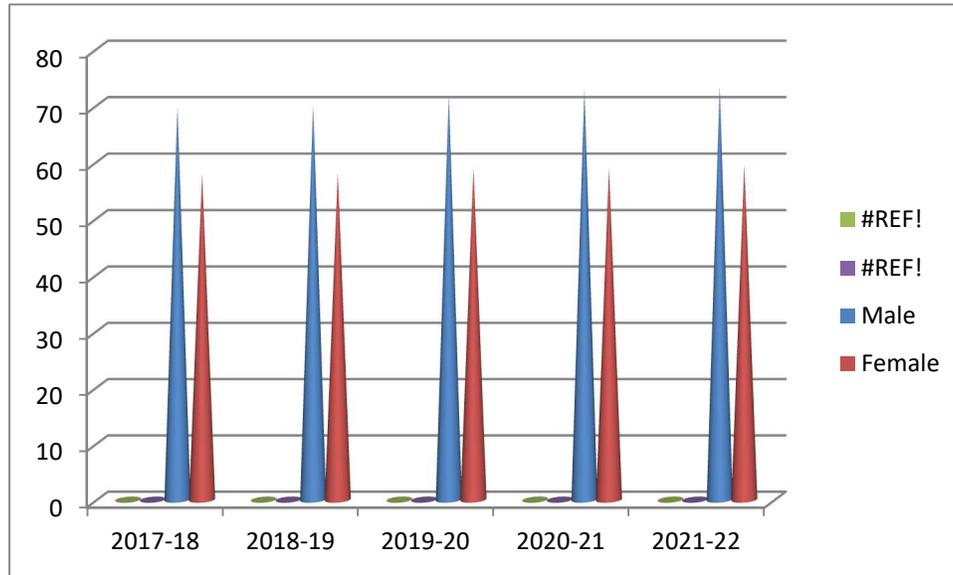
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### Role of Indian Government for Development of Girl Child Education

The Indian government has been creating persistent efforts to boost the standing of the girl within the society furthermore as incentivize her education through numerous schemes and programs. These have sure enough contributed to girls' education to an extent nevertheless plenty additional has to be in serious trouble girls to be really treated as adequate boys.

Girls' education has conjointly been negatively suffering from the recent Union budget conferred by the Indian government. The budget for education has seen a 6% cut from the previous year. Furthermore, the funding for the National Scheme for Incentives to Girls for Secondary Education decreased from 1.3 million dollars in 2020-21 to just 136,000 dollars in 2021-22, at a time when funding is needed the most. These cuts in funding can directly impact girls in rural areas and therefore the girls from marginalized communities United Nations agency were the direct recipients of those schemes. The digital divide and the need for digital infrastructure for schooling was also not addressed by the budget. The Indian government features a responsibility to revise the budget to cut back the prevailing inequalities moving girls across the country.

The Indian government ought to enact community-specific solutions by observing the native wants of every community experiencing a high population of feminine children not collaborating in remote learning. to boot, partnering with community non-profit organizations that perceive the cultural norms of specific regions and back to highschool campaigns may persuade folks to permit their daughters to partake in remote learning and continue their education.

### Government Schemes for Girl Child

This list of schemes given below is accessible for state Schemes for girl of a rustic for the year 2022

- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana
- Balika Samridhi Yojana
- Mukhyamantri Rajshri Yojana
- Mukhyamantri Laadli Yojana
- Kanya Sumangla Yojana
- Mazi Kanya Bhagyashree theme
- Nanda Hindu deity Kanya Yojana



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- Mukhyamantri Kanya Suraksha Yojana
- CBSE Scholarship theme

**“Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana” advantages Success 2020-21 – AN Initiative for a more robust tomorrow.**

From the statistics accessible from the Census, 2011, there has been discovered a substantial downward trend in kid Sex magnitude relation (CSR). within the people of 0-6 years, 918 girls were according per one thousand boys. This has registered a steep decline over the years. In 1961, as per Census reports, there have been 976 girls per 1,000 boys. In 2001, this Child Sex magnitude relation was reduced to 927 girls per one thousand boys. succeeding 10 years, i.e., in 2011, witnessed additional decline with 918 girls solely per 1,000 boys.

This was preoccupied as a matter of grave concern by the Govt of India because the declining range of feminine youngsters indicated the position of ladies in society. Out of the 640 districts wherever the child Sex quantitative relation sampling was done, 420 districts showed a steep decline within the range of the girl child. This was regarding simple fraction of the country or regarding 66 of the samples recorded. Also, there have been 244 districts in of India that registered a CSR below the national average of 918.

The numbers mirrored the unhappy state of affairs of Indian society. The Government set to initiate welfare measures to not solely bring awareness among the Indian lots however additionally encourage and celebrate the girl child in India.

**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana edges**

- In the India the child Sex quantitative relation has been in a very constant decline, with the amount of girl child within the country decreasing. This yojana is creating robust efforts in saving girl child, and inspiring their oldsters to teach them. it's targeted on promoting gender equality, girl child protection and providing ladies with treatment.
- Under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao yojana, a savings theme known as the Sukanya Samriddhi account has been introduced. This account is exclusive for a girl child, wherever oldsters or guardians of the child will economize for his or her daughters, which may be used for the girl child’s education or wedding. There’ll be no tax write-off from this account. this may solve the problem of girl child being thought of as a money burden.
- The theme provides smart rate of interest. Withdrawal from this account is allowable solely to the girl child, when she attains the age of 18. this may offer money security to the ladies after they become associate adult.
- There are a unit alternative schemes like Ladli Laxhi that has been initiated by regime which offer money facilitate to girl child.
- There have been no college fees for ladies in government colleges. Some school additionally offer discount to girl child.
- Women are given preference in obtaining loans underneath gesture Loan theme.
- you've got to possess a feminine member to avail grant underneath Housing for all theme.
- Women would run free LPG Gas affiliation underneath Ujjwala Yojana.

The Indian government ought to additionally elevate monetary barriers that area unit preventing girls from returning to school such as school and examination fees. causing money transfers to girls’ families from marginalized communities has additionally been effective in increasing the proportion of girls reaching to school as seen in Republic of Ghana. once coming up with policies, the govt can even embody feedback from the girls themselves on what their desires area unit.

**Conclusion**

Girl Education in Republic of Asian country is largely essential for the enlargement of the state as a result of women can do most of the things more than the boys. These days girl child education is vital and is in addition obligatory as a result of women unit the long term of the country. In India, girl’s education is vital on develop socially and economically. Educated women yield a positive impact on Indian society through their contribution in competent fields like – medical, defence services, science and technology. They're doing sensible business and are also well-versed in handling their home and work. associate improved economy and society unit the tip results of girl’s education. Educated women might also facilitate in dominant the population of the country by marrying at the right or later age as compared to the uneducated women.

The impact of college closures on learning has been devastating. Even before COVID-19, the earth was grappling with a learning crisis. quite 0.5 ten-year-olds in low-and middle-income countries were unable to browse or understand a simple story. This figure would possibly presently reach 70%, attributable to extended school closures and an absence of effective remote learning opportunities. School closures attended be longer in low- and middle-income countries and countries with lower pre-pandemic learning outcomes, exasperating inequalities in education.



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Girl Education was never desired inside the previous time. but over the quantity of it slow people have accomplished the importance of a girl's education. It's presently thought of as a result of the rousing of ladies inside the epoch. women unit presently competing with men altogether the spheres of life. But still, there unit those who oppose girl's education as a result of they believe that a girl's sphere is reception and in addition they assume that it's wastage of money to pay on a girl's education. This thought is wrong as girl child education can bring associate rising inside the culture.

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