

Save Girl child, Save Earth

India is different from rest of the world in many ways, from culture to population, beliefs to religion etc but the thing which places India in one most reputed throne, is its way of calling country as “Mother Land” where as in western world they called their native land as “Father Land”. In our country “Mother” word is considered to be as most sacred one; we relate every part of our poised life to it.

But, unfortunately our “Mother’s Land” has a different tale to it, we love “Mother” only as a word not as life. Each year our sex ratio falling drastically. This is very common perception in India, everyone believe only a “Boy Child” is responsible to raise their great dynasty without realising this fact, only a women has the potential to give birth of a man & raise him to hold flag of so called dynasty.

District-level changes in child sex ratio at ages 0-6, between 2001 to 2011

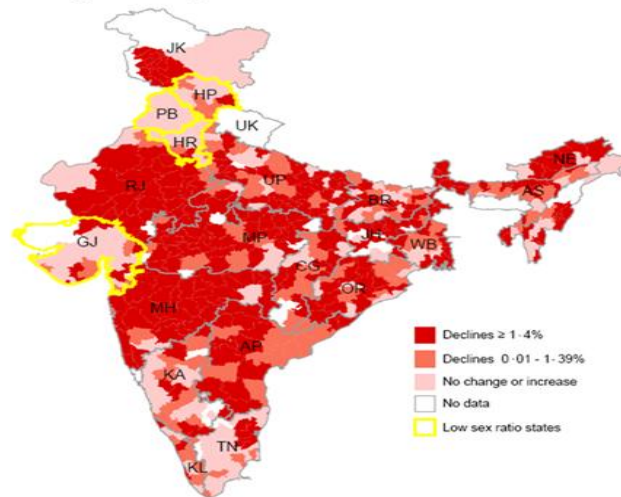


Figure 1: Child sex ratio b/w 2001 to 2011

Present scenario is that we have very abnormal gender ratio in our country. Everyone wants a male child so eliminate Girl child by various way either before birth or after birth. Even though we have laws to check this elimination under IPC since 1860 & then Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act. But nothing has changed & people getting easy asses to abort their girl child in urban as well rural areas.

Year	1972	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2003	2007	2010
Number of abortions reported	24300	214197	388405	583704	581215	570914	725149	763126	641786	620472

Figure 2: No. of abortions reported

Distribution of Indian population living in states with varying child sex ratios

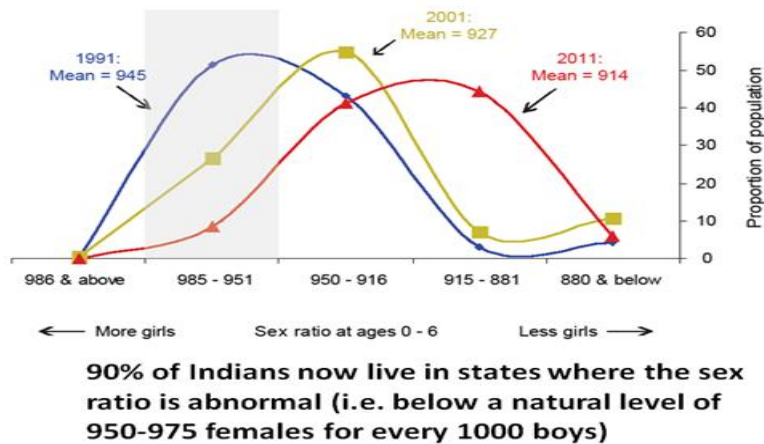


Figure 3: Child Sex Distribution Curve

This tendency of abortion has a very strange proportionality relation between Economic conditions of a particular family. We have some strange facts;

- i. Selected abortions of girls have increased in last two decades.
- ii. Selective abortion more common among the most wealthy, and educated households.
- iii. 4.2 to 12.1 million girls aborted from 1980-2010.
 - a. About 3.1 to 6.0 M in the 2000s approx. Half of total.
 - b. About 1.2 to 4.1 M in the 1990s.
 - c. About 0 to 2.0 M in the 1980s.
- iv. Risk of selective abortion of girls is highest in families with a first daughter.
- v. Selective abortion of girls is now common all over India.
- vi. Sex ratio of the second born, if firstborn was a girl, has fallen during the period of 1990-2005, compared with no change if the firstborn was a boy.
- vii. This conditional sex ratio fell from 906 in 1990 to 836 in 2005 (natural sex ratio is between 950-975)
- viii. Sex ratio of the second born, if first born was a girl, was lower in families where mother had 10 years or more of education, compared to those with no education.
- ix. The gap in selective abortion of girls increased over time between these two groups; conditional sex ratios fell for the most educated, but saw no change for those with no education.
- x. Sex ratio of the second born, if firstborn was a girl, was lower for the richest 20% of households, compared to the poorest 20%.
- xi. This gap widened between 1990-2005; conditional sex ratios fell for the richest 20% of households.

These facts came from different universities & Govt. institutions research, it clearly indicates this problem something related to our DNA. We educate people, so that they can understand the difference between right & wrong. We believe an economically stable person/family take right decision without came under any economical pressure but here these two variables showing completely different behaviour. Educated families & people are indulging more into such crimes. Our Govt. trying to stop this menace but until people not willing to understand the futuristic outcomes of this, we cannot stop this crime against our 50% majority population.

Corporate houses need to understand this problem & include it as their CSR program. From marketing point of view, when there will be no Girl in the society then how will these big FMCG, especially beauty product manufacturing companies survive. Today FMCG sector is most profitable one & its market share always lying on the top of every Index. But how would it be possible without a Girl. Now, several progressing steps were taken by our Govt. In such context, like waving off Form fee, tuition fee & providing some reservations to single girl child or girl child in many esteemed educational institutes.

Govt. is doing their job but this is the time for private sector to act & setup the example in this direction. So this 50% population is necessary to maintain Balance in earth.

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