### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS**

#### LAUNCH OF BBBP -

The Census, 2011 has shown significant declining trend in Child Sex Ratio (CSR), with 918 girls per 1000 boys in the age group of 0-6 years. CSR has declined from 976 in 1961 to 918 in 2011. Out of 640 districts, CSR has declined in 429 districts (2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the country). 244 districts were below the national average of 918.

This unabated decline in CSR is a matter of grave concern as it reflects the low status of women in our society and indicates her disempowerment over a life-cycle continuum. Declining CSR is also indicative of pre-birth discrimination manifested through gender biased sex selection and post birth discrimination against girls (in terms of health care, nutrition and educational opportunities).

Against this backdrop, **Beti Bachao**, **Beti Padhao** (BBBP) was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2015 in Panipat, Haryana as one of the flagship programmes of the Government, to address the declining Child Sex Ratio and related issues of empowerment of women on a life-cycle continuum. It is a tri-ministerial, convergent effort of Ministries of Women and Child Development, Health & Family Welfare and Human Resource Development with a focus on awareness and advocacy campaign for changing mindsets, multi-sectoral action in select **161 districts** (low on CSR), enabling girls' education and effective enforcement of Pre-Conception & Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC&PNDT) Act.

# PHOTOS -



#### IMPLEMENTATION OF BBBP-

In Phase-1 (2014-15 i.e. January, 2015), the scheme was started with 100 districts and got expanded to 61 additional districts in Phase-II (2015-16, February 2016)

The implementation of BBBP scheme is led by the Ministry of Women and Child Development as the Nodal Ministry, with support from State Social Welfare/ WCD departments in partnership with Departments of Health and Education. On ground, the scheme is driven by the motivation and enthusiasm of the District Collector/Deputy Magistrate (DCs/DMs) of the selected district. The transformative potential of BBBP could be assessed in the kind of local level innovative initiatives undertaken by District Administration in coordination with WCD, Health and Education departments.

As of now, favourable trends are visible in many of the districts. The latest reports as per Health Management Information System (HMIS) data of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) for 161 BBBP districts indicate that for the time period between April-March, 2015-16 & 2016-17, the progress on intermediary targets are as follows:

Progress status of 161 districts	
Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB)	Improving trend in SRB is visible in 104 BBBP districts out of 161 districts (with 1 district showing stable trend)
Status of first trimester ANC registration	119 Districts have reported progress in first trimester registration against the reported ANC registrations (with 13 districts showing stable trend).
Status of Institutional deliveries	Institutional deliveries against the total reported deliveries has improved in 146 districts in comparison to the previous year (wi stable trend seen in 60 districts).

## 1. Pan India Expansion of BBBP by Hon'ble PM

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is launching the Pan India Expansion of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) covering all 640 districts of the Country in a formal function being held at Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

To commemorate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of BBBP, Hon'ble PM will release a Photo Journey Book showcasing the innovative initiatives undertaken by the districts. At the event, 10 good performing districts will also be felicitated for their exemplary work. The districts are:

- 1. Sikar
- 2. Raigarh
- 3. Tarantaran
- 4 North Sikkim
- 5. Bijapur (Vijayapur)
- 6. Hyderabad
- 7. Sonepat
- 8. Ahemdabad
- 9. Jhunjhunu
- 10. Udhampur

To bring visibility to the cause, the Hon'ble PM will be in conversation with the BBBP Collectors to understand the challenge and work being done on the issue. Hon'ble PM will personally interact with community girls and mothers to influence national and mainstream discourse in favour of girls and women.

As a prelude to the Hon'ble PM's Programme on the Launch of Pan India Expansion of BBBP, the existing 161 districts have been requested to celebrate a fortnight through observance of activities at district, block and Anganwadi Centre/Village levels. This includes pre-launch activities as a build up to the Launch Day and followed by Post launch activities till 15th March, 2018. The 161 districts will also get to watch the PM's Programme and launch of BBBP expansion at a central location and live participation through Live Video Streaming.

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