Latest Civil Registration Data of India

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Why in News?

The Office of the Registrar General of India released the Civil Registration System (CRS) report for 2024 on July 1, 2026.

Key Findings of CRS, 2024

- **Near-Universal Coverage -** India has edged closer to full coverage with birth registration reaching ***99.1%*** and death registration reaching ***99.4%*** in 2024.
- **Registration Spurt -** Registered births rose to 254.7 lakh (from 252.1 lakh in 2023), and registered deaths increased to 89.4 lakh (from 86.6 lakh in 2023).
- An increase in registered numbers reflects improved systemic efficiency and data capture, not necessarily a sudden spike in actual fertility or mortality rates.
- **State-wise Performance -** 13 States recorded above 90% birth registration, while 15 States achieved above 90% death registration.

Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB)

- The Sex Ratio at Birth (number of girls born per 1,000 boys) serves as a critical proxy to measure the prevalence of sex-selective abortions and gender bias.
- **National Average -** Standing at ***917 females per 1,000 males,*** indicating a continuing masculine skew compared to the natural biological norm (which is globally around 950–952).
- **Top Performers**
  - **Arunachal Pradesh** leads the country with a sex ratio of 1,050.
  - Followed by **Andaman & Nicobar Islands** (984), **Meghalaya** (974), **Mizoram** (972), and **Kerala** (970).

- **Bottom Performers**
  - **Nagaland** and **Lakshadweep** recorded the lowest SRB at 865.
  - **Jharkhand** follows closely behind at 890.
  - States like Haryana (834) and Punjab (846) historically held the lowest indicators during Census 2011, making the current underperformance of northeastern and island territories a notable shift.

Stillbirth Data

- A total of 81,117 stillbirths were registered in 2024.
- **Urban-Rural Divide -** The data reveals a heavy urban tilt, with 69% of all recorded stillbirths occurring in urban healthcare centers.
- It is likely due to higher institutional delivery and reporting rates in cities.

Legal Framework

- **Registration Act -** The registration of births and deaths is mandatory under the Registration of Births and Deaths (RBD) Act, 1969.
- **Implementing Authority-** The CRS operates under the aegis of the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India (ORGI).
- **Nodal Ministry -** ***Ministry of Home Affairs***.

Reference

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