Vital Statistics of India report

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Why in news?

The Vital Statistics of India report for the year 2023 released recently, shows number of births declines; deaths rise slightly.

- **Compiled by –** The Registrar General of India (RGI)
- **Sources for vital statistics –** Include the Civil Registration System (CRS), Population Census, and surveys like the Sample Registration System (SRS).

Key statistics for 2023

- **Births –** 2.52 crore were registered, a slight decrease from 2022.
- **Deaths –** 86.6 lakh were registered, a marginal increase from 2022.
- **Birth rate –** The birth rate fell to 18.4 per 1,000 population, a significant drop from 19.7 in 2019 and 36.9 in 1971.
- **Registration coverage –**
- **Birth registration –** Overall, registration of birth reached 98.4% in 2023.
    - The share of institutional births in total registered births is 74.7 % in 2023.
    - However, the report did not include information from Sikkim.
    - **More than 90% registration –** Gujarat, Puducherry, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Tamil Nadu, Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Goa and Punjab.
    - **80-90% registration –** Odisha, Mizoram, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh.
    - **50-80% registration –** Assam, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Telangana, Kerala, Karnataka, Bihar, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Meghalaya and Uttar Pradesh,
- **Death registration –** The registration of death has reached 86.6%.
- **Sex ratio –** The number of females born per 1,000 males.

    - **Lowest – *Jharkhand*** recorded the lowest sex ratio at birth at 899, followed by Bihar (900), Telangana (906), Maharashtra (909), Gujarat (910), Haryana (911) and Mizoram (911).
    - Since 2020, Bihar has been recording the lowest sex ratio.
    - **Highest –** Arunachal Pradesh recorded the highest sex ratio at 1,085, followed by Nagaland (1,007), Goa (973), Ladakh and Tripura (972), and Kerala (967).
- **Declining birth rate –** The decrease is attributed to improved access to education and healthcare, family planning initiatives, increased female education and employment, and a reduction in early or repeated pregnancies.
- **Stable death rate –** Unlike the significant spike in deaths in 2021, 2022 and 2023 did not show a major spike in overall registered deaths.

Reference

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