**PUNJAB - Update on the implementation of PC & PNDT Act**

- **Improvement in Sex ratio:**
  - According to Census 2011 data, Child Sex Ratio (0-6 yrs) for the State of Punjab has witnessed a rise of 48 points from 798 (Census 2001) to 846 (Census 2011).
  - According to Sample Registration System, Sex Ratio of Child (age group 0-4) for the State of Punjab, there is 9 points increase from 857 (SRS 2010-12) to 867 (2011-13).
  - Sex Ratio at birth as per Civil Registration System April 2016 is 884.

- **Legal Action & Court Case Status:**
  - **Suspensions & Cancellation of registration of Ultrasound Centres:** There are a total of 811 suspensions and 102 cancellations of U/S centres till date since the inception of the Act.
  - **Court Cases:** There are 143 cases / complaints filed in the Courts/ FIRs etc. for violation of the PNDT Act till date out of which -
    - 90 cases disposed off
    - 31 cases of conviction
    - 22 are still pending in district courts.

- **Capacity building of Appropriate Authorities, Program officers or any other:**
  - As per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court in case of CWP 349 of 2006 dated 20.01.2015, One day Training Program at State Level was organized on 30th March 2015 by Judicial Academy of Punjab and Haryana, Sector 43-D, Chandigarh. More than 150 people (District Appropriate Authorities, Sub-divisional Appropriate Authorities, PNDT Coordinators, Deputy Superintendent of Police) were trained. The queries of Appropriate Authorities were addressed by the speaker for proper implementation of PC & PNDT Act.
  - Inter-State Coordination meeting by Punjab held on 16.09.2015 attended by Principal Secretaries of Haryana & Himachal Pradesh at UT Guest House, Chandigarh. Inspections across the borders of State were permitted for helping in sharing information of suspicious centres in bordering districts. Inter-state Border Districts Workshop on PC-PNDT dated 15.09.2015 was held. District Appropriate Authorities of districts Fazilka and Muktsar were attended the workshop.
  - Inter-departmental coordination meeting was organized with deptt. of Women & Child Development, Social Security, deptt. of Education and Health deptt under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Health Minister, Sh. Surjit Kumar Jiyan ji in September 2015 for appropriate action at community level / facility level like awareness generation and inspections etc.
  - A Regional Review Workshop for Northern Region on PC & PNDT was organized on behalf of Ministry of Health & Welfare, Govt. of India on 4th December 2015. It was
attended by delegates from MOHFW & eight northern states. All the States gave presentations about various activities being conducted in their respective states and innovative steps taken were shared among the delegates.

- National level video conference to review PC & PNDT in all States was on 21.09.2015.
- Inter-State Coordination meeting organized by Haryana on 30.11.2015 at Gurgaon was attended by Deputy Director (FW) Punjab. It was decided that inter-border inspections to be conducted more vigorously so that the patient opting for sex determination and female foeticide across the state borders can be curbed.
- A workshop on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was attended by State Nodal Officer, PNDT on 19.04.2016. Sixty Seven districts were included from all states.

**Constitution & meeting of Statutory Bodies:**

- State Supervisory Board meeting was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Sh. Surjit Kumar Jiyani, Health Minister Punjab on 06.10.2015 and the second meeting was held on 04.02.2016.
- The meeting of State Advisory Committee was held on 11.02.2016.
- State level SIMC meeting was held on 06.11.2015 and attended by all the members of SIMC to initiate measures for conducting inspections in their respective zones.
- Two days workshop for master trainers on 16-17th October 2015 under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme by deptt. of Women & Child Welfare was attended by State Nodal Officer, PNDT.
- State Inspection & Monitoring Committee reconstituted. State of Punjab divided into four zones. SIMC Workshops were held in following districts:-
  - Bathinda on 26.11.2015
  - Sangrur on 30.11.2015
  - Jalandhar on 21.01.2016
  - Ludhiana and Kapurthala on 04.03.2016
  - Fatehgarh Sahib on 15.03.2016
  - Faridkot on 22.03.2016
  - Amritsar on 30.03.2016
- The meetings of State Appropriate Authority were held time to time to hear the appeals received from the ultrasound centers in the districts.
- A state level workshop for PNDT Coordinators was held on 10th August 2015. Issues regarding reporting and monitoring under PC & PNDT Act were discussed.
- Policy Conclave on Gender Equality & Child Rights on 28-30th Jan 2016 at Mussoorie was attended by Director Family Welfare, Punjab.
- Central Supervisory Board meeting was attended by State Nodal Officer on 05.04.2016.
• PC-PNDT National Capacity Building Workshop was attended by State Nodal Officer on 12-13 April 2016 at Manesar, Delhi.

➢ Mapping of ultrasound centres:

There are 1463 registered ultrasound centres in the State till April 2016. GIS Mapping of all registered ultrasound centres in the State of Punjab is being done by Punjab Remote Censing Centre, Ludhiana (Deptt. of Agriculture). The order was given on 1st January 2016 and completion date will be August 2016 end.

A total of 77 IVF/ART centres are registered in the State. Registration of 26 veterinary ultrasound centres is also done under PC & PNDT Act.

➢ Status of Six Month Training Rules and Competency based exam:

Under PC & PNDT Act all Registered Medical Practitioners, Medical Post Graduates and DNB (Except in radiology and obstetrics & gynaecology) working / employed and using ultrasound equipment are supposed to qualify competency based exams specified in schedule 2 of Six Month Training Rules 2014 for the renewal of the registration under the PC & PNDT Act before 1st January 2017. Assessment of number of doctors who have to be given the opportunity to appear in the competency based exam is as follows:

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➢ Update of medical audit of records under PC & PNDT Act:

Monitoring and scrutiny of Form F is being done at District & Sub-divisional level.

➢ Monitoring and Inspections:

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IEC activities:

Various IEC/BCC activities are regularly done at district, block and sub-divisional level and ASHA, NGOs and Anganwari Workers have been actively involved for promoting the cause of the girl-child in the form of -

- Quickies or Short films
- Program regarding 'Nanhi Chhaon'
- Special campaign on occasion of Navratras & Lohries.
• In FY 2013-14, 148 Village Panchayats were honoured for ‘Save the Girl Child’ campaign and improving the Sex Ratio, were awarded 2 lac per panchayat.
• In FY 2015-16, a State level 'Lohri' function of girl child was celebrated in the Auditorium, SIHFW Mohali on 08.01.2016. All the staff members of health deptt. including doctors, ANMs and ASHA workers along with Sarpanches and Punches of Mohali district participated. Awareness regarding girl child was given through a skit presented by students of Mata Sahib Kaur Nursing College.
• For IEC-BCC activities under PNDT Program, Rs. 2 lacs per district were given under the PIP 2015-16 head District Level PNDT Workshops, campaigns and other activities.

➢ Dedicated websites & Toll Free Number:
Punjab Government has started a round-the-clock helpline number '104' to help people, particularly in rural and underserved areas. All the anonymous complaints and public grievances regarding PC & PNDT Act violations and suggestions for effective implementation of the Act can be assessed on this helpline.

➢ Free treatment of girl child upto 5 years:
The state had made the entire treatment of girl children free up to the age of 5 years. Rs. 20 lacs each has been disbursed on 5\textsuperscript{th} January 2016 to three Government medical colleges (Amritsar, Faridkot & Patiala) in the State of Punjab. This would help further reduce the gap in child sex ratio in the State.

➢ Innovations:

Empanelment of services of detective agencies:
Hiring of Detective Agency by the State to curb Sex Determination and stop female foeticide. Expression of interest have been invited from reputed detective agencies. The Informer money has been raised from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 1 Lakh. Memorandum of understanding is signed by Detective Agency in January 2016. Two sting operations have been conducted in the month of April 2016 with the help of hired Detective Agency. Raids were conducted on ultrasound centres in districts of Amritsar and Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme, Advocacy & Communication campaign:
Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme implemented in 11 districts of Punjab having low Child Sex Ratio as per 2011 Census (846). The 11 districts are Amritsar, Barnala, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Mansa, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Patiala, Sangrur, SAS Nagar and Tarn Taran.

Training sensitization and orientation programmes are being conducted under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme. IEC material is distributed. Several plays, musical dramas, Nukkad Natak\textordmashts and telefilms are being used to propagate the message of BBBP and to stop the practice of female foeticide.

Additional 9 districts namely Faridkot, Bathinda, Ludhiana, Moga, Rupnagar, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar have been taken up under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme which had Child Sex Ratio below 918.