

**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**  
**“Save the Daughter, Teach the Daughter”**

***“The hand that rocks the cradle, the procreator, the mother of tomorrow; a woman shapes the destiny of civilization. Such is the tragic irony of fate, that a beautiful creation such as the girl child is today one of the gravest concerns facing humanity”***

In India, the girl child has been a topic of discussions and debates for the past several decades but, even today, the position appears to remain unchanged. Killing a girl before birth and after birth is not the only issues with a girl child in India. Actually at every stage of life she is discriminated and neglected for basic nutrition, education and living standard. When she is in the womb, she is eliminated before she can enter the world. If by chance she takes birth then at the time of birth this society pull her back and wrung her neck and after killing her she is thrown into a trash can. If she gets lucky to survive from all this inhumanity, then her childhood is not more than a punishment with her brother getting all the attention with new shoes, dresses and books to learn while she is gifted a broom, a wiper and lots of tears. In her teenage, she misses nutritious food to eat and gets only the left over crumbs. And by chance if she go for studies, during the age when she should be in college she is hurriedly "married off" leading to conditions where she remains ever dependent on others for her survival. She does not have either social or economic independence. Further her illiteracy, lack of education results in unwanted and early pregnancies, high fertility rate. This further effects the overall condition of females in the country. Again if this female gives birth to a girl child, the whole journey cycle of murder and discrimination begins all over again.

It's high time we all pull up our socks to help save the girl child as time is really running out for the girl child in India. The disastrous consequences of what is happening today will vanish out daughters from the country. Therefore to prevent a horrible future of our nation our Prime Minister Hon'ble Narendra Modi sir launched the campaign **“Save the Daughter, Teach the Daughter”** in Panipat, Haryana, a prosperous region that has the lowest number of girls to boys in the country. The national average is 917 girls for 1,000 males.

The program is aimed at improving the child sex ratio and gender equality through education and will focus on 100 districts where the gender ratio is critical, it will enforce existing laws that ban female feticide and improve attendance of girls in schools. This determined drive can initiate a spark to light the lamp and show the world that we indeed are the land of the great goddesses and mothers. A small step today will definitely lead to a giant leap tomorrow as one girl child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.