

India's Civil Registration System report for 2020

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In news– The Registrar General of India has published the Civil Registration System (CRS) report 2020 based on birth and death reports recently.

About the CRS report-

- **CRS is a universal, continuous, compulsory and permanent recording of birth, death and stillbirth, stated the data.**
- **The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** in April 2022 has decided to introduce changes in the Civil Registration System (CRS) in India as the country has been facing challenges in terms of timelines, efficiency and uniformity leading to delayed and under-coverage of births and deaths in the country.
- The data released by the CRS report-2020 **under the aegis of the office of Registrar General of India (RGI)** was shared with WHO for preparation of the excess mortality report.

Key findings-

- According to CRS, **death registration has increased by 4.75 lakh in the year 2020** as compared to 2019.
- These figures **include deaths due to COVID-19 and other reasons.**
- Out of the total registered deaths, **the share of males and females is 60.2 per cent** and 39.8 percent.
- *Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Nagaland, Haryana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Andaman & Nicobar island and Assam* **recorded an increase in death rate in 2020 with respect to 2019.**

- **Bihar saw the maximum increase in the death rate with 18.3 per cent followed by Maharashtra** with 16.6 per cent and Assam with 14.7 per cent .
- *Meanwhile, states like Manipur, Chandigarh, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Puducherry, Arunachal Pradesh and Kerala* **saw a decrease in death rates in 2020 with respect to 2019.**
- Manipur saw a -25.4 per cent decrease in the death rate, Chandigarh saw a -22.1 per cent decrease in the death rate and Telangana recorded a -11.0 per cent decrease in the death rate.
- **The country registered a 73.7 percent birth rate.**
- **However, the number of registered births has decreased to 2.42 crores in 2020 from 2.48 crores in 2019.**
- Out of the total registered births, **the share of males and females is 52.0 per cent** and 48.0 per cent respectively.
- Lakshadweep, Bihar, Haryana, Sikkim, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan **recorded an increase in the registered birth rate.**
- **Lakshadweep recorded the maximum change in the birth rate of 14.3 per cent (947 in 2019 to 1082 in 2020) followed by Haryana** with 11.7 per cent and **Bihar** with 8.4 per cent.
- However, states like Nagaland, Puducherry, Telangana, Manipur, Delhi, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Kerala, Gujarat, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Mizoram, and Chandigarh **recorded a decrease in the registered birth rate.**