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Thanks to Asians, even US has got a skewed sex ratio

New Delhi: US Census and some other census have revealed a skewed sex ratio in some parts of the world. As is the case in India, the female population of some countries has been reduced due to female infanticide. In India, the sex ratio is 1,000 boys for every 1,000 girls, whereas in the US it is 497 boys for every 1,000 girls.

The reasons are manifold. First, the female child is not considered a proper heir to the family. Contrast this with the male child who is seen as an asset. This attitude is more prevalent in rural and tribal areas where the only son fetches more money to his parents.

Second, the female child is less likely to be fed properly and in some places it is even killed because of the fear of dowry. The US Census Bureau has estimated that about 2,000,000 girls are killed every year in India.

The female sex ratio in the US decreased by 8.4% between 1990 and 2000, but in India it decreased by 14.3% during the same period. This means that the number of girls born is not increasing as it should be. The number of girls born in 2000 was 8,356,000 while the number of girls born in 1990 was 9,860,000.

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