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### **60% children adopted in India between 2015 and 2018 are girls**

India may have a skewed gender ratio, but the female child happens to be the first choice when it comes to adoption. The number of female children placed for in-country adoptions and inter-country adoptions between 2015 and 2018 are relatively higher than male children. During this period, about 11,649 children were put up for in-country adoptions; of them 6,962 were girls and 4,687 were boys. Of the 3,011 children that were placed for in-country adoption in 2015-16, as many as 1,855 were female children.

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### **'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas' road to 'New India': PM**

A powerful 'New India' cannot be built if its children are not healthy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said and emphasised that his Government has put emphasis on nourishment, vaccination and sanitation to realise the new paradigm. In his address, at an event in Vrindavan, he also asserted that 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas' is the "road to 'New India'". India had faced long period of colonial rule and abject poverty, and country's children were the worst hit, he said.

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