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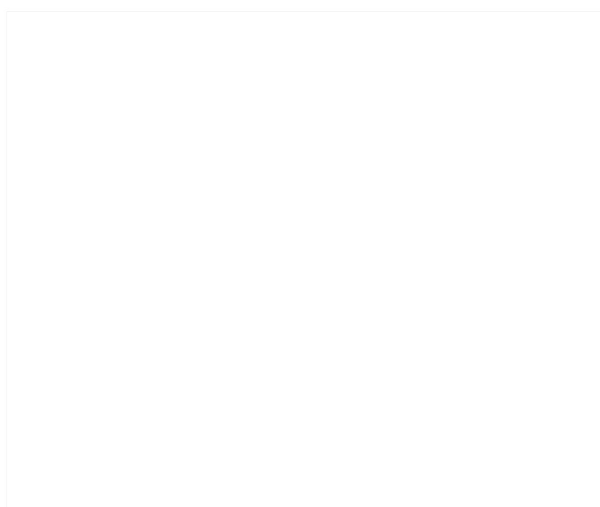


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The latest Global Gender Gap Report released by the World Economic Forum (WEF) on Wednesday, noted that women worldwide may have to wait for another 131 years to achieve gender parity with men. This estimation means that gender equality may not be fully realised until the year 2154.

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The "Global Gender Gap Report 2023", which assesses equality across various sectors including the economy, politics, health, and education, noted that the overall gender gap closed by a mere 0.3 percent compared to the previous year.

India, in particular, demonstrated a partial recovery, according to the report, closing 64.3 percent of its overall gender gap. The country's ranking stood at 127th on the global index, an improvement by eight positions and 1.4

percentage points since the previous year.



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Notably, India had reached parity in enrollment across all levels of education. However, the report indicated that the country achieved only 36.7 percent parity in economic participation and opportunity.

While there were positive strides in wage and income parity, the representation of women in senior positions and technical roles slightly declined since the last year, posing challenges for India's progress in economic empowerment.

On the political front, India registered 25.3 percent gender parity, with women representing 15.1 percent of parliamentarians, marking the highest representation since the inaugural 2006 edition of the report.

In terms of health and survival, India saw improvement with a 1.9 percentage point increase in the sex ratio at birth, reaching 92.7 percent parity.

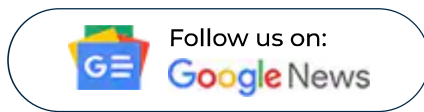
The Economic Survey 2023, released before this year's Union Budget, also highlighted that India had made significant progress in promoting gender equality, and has a value of 0.490 on the Gender Inequality Index (GII), This score is a remarkable improvement compared to the South Asian region's average value of 0.508 and is close to the world average of 0.465, and has got India a rank of 122 among over 190 countries.

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