



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

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Data from the Ministry of Women and Child Development show that of the 11,649 children adopted, 6,962 were girls and 4,687 boys

- 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.
- All the figures put together, female children comprise almost 60% of all in-country adoptions.
- When it came to inter-country adoptions, the number of female children was even higher: 69%.
- The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) said there was little doubt that more girls were being adopted and it reflected that gender bias and the attitude of people against the girl child are changing across the country.
- The CARA steering committee, said the whole issue of more girls getting adopted needs to be looked into with research.

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