SEX SELECTION LEADS TO DANGEROUS GENDER IMBALANCE AND IMPORTANCE OF GENDER EQUALITY

INTRODUCTION

- Sex selection is the attempt to control the sex of the offspring to achieve a desired sex.
- Pre—implantation (Ericsson method) / Post-implantation (abortion and infanticide).
- In countries such as India, China, Indonesia and Nepal, sons have been favored over daughters.

Due to sex selection the following gender imbalance can be seen:

(1) Imbalance in sex ratio at birth:

STATE	SEX RATIO AT BIRTH(2010-12)
Andhra Pradesh	914
Assam	922
Bihar	909

(2) <u>Imbalance in sex ratio</u>

STATE	SEX RATIO
Uttar Pradesh	912
Assam	958
Bihar	918

(3) Imbalance in percentage of singles

SEX	PERCENTAGE OF SINGLES
MALE	26.1%
FEMALE	19.9%

(4) Injustice to women population:

Today around 140 million women are believed to be "missing" around the world as a result of son preference, including gender-biased sex selection.

What is gender equality?

- Gender equality denotes women having same opportunity in life as men.
- The interest, need and priorities of both men and women are taken into consideration.

Importance of gender equality

To create a balanced society.

> It can lead to peace.

To ensure economic growth.

Important for social development.

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> It leads to better legal protections

> It reduces human trafficking

CONCLUSION

- Hence it can be concluded that sex selection leads to gender imbalance, therefore, the gender biased sex selection should be prohibited through enforcement of strict laws.
- Gender equality prevents violence against women and girls. Societies that value women and men as equal are safer and healthier.
- Gender equality is a human right.

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