



## **Brief Report on Public Opinion Survey on Andhra Pradesh Population Management Policy (Draft) 2026**

A Public Opinion Survey on the **Andhra Pradesh Population Management Policy (Draft) 2026** was conducted by the **III B.A. Economics Major students (Batch 2024–2027)** to understand citizens' awareness, opinions, and expectations regarding the proposed policy. The survey was carried out using a structured Google Form questionnaire, and responses were collected from **187 participants**.

The survey revealed that **86.6% of respondents were aware of the proposed policy**, and nearly **69% expressed overall support** for the government's initiative to address the state's declining fertility rate through financial incentives and family welfare measures. A majority of respondents supported incentives for having a second and third child, while also emphasizing that improvements in employment, healthcare, education, childcare, and social security are essential for the policy's success.

The findings also indicated strong public support for **maternal and child healthcare (92%)**, **equal decision-making rights for women (86.6%)**, and **free education for girls (84.4%)**. However, most respondents (72.7%) still considered a **two-child family** as the ideal family size, suggesting that while people welcome government support, traditional family preferences continue to prevail.

Statistical analysis showed that **age and profession significantly influenced public opinion**, whereas gender, education, and income did not have a significant impact. Overall, the study concluded that the proposed policy has received positive public acceptance, but its successful implementation will require a comprehensive approach combining financial incentives with improvements in public infrastructure, healthcare, education, employment opportunities, and awareness programmes.

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