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## Female education and the intensification of Son Preference on Regional Fertility in India

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## **Abstrak**

The study examines the impact of son preference on the pace of fertility among women of different educational levels in the 14 indian states of Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Purjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal with reference to the \_findings of the NFHS 2 survey H998-99). In the northern western states there appears to be an increased preference for at least one son in i992-99 as compared to the southern/eastern states. in contrast to their counterparts in the southern stares, educated women in the northern/western states demonstrate a greater inclination toward continuing childbearing for a son on the basis of having ann: daughters. San preference continues to affect fertility at lower parities and could slow down \_fertility decline especially in the populous northern/western safes.