



At Bangkok event, a commitment to count every birth and death

Why in news: Held in Bangkok, 3rd Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) saw countries commit to universal birth and death registration by 2030. Aims to build universal, inclusive, and resilient CRVS systems.

Prelims and Mains context:

What is CRVS?

- As per the **UN**, CRVS is the **continuous, permanent, compulsory, and universal recording** of vital events (births, deaths, marriages, divorces, causes of death).
- Vital for **legal identity, access to healthcare, inheritance, insurance, and social services**.

Significance

- Supports **SDG Target 16.9**: legal identity for all, including birth registration.
- **Protects vulnerable groups** against **child marriage, trafficking, and modern slavery**.
- **Empowers women** through intergenerational legal identity for children.

Challenge remain:

- **14 million births** and **6.9 million deaths** still go unregistered yearly in the region.
- ##### **2030 Roadmap Priorities**
- **Inclusive and accessible** service delivery. **Digital transformation** for seamless CRVS.
 - **Strengthened legal frameworks** and interoperable data systems.
 - **Gender equity, data protection, and privacy safeguards**.

India's CRVS Landscape:

Legal and Institutional Framework

- **Registrar-General and Census Commissioner** oversees CRVS.
- **National Health Mission** supports logistics and incentives.
- **RBD Act, 1969** mandates registration; recent amendments enable **digital registration and Digilocker storage**.

Progress

- **CRVS coordination mechanism** set up in 2015.
- Birth registration improved from **86% to over 96%** during the CRVS decade.

Reforms and Initiatives

- **Online/offline software** for event registration and certificate generation.
- **UNICEF-supported digitisation** of old records. **CRVS portal** launched for integrated access.
- **Legal coverage expanded** to include adopted, orphaned, abandoned, surrogate children, and children of single/unmarried parents. **Mandatory reporting** of causes of death by medical institutions.

Conclusion

- Countries reaffirmed commitment to **"leave no one behind"** by ensuring **everyone is seen, heard, and counted**.
- **India's digital CRVS initiatives**, backed by legal and administrative support, are **crucial to achieving universal registration by 2030**.

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Modules will include class notes, monthly compilation, quarter compilation and annual compilation. This will help in regular revision r/t in the fag-end of preparation.

I will provide my annual compilation, like last year, on Telegram in May 1st week.

[Last year I had promised 20 questions in Prelims from my notes & 28+ Questions could be answered from the same.](#)

30 questions is my aim for 2026 prelims. To meet that, I have analyzed why I missed 5-6 C.A. questions in 2025 and I have increased my coverage accordingly.

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