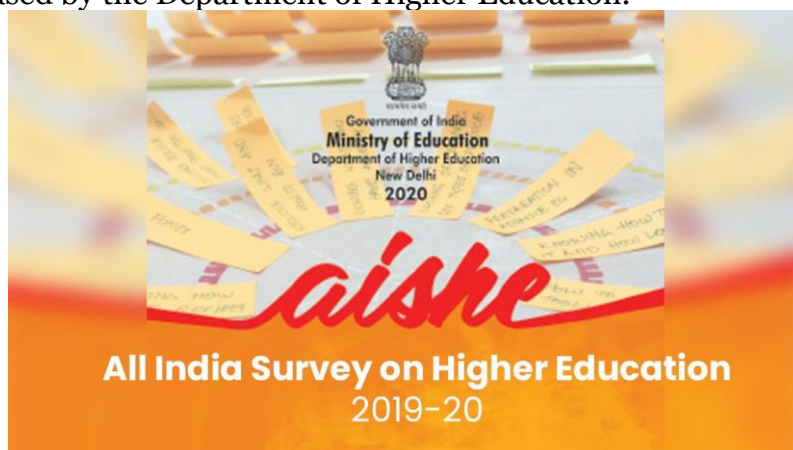


## Daily Current Affairs: 14.06.2021

### All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2019-20 Report

#### Why in the News?

- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Union Education Minister, approved the release of the report of All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2019-20.
- This Report provides key performance indicators on the current status of Higher education in the country.
- This report is the 10th in the series of All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) annually released by the Department of Higher Education.



#### Key Points

##### Key features of AISHE 2019-20 Report:

- In the last five years from 2015-16 to 2019-20, there has been a growth of 11.4% in the student enrolment.
- **Total Enrolment** in Higher Education stands at 3.85 crore in 2019-20 as compared to 3.74 crore in 2018-19, registering a growth of 11.36 lakh (3.04 %). Total enrolment was 3.42 crore in 2014-15.
- **Gender Parity Index (GPI)** in Higher Education in 2019-20 is 1.01 against 1.00 in 2018-19 indicating an improvement in the relative access to higher education for females of eligible age group compared to males.
- **Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)**, the percentage of students belonging to the eligible age group enrolled in Higher Education, in 2019-20 is 27.1% against 26.3% in 2018-19 and 24.3% in 2014-2015.
- **Pupil Teacher Ratio** in Higher Education in 2019-20 is 26.
- In 2019-20: Universities: 1,043(2%); Colleges: 42,343(77%) and stand-alone institutions: 11,779(21%).
- 3.38 crore Students enrolled in programmes at under-graduate and post-graduate level. Out of these, nearly 85% of the students (2.85 crore) were enrolled in the six major disciplines such as **Humanities, Science, Commerce, Engineering & Technology, Medical Science and IT & Computer.**
- The **Total Number of Teachers** stands at 15,03,156 comprising of 57.5% male and 42.5% female.
- The rise in female enrolment in higher education during the period is 18.2%.

##### Recent Initiatives:

- Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)
- National Education Policy (NEP), 2020

- Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF)
- Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)

Source: PIB

## 75th session of UNGA on prevention of HIV/AIDS

### Why in the News?

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare addressed the 75<sup>th</sup> session of the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)**.
- The Union Health Minister spoke on **UNGA Resolution 75/260** which concerns the **Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS**.



### Key Points

#### Main points of address:

- In India, the **HIV & AIDS Prevention and Control Act, 2017**, provides a legal and enabling framework to safeguard the human rights of infected and affected populations.
- India's unique HIV prevention model is centered around the concept of 'Social Contracting' through which the 'Targeted Interventions Program' is implemented with support from civil society.
- The program is aimed at behaviour change, communication, outreach, service delivery, counselling & testing and ensuring linkages to HIV care.
- India is providing free anti-retro-viral treatment to close to 1.4 million people.
- Indian drugs are also reaching millions of People living with HIV in Africa.

#### India's National AIDS Control Program:

- **NACO (National AIDS Control Organisation)**, established in 1992 is a division of India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that provides leadership to **HIV/AIDS control programme** in India through **35 HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Societies**.
- India's National AIDS Control Program has been **Revised, Revived and Revamped** to focus on hard-to-reach and at-risk populations.





**SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) and HIV/AIDS:** There are a number of SDGs related to the HIV response:

- SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages.
- Target 3.3: **End AIDS as a public health threat by 2030**
- SDG 4: Quality education
- SDG 5: Gender equality
- SDG 10: Reduced inequalities
- SDG 16: Peace, justice, and strong institutions

**Other Initiatives:**

- The Red Ribbon
- Project Sunrise
- 90-90-90
- GFATM (Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria)

**HIV (human immunodeficiency virus):**

- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is an infection that attacks the body's immune system, specifically the white blood cells called CD4 cells.
- HIV destroys these CD4 cells, weakening a person's immunity against infections such as tuberculosis and some cancers.

**Source: PIB**

**Rs 40,700 crores allocated under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) towards SLWM support for over 2 lakh villages in 2021-22**

**Why in the News?**

- The Ministry of Jal Shakti under **Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G)** Phase 2 is set to support over 2 lakh villages achieve **Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM)** arrangements through an investment of over Rs. 40,700 crores in the present FY 2021-22.
- The National Scheme Sanctioning Committee of SBM-G under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti approved the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) of States and UTs.





## Key Points

- SBM (G) Phase 2 aims at achieving comprehensive cleanliness in villages also called ODF Plus status by focusing on ODF sustainability and ensuring SLWM arrangements in villages.
- Implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase 2 in 2021-2022 will see construction of over 50 lakh Individual Household toilets (IHHLs), one Lakh Community toilets, Plastic Waste Management Units in over 2400 Blocks of India, Gobardhan projects in 386 Districts, Faecal sludge management arrangements in over 250 Districts apart from the targeted support for over 2 lakh villages in implementation of SLWM interventions.

## Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM):

- Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) is a country-wide campaign initiated by the Government of India in 2014 to eliminate **open defecation** and improve **solid waste management**.
- Phase 1 of the Swachh Bharat mission lasted till October 2019. Phase 2 is being implemented between 2020-21 and 2024-25.
- The mission was split into two: rural and urban.

## Other Schemes as part of SBM:

- GOBAR-DHAN (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources) Scheme
- Individual Household Latrines (IHHL)
- Swachh Vidyalaya Abhiyan

Source: PIB

## Justice Sanjay Yadav takes oath as Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court

### Why in the News?

- Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel administered the oath of office and secrecy to Justice Sanjay Yadav at Raj Bhavan in Lucknow.
- Earlier Justice Yadav was the acting Chief Justice of the Allahabad HC.
- Justice Yadav also served as the deputy advocate general of Madhya Pradesh.
- Justice Yadav was elevated as a judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh on March 2, 2007, and a permanent judge on January 15, 2010.





Source: Indian Express

## Amul's R S Sodhi conferred with Asia Pacific Productivity Champion award

### Why in the News?

- The MD (Managing Director) of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF or Amul), R.S. Sodhi, was conferred with the **regional award as Asia Pacific Productivity Champion from APO (Asian Productivity Organization), Tokyo, Japan.**



## Key Points

- In the past 20 years, this is for the first time an Indian has received a prestigious award.

### About Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF)

- It is an Indian dairy cooperative society, based at Anand in the Indian state of Gujarat. It is also known as Amul.

Source: The Hindu

## Dingko Singh, Asian Games gold-winning boxer, passes away

### Why in the News?

- Former Asian Games gold medalist boxer Dingko Singh passed at 47.
- Dingko won the gold medal in 1998 at the 13th Asian Games, Bangkok.
- He was also Manipur's first Asian Games gold medalist.
- For his outstanding contribution, the Manipuri pugilist was bestowed the Arjuna award in 1998 and conferred with Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian award, in 2013.



Source: Indian Express

## Environmentalist and organic farming proponent Radha Mohan passes away

### Why in the News?

- Noted environmentalist and **Padma Shri** awardee Professor Radha Mohan, who helped popularise organic farming techniques, died at 78.
- Radha Mohan was awarded the Padma Shri along with his daughter Sabarmatee in 2020 for their contribution to the agriculture sector.
- Back in 1990, the father-daughter duo founded '**Sambhav**', a social organisation aimed at educating farmers on organic and natural farming.



Source: Indian Express