



## AISHE-2020

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### Why in News

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Recently, the Union Education Minister announced 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**.
- It is the **10<sup>th</sup>** in the series of AISHE **annually released** by the Department of Higher Education.

### Key Points

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- **Total Student Enrolment:**
  - In the **last five years from 2015-16 to 2019-20**, there has been a **growth of 11.4%** in 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 %)**. **Uttar Pradesh has highest student enrolment** in India, it has **49.1% male and 50.9% female** students followed by **Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra**.
- **Gross Enrolment Ratio:**
  - The Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) **increased by a minuscule 0.8%** in 2019-20. **GER is the number of students enrolled in a given level of education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage** of the official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education.
  - 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**.

- **Female Enrolment:**
  - There has been an overall **increase of over 18%** in female enrolment in higher education from **2015-16 to 2019-20**.
  - However, the **share of girl students is lowest in institutes of national importance** while female participation in **professional courses is lower in comparison to academic courses**.
- **Gender Parity Index:**

**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.

A GPI of 1 indicates parity between the sexes; a GPI that varies between 0 and 1 typically means a disparity in favour of males; whereas a **GPI greater than 1 indicates a disparity in favour of females**.
- **Teacher's:**
  - Total Number of Teachers stands at 15,03,156 comprising **57.5% male and 42.5% female**.
  - **Pupil Teacher Ratio** in Higher Education in 2019-20 is **26**.
- **Attractive Disciplines:**

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**.
- **Recent Initiatives:**
  - **National Education Policy (NEP), 2020:**  
It aims at increasing the GER in higher education to **50% by 2035**.
  - **Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC):**  
It aims at improving the **research ecosystem of India's higher educational institutions** by facilitating academic and research collaborations between Indian institutions and the best institutions in the world.
  - **Rashtriya Uchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA):**  
It aims at providing **strategic funding to higher educational institutions** throughout the country.
  - **Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF):**  
It will attract the talent pool of the country to **doctoral (Ph.D) programmes for carrying out research** in cutting edge science and technology domains, with focus on national priorities.

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