

AISHE report

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In news– The Ministry of Education, Government of India has released All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-2021.

About AISHE-

- The Ministry has been conducting **AISHE since 2011, covering all higher educational institutions** located in Indian Territory and imparting higher education in the country.
- **The survey collects detailed information on different parameters such as student enrollment, teacher's data, infrastructural information, financial information etc.**
- **For the first time, in AISHE 2020-21, HEIs have filled data using entirely online data collection platform through the Web Data Capture Format (DCF)** developed by the Department of Higher Education through the National Informatics Centre (NIC).

Key findings-

- It showed a **7.5% increase in student enrolments across the country compared to 2019-20**, with total student enrolments reaching 4.13 crore.
- **The survey also revealed that in 2020-21, the year when the COVID-19 pandemic began, there was a 7% rise in enrolments in distance education programmes.**
- The data showed that there were 2 lakh more SC students who got enrolled in 2020-21 compared to the previous year.
- The year also saw about 3 lakh more ST students and 6 lakh more OBC students getting enrolled for higher education.
- There is a notable increase in OBC student enrolment since 2014-15 of around 36 Lakh (32%).

- While the increase was noted in absolute numbers compared to 2019-20, **the proportion of SC students dropped** to 14.2% in 2020-21 from 14.7% the previous year and the **proportion of OBC students dropped** to 35.8% in 2020-21 from 37% the previous year.
- **Further, the proportion of Muslim students enrolling for higher education dropped from 5.5% in 2019-20 to 4.6% in 2020-21** with the proportion of 'other minority students' dropping from 2.3% to 2% in the same period.
- The number of **students in the Persons with Disabilities category also dropped** in 2020-21 to 79,035 from 92,831 the previous year.
- However, **the female enrolment in higher education programmes had increased** to 49% of total enrolments in 2020-21 compared to 45% the previous year and the Gross Enrolment Ratio for all enrolments (as per 2011 Census) increased by over 2 points to 27.3.
- **The highest enrolment was seen at the undergraduate level**, which accounted for 78.9% of all enrolments, **followed by postgraduate level courses**, which accounted for 11.4% of the year's total enrolments.
- **Among all undergraduate enrolments, the most popular remained the Bachelor of Arts programme**, which saw 104 lakh enrolments (52.7% women; 47.3% men), **followed by Bachelor of Science courses**, where too women outnumbered men.
- This was **followed by the Bachelor of Commerce programme**, where women accounted for 48.5% enrolments.
- However in **B.Tech and Bachelor of Engineering courses, women accounted for less than 30%** of all enrolments.
- **At the postgraduate level, the most popular courses remained in the Social Sciences stream**, where women accounted for 56% enrolments in 2020-21, **followed by Science courses**, where women accounted for 61.3% of all enrolments.

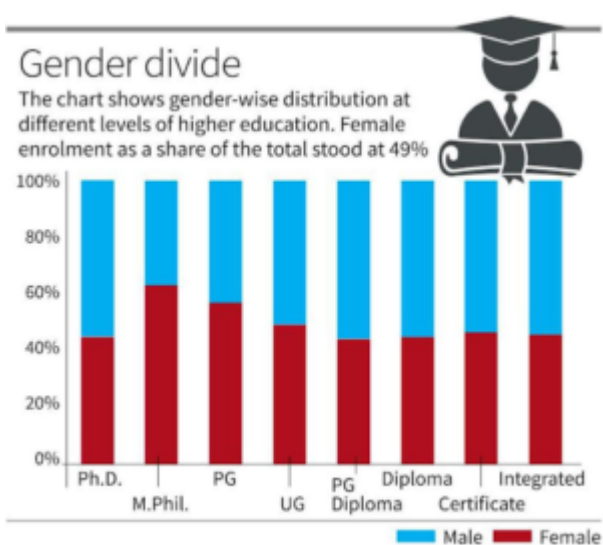
Except for management courses at the PG-level, where enrolment

of women stood at 43.1%, all other PG courses saw women outnumbering men.

At the PhD level, the most popular course was in the field of Engineering and Technology, followed by Science; in both disciplines, women accounted for less than 50% enrolments (33.3% for Engineering and Tech; and 48.8% for Science).

- **The overall figures for STEM enrolments (at all levels of higher education) showed that women lagged behind men**, who accounted for over 56% of enrolments in these fields.
- During 2020-21, the **number of Universities has increased by 70**, and the number of Colleges has increased by 1,453.
- The maximum increase came in State public universities and State private universities, which saw an increase of 17 and 38 respectively, followed by **a rise of 14 in the number of Institutes of National Importance**, and an increase of 3 in the number of Central Universities.
- **Government universities constituting 59.1% of total universities** contribute 73.1% of total enrolment, whereas the 40% private universities account for only 26.3% of total enrolment.
- The 21.4% government colleges accounted for 34.5% total enrolments in 2020-21, whereas the rest 65.5% enrolments were seen at private aided colleges and private unaided colleges put together.
- **The number of students graduating from higher education programmes increased** to 95.4 lakh in 2020-21 from 94 lakh the previous year, further adding that the **highest graduation was seen in Arts courses** at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels – in keeping with enrolment numbers.
- While the survey found that the **number of teachers increased across higher education institutes**, SC and ST teachers continued to be under-represented.

- At All-India level, 56.2% teachers belong to General category; 32.2% to OBC; 9.1% to SC and 2.5% to ST category.
- About 5.6% teachers come from Muslim minority group and 8.8% are from other minority groups.
- The survey also found that **there were 75 women teachers to every 100 male ones across institutes** in the country.
- The **teacher-pupil ratio was at 27 for all universities, colleges** and standalone institutions and at 24 if only regular mode is considered.
- It concluded that the **best teacher-pupil ratio was found in States like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.**
- A total of 1,113 universities, 43,796 colleges and 11,296 standalone institutions were registered in AISHE 2020-21. Of them, 1,099 universities, 41,600 colleges and 10,308 standalone Institutions have filled and verified their responses,” the report said.
- **While Uttar Pradesh; Maharashtra; Tamil Nadu; Madhya Pradesh; Karnataka and Rajasthan are the top 6 States in terms of number of students enrolled,** Uttar Pradesh; Maharashtra; Karnataka; Rajasthan; Tamil Nadu; Madhya Pradesh; Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat are the top 8 States in terms of number of colleges.



About MSH-

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