



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS - JUNE 11, 2021

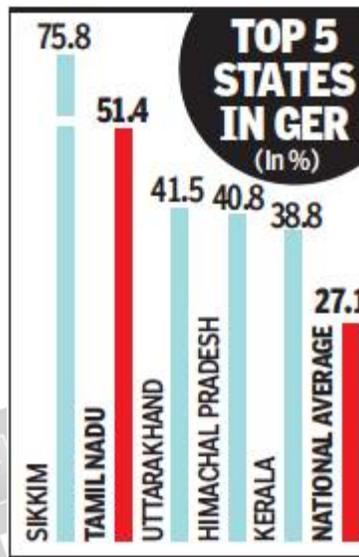
### TAMIL NADU

- On June 10, the Tamil Nadu government - announced the members of a nine-member panel headed by retired Madras high court judge Justice A K Rajan to study the impact of NEET on admissions to medical colleges.



- ✓ The panel would submit a report within a month, after studying the data on protecting the interest of backward students in the state.
- ✓ The government would take further action based on the report of the committee
- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin issued orders appointing nine-members of the committee.
- ✓ The other members of the committee are-- Doctors Association for Social Equality general secretary Dr G R Ravindranath, L Jawahar Nesan, former V-C of JSS Science and Technology University, Secretaries of Health, School Education and Law, Special Officer of Health and People Welfare Department, Director of Medical Education and Additional Director of Medical Education.
- ✓ The committee will assess whether the common medical entrance test has affected the socially backward students in the past few years.
- ✓ If it has affected them, then the committee will suggest alternate admission methods for the benefit of all students and possible legal remedies for implementing these admission methods.

- ✓ Educationists and officials also will be part of this high level committee constituted by the government.
- **Tamil Nadu – has a gross enrolment ratio (GER) of 51.4% in higher education, almost double the national average of 27.1%**
- ✓ This was revealed in the All-India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) for 2019-20 released on June 10
- ✓ Also, Tamil Nadu's GER exceeds the National Education Policy's target of 50% to be achieved in the year 2030

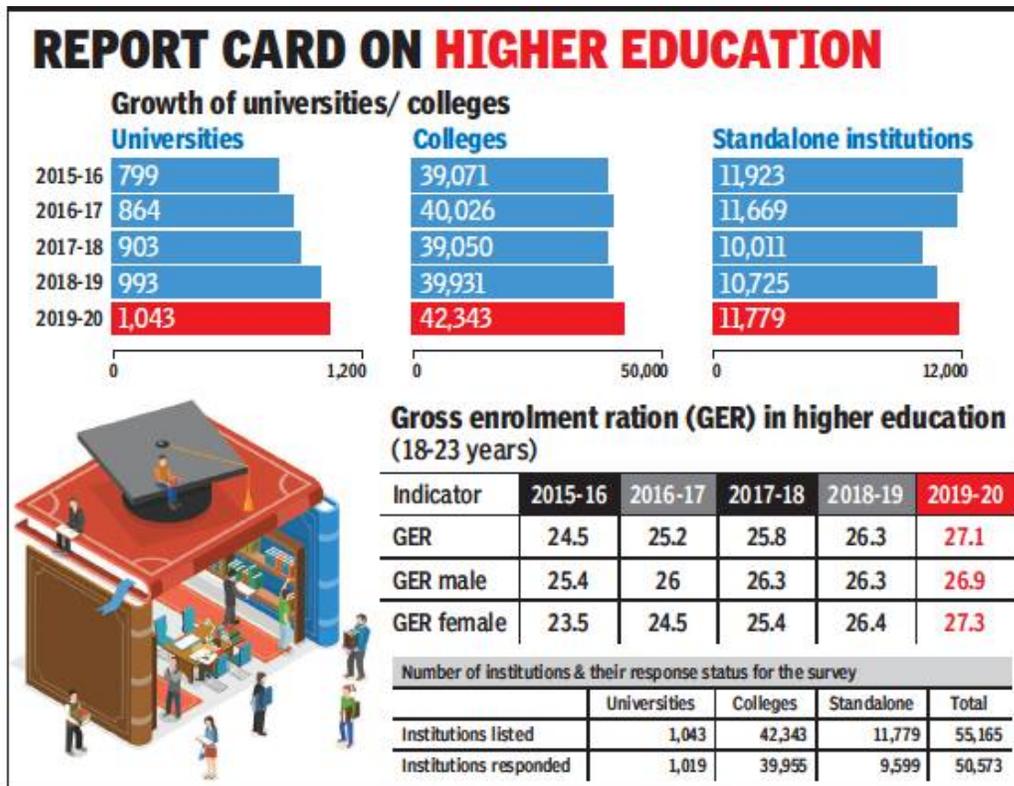


- ✓ The state's GER has increased progressively from 32.9% in 2010-11 to 51.4% in 2019-20.
- ✓ The state has 2,610 colleges, which works out to 38 colleges per one lakh population.
- ✓ In 2019-20, a total of 9,26,490 students in the 18-23 age group enrolled in universities in the state.
- ✓ Further, around 12.5% of the students have opted for distance education.

## NATIONAL

- **India – has a gross enrolment ratio (GER) of 27.1% in higher education, with the GER of women at 27.3% compared to men's 26.9%.**
- ✓ This was revealed in the All-India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) for 2019-20 released on June 10
- ✓ This the second consecutive year that more women have enrolled for higher education than men.
- ✓ In the last five-years from 2015-16 to 2019-20, female enrolment recorded an 18.2% increase, while overall enrolment in higher education grew by 11.4% in the same period.

- ✓ Among the states, Uttar Pradesh has 49.1% male and 50.9% female students, while Karnataka is the other state with higher female enrolment compared to male students.
- ✓ In the choice of discipline of study, engineering and technology registered a negative 13.4% growth in the last five years, while medical science enrolment is up by 51.1% in the same period.
- ✓ Across the country, enrolment in IT and computer courses registered a growth of 4.2% over the last five-years.



- ✓ Of the 42,343 colleges, 60.56% are located in rural areas, while 10.75% colleges are started exclusively for girls.
- ✓ Among these colleges, 78.6% are managed by the private entities
- ✓ They were mostly located in Andhra Pradesh (81%), Telangana (80%), Uttar Pradesh (78.5%) and Tamil Nadu (77.6%).
- ✓ Further, 65.5% of the colleges had less than 500 students, while just 4% of the colleges have enrolment of more than 3,000 students.
- ✓ The 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%).
- ✓ This is a higher enrolment figure, when compared with the total enrolment of 3.42 crore in 2014-15.
- ✓ Similarly, the GER of students enrolled in higher education in 2019-20 is 27.1% as against 26.3% in 2018-19 and 24.3% in 2014-2015.
- ✓ The Gender Parity Index (GPI) has increased during the last five years, from 0.92 in 2015-16 to 1.01

- ✓ The GPI is a socioeconomic index usually designed to measure the relative access to education of males and females.
- ✓ The number of universities has increased by 30.5% from 799 in 2015-16 to 1,043 in 2019-20.
- ✓ The number of colleges has increased by about 8.4% from 39,071 in 2015-16 to 42,343 in 2019-20.
- **The Union government - has deposited ₹10 crore compensation paid by Italy in the Supreme Court in the Italian marines case**
- ✓ This amount was paid as compensation to the families of the two Kerala fishermen who were shot dead on February 15, 2012 by two Italian marines aboard the 'Enrica Lexie' ship
- ✓ The compensation amount has been paid in lieu of closure of criminal cases against the two navy personnel, Massimiliano Latorre and Salvatore Girone, in India
- ✓ With this, the nine-year-old controversy and diplomatic tussle comes to an end.
- ✓ The Supreme court said that it would pass orders on June 15 on disbursement of the compensation amount to the family members of two Kerala fishermen identified as Jelestine and Ajeesh Pinku
- ✓ India bargained hard with Italy, based on the May 21, 2020 award of the Arbitral Tribunal under the UN Convention on the Law of Sea (UNCLOS)
- ✓ Accordingly, Italy agreed to pay ₹10 crore compensation to kin of the dead fishermen as well as to the owner of the boat damaged due to firing by the Marines.
- **Children aged 5 years and below – are not required to wear masks, as per the new guidelines for management of Covid-19 infection**
- ✓ This is based on an assessment that risk of infection is small as well as concerns that masks may pose safety issues.
- ✓ Children aged 6-11 years may wear a mask depending on the ability of the child to use it safely and appropriately under the direct supervision of parents or guardian.
- ✓ However, children above 12 should wear a mask just like any adult.
- ✓ Further, the drug Remdesivir has not been recommended for treatment of Covid-19 in kids
- ✓ The rational use of high-resolution CT (HRCT) imaging has been suggested to monitor the effect of the disease on lungs in kids.
- ✓ The guidelines also advise against use of steroids in asymptomatic and mild cases as it can be harmful and could lead to other severe problems.

## **INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES**

- **On June 10, the Nigerian government – switches to Indian microblogging site 'Koo', after banning American site Twitter indefinitely on June 5**



- ✓ Now, it has a verified account (@Nigeriagov) on Koo, and is followed by 12000 people.
- ✓ The government has also started releasing regular official updates on the platform and has written over 20 posts, till now.
- ✓ Koo had made an entry into Nigeria after Twitter was banned in the country for deleting an “offensive” post by President Muhammadu Buhari.
- ✓ Shortly after the ban on June 5, Koo had started its services there.
- ✓ Koo was owned by Bombinate Technologies and launched in March 2020
- ✓ It has been considered as India’s alternative to American tech giant Twitter.
- ✓ It currently has over 6 million users in India, including a number of politicians, especially belonging to BJP
- ✓ Twitter’s standoff with the Nigerian government began in October 2020, after its CEO Jack Dorsey had supported anti-government protests #EndSars
- ✓ These peaceful protests were directed against the country’s Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS).

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - will participate virtually in the outreach sessions of the 47<sup>th</sup> edition of G-7 summit on June 12-13 being held in Cornwall in the United Kingdom**
- ✓ This is the second time the Prime Minister will be participating in a G7 meeting.
- ✓ Australia and South Korea are other special invitees, apart from India, for the G-7 Summit 2021.
- ✓ Earlier, India had been invited by the G7 French Presidency in 2019 to the Biarritz Summit as a "Goodwill Partner"
- ✓ During the 2019 Summit, Prime Minister participated in the Sessions on ‘Climate, Biodiversity and Oceans’ and ‘Digital Transformation’
- ✓ United Kingdom holds the Presidency of G7 this year
- ✓ Canada, France, Italy, Germany, Japan, United Kingdom and United States constitute the G7 membership.

## ECONOMY

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) - has hiked the interchange fee for ATM withdrawals to ₹17 from ₹15, which will come into effect from January 2022.**

- ✓ The interchange fee is the charge banks pay each other when their customers use ATMs of another lender
- ✓ It was last revised in 2012.
- ✓ In case of non-financial transactions, the interchange will go up from ₹5 to ₹6.
- ✓ For customers, the ATM withdrawal charge will go to ₹21 from ₹20 if they exhaust their free transactions.
- ✓ Customers are eligible for five free transactions (inclusive of non-financial transactions) every month from their own bank ATMs.
- ✓ They are also eligible for three free transactions from other bank ATMs in metros (five in non-metro centres).

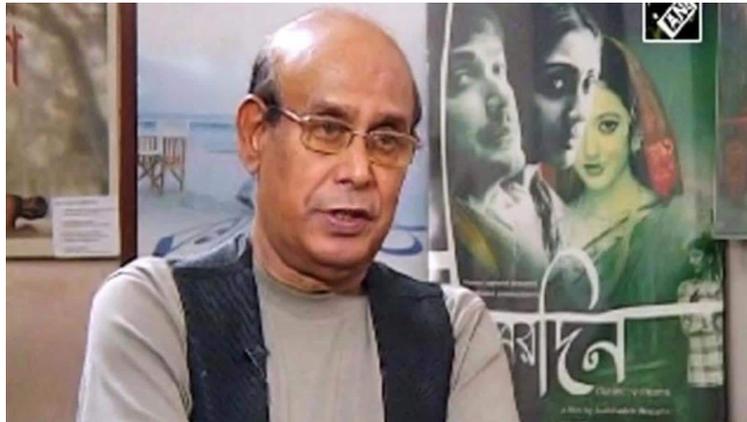
## OBITUARY

- **The 1998 Asian Games gold medal-winning boxer from Manipur, Dingko Singh (42 years) – finally lost the battle to cancer and passed away in Manipur’s Sekta village on June 10**



- ✓ Diagnosed with liver cancer in 2017, Dingko had health related issues since the onset of the global pandemic.
  - ✓ A fearless challenger in the ring, Dingko beat two Olympic medallists — Sontaya Wongprates of Thailand and Timur Tulyakov of Uzbekistan — en route to his Asian Games gold in Bangkok
  - ✓ Dingko was honoured with the Arjuna Award in 1998 and in 2013, he was conferred with Padma Shri for his contribution to the game.
  - ✓ An employee of Indian Navy, Dingko trained many youngsters as a coach at the Sports Authority of India centre in Imphal after retiring quite early.
  - ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind and PM Narendra Modi led the tributes.
- **Veteran Bengali filmmaker Buddhadeb Dasgupta (77 years) – passed away on June 10 in South Kolkata due to a kidney ailment**
  - ✓ Born on February 11, 1944 in Anara village near Purulia, Dasgupta studied economics and took up a job as a lecturer.
  - ✓ He quit teaching in 1976 to devote himself to his passion of making movies.

- ✓ Two years later, his directorial debut, 'Dooratwa', won a National Award for best feature film in Bengali.



- ✓ Over a career spanning more than four decades, there were numerous awards and recognitions, which includes 32 National Awards, alongwith seven Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) for his features and documentaries
- ✓ Dasgupta has been programmed for the Masters of World Cinema section of Toronto International Film Festival eight times
- ✓ He has also won the prestigious Golden Athena, Lifetime Achievement award from Athens International Film Festival.

## SPORTS

- **Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal - prepare to defend their title, as the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Euro 2020' finally kicks off on June 11 after the delay by a year due to the coronavirus pandemic.**



- ✓ World champions France seek a rare double and are favourites to win a third European crown at the pan-continental event
- ✓ For the first time the tournament is taking place in 11 cities across Europe instead of one or two countries despite the Covid-19 crisis.

- ✓ A total of 24 nations in six groups are participating in the tournament
- ✓ The action gets under way at Rome's Olympic Stadium on June 11, where Italy take on Turkey in front of 16,000 fans.
- ✓ England are another favourites to win the title, knowing both semifinals and the final will be played at Wembley, London
- ✓ Considering the Covid pandemic, UEFA has allowed nations to name expanded squads of 26 players for the tournament
- ✓ The tournament will be held between June 11 to July 11, 2021

