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India Wins Five Gold Medals at International Physics Olympiad 2026

NEWS ITEM

Five Indian students won **gold medals** at the **56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026**, held in **Bucaramanga, Colombia**, from **4 to 12 July 2026**. With this performance, India secured **joint first position** along with Russia, China, Kazakhstan, South Korea and Taiwan.

PRELIMS FACTS

- India won **five gold medals** at the **56th International Physics Olympiad 2026**.
- The Olympiad was held in **Bucaramanga, Colombia**.
- It was held from **4 to 12 July 2026**.
- Indian gold medallists were **Kanishk Jain, Riddhesh Anant Bendale, Rishit Garg, Shresth Suraiya** and **Svarit Joshi**.
- The students came from **Pune, Indore, New Delhi, Mumbai and Ahmedabad**.
- India secured **joint first position** with **Russia, China, Kazakhstan, South Korea and Taiwan**.
- The competition saw participation of **381 students from 87 countries**.
- India's Olympiad programme is led by **HBCSE**, a National Centre of **TIFR**.
- Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, **Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty**, congratulated the winners.

भारत ने International Physics Olympiad 2026 में पांच स्वर्ण पदक जीते

समाचार

पांच भारतीय छात्रों ने **56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026** में **gold medals** जीते। यह प्रतियोगिता **Bucaramanga, Colombia** में **4 से 12 जुलाई 2026** तक आयोजित हुई। इस प्रदर्शन के साथ भारत ने Russia, China, Kazakhstan, South Korea और Taiwan के साथ **joint first position** हासिल की।

प्रारंभिक परीक्षा तथ्य

- भारत ने **56th International Physics Olympiad 2026** में **पांच gold medals** जीते।
- Olympiad **Bucaramanga, Colombia** में आयोजित हुआ।
- यह **4 से 12 जुलाई 2026** तक आयोजित हुआ।
- Indian gold medallists थे **Kanishk Jain, Riddhesh Anant Bendale, Rishit Garg, Shresth Suraiya** और **Svarit Joshi**।
- ये छात्र **Pune, Indore, New Delhi, Mumbai और Ahmedabad** से हैं।
- भारत ने **Russia, China, Kazakhstan, South Korea और Taiwan** के साथ **joint first position** हासिल की।
- प्रतियोगिता में **87 देशों के 381 students** ने भाग लिया।
- भारत का Olympiad programme **HBCSE** द्वारा संचालित है, जो **TIFR** का National Centre है।
- Department of Atomic Energy के Secretary **Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty** ने winners को बधाई दी।

Uttarakhand Becomes India's Sixth Fully Literate State

NEWS ITEM

Uttarakhand has become India's **sixth fully literate State** after meeting the prescribed adult literacy benchmarks under **National Education Policy 2020** and the **ULLAS - New India Literacy Programme**. The declaration was approved by the Governor on **8 July 2026**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Uttarakhand** has become India's **sixth fully literate State**.
- The declaration was approved by the Governor on **8 July 2026**.
- The achievement is linked to **NEP 2020** and **ULLAS - New India Literacy Programme**.
- ULLAS stands for **Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society**.
- The literacy standards were laid down by the **Department of School Education and Literacy**, Ministry of Education.
- Uttarakhand joins **Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim** on the list of fully literate States.
- Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** called the achievement historic.
- The State government said it will continue promoting **digital literacy, financial literacy, continuing education and life skills**.

उत्तराखंड भारत का छठा पूर्ण साक्षर राज्य बना

समाचार

उत्तराखंड **National Education Policy 2020** और **ULLAS - New India Literacy Programme** के तहत prescribed adult literacy benchmarks पूरा करने के बाद भारत का **छठा पूर्ण साक्षर राज्य** बन गया है। इस घोषणा को राज्यपाल ने **8 जुलाई 2026** को मंजूरी दी।

प्रारंभिक परीक्षा तथ्य

- उत्तराखंड भारत का **छठा पूर्ण साक्षर राज्य** बन गया है।
- घोषणा को राज्यपाल ने **8 जुलाई 2026** को मंजूरी दी।
- यह उपलब्धि **NEP 2020** और **ULLAS - New India Literacy Programme** से जुड़ी है।
- ULLAS का पूरा नाम **Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society** है।
- Literacy standards **Department of School Education and Literacy**, Ministry of Education द्वारा निर्धारित किए गए।
- उत्तराखंड अब fully literate States की सूची में **Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh और Sikkim** के साथ शामिल हो गया है।
- मुख्यमंत्री **Pushkar Singh Dhami** ने इस उपलब्धि को ऐतिहासिक बताया।
- राज्य सरकार digital literacy, financial literacy, continuing education और life skills को बढ़ावा देना जारी रखेगी।

Female Enrolment in Higher Education Rises Over 42% Since 2014

NEWS ITEM

The latest **All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE)** reports for **2022-23** and **2023-24** show steady growth in India's higher education sector. Total student enrolment rose to **4.50 crore in 2023-24**, marking a **31.5% increase** from **3.42 crore in 2014-15**, while female enrolment rose by **42.2%** during the same period.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The report is based on **AISHE 2022-23 and 2023-24** data.
- Total higher education enrolment reached **4.50 crore in 2023-24**.
- Total enrolment increased by **31.5%** from **3.42 crore in 2014-15**.
- Female enrolment rose from **1.57 crore in 2014-15** to **2.24 crore in 2023-24**.
- Female enrolment increased by **42.2%** since 2014-15.
- Overall GER reached **30.0** in 2023-24.
- Female GER rose to **31.2**, higher than the national GER.
- Gender Parity Index stood at **1.08** in 2023-24.
- GPI has remained above **1.0** for seven consecutive years.
- SC enrolment rose by **51.4%**, reaching **69.72 lakh**.
- GER for SC students increased from **18.9 to 27.8**.
- ST enrolment rose by **75.7%**, reaching **28.83 lakh**.
- GER for ST students increased from **13.5 to 22.8**.
- OBC student numbers grew by **60.2%**, from **1.13 crore to 1.80 crore**.
- STEM enrolment increased from **91.5 lakh to 1.02 crore**.
- Female share in STEM programmes increased from **38.4% to 44%**.
- The data were self-reported by institutions through a web-based portal.

2014 से उच्च शिक्षा में महिला नामांकन 42% से अधिक बढ़ा

समाचार

All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) की **2022-23** और **2023-24** reports के अनुसार भारत के higher education sector में steady growth दर्ज हुई है। Total student enrolment **2023-24 में 4.50 crore** पहुंच गया, जो **2014-15 के 3.42 crore** से **31.5% अधिक** है, जबकि इसी अवधि में female enrolment **42.2%** बढ़ा।

प्रारंभिक परीक्षा तथ्य

- Report **AISHE 2022-23 और 2023-24** data पर आधारित है।
- Higher education में total enrolment **2023-24 में 4.50 crore** पहुंचा।
- Total enrolment **2014-15 के 3.42 crore** से **31.5%** बढ़ा।
- Female enrolment **2014-15 में 1.57 crore** से बढ़कर **2023-24 में 2.24 crore** हुआ।
- 2014-15 से female enrolment में **42.2%** वृद्धि हुई।
- Overall GER **2023-24 में 30.0** पहुंचा।
- Female GER **31.2** रहा, जो national GER से अधिक है।
- Gender Parity Index **2023-24 में 1.08** रहा।
- GPI लगातार **सात वर्षों से 1.0** से ऊपर बना हुआ है।
- SC enrolment **51.4%** बढ़कर **69.72 lakh** पहुंचा।
- SC students का GER **18.9 से 27.8** हुआ।
- ST enrolment **75.7%** बढ़कर **28.83 lakh** पहुंचा।
- ST students का GER **13.5 से 22.8** हुआ।
- OBC student numbers **60.2%** बढ़कर **1.13 crore से 1.80 crore** हुए।
- STEM enrolment **91.5 lakh** से बढ़कर **1.02 crore** हुआ।
- STEM programmes में female share **38.4% से बढ़कर 44%** हुआ।
- Data institutions द्वारा web-based portal के माध्यम से self-reported था।

UDISE+ 2025-26 Report Shows Fall in School Dropout Rates

NEWS ITEM

The Union Education Ministry released the **UDISE+ 2025-26 report**, showing a decline in school dropout rates across key stages. The preparatory level dropout rate fell from **2.3% to 1.8%**, while the secondary level dropout rate declined from **8.2% to 7.0%**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The **UDISE+ 2025-26 report** was released by the **Union Education Ministry**.
- Preparatory level dropout rate fell from **2.3% in 2024-25 to 1.8% in 2025-26**.
- Secondary level dropout rate declined from **8.2% to 7.0%**.
- Girls' enrolment marginally increased to **48.4%** from **48.3%**.
- Women teachers formed **54.9%** of total teachers, up from **54.2%**.
- Student retention at middle level rose to **83.7%** from **82.8%**.
- Secondary level retention increased to **51.9%** from **47.2%**.
- Secondary level **GER** increased to **71.7%** from **68.5%**.
- Transition from middle to secondary increased from **86.6% to 88.3%**.
- Teacher strength rose by **8.3%** compared with **2022-23**.
- Single-teacher schools reduced by **3%** and zero-enrolment schools fell by **29%**.
- Schools with computer access increased to **69.9%**.
- Schools with Internet connectivity increased to **67.4%**.
- **95%** schools have electricity, **98.5%** have girls' toilets and **97.2%** have boys' toilets.

UDISE+ 2025-26 रिपोर्ट में स्कूल ड्रॉपआउट दरों में गिरावट

समाचार

केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्रालय ने **UDISE+ 2025-26 रिपोर्ट** जारी की, जिसमें प्रमुख stages पर school dropout rates में गिरावट दिखाई गई। Preparatory level dropout rate **2.3% से घटकर 1.8%** हुआ, जबकि secondary level dropout rate **8.2% से घटकर 7.0%** हो गया।

प्रारंभिक परीक्षा तथ्य

- **UDISE+ 2025-26 report** केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्रालय ने जारी की।
- Preparatory level dropout rate **2024-25 के 2.3% से घटकर 2025-26 में 1.8%** हुआ।
- Secondary level dropout rate **8.2% से घटकर 7.0%** हुआ।
- Girls' enrolment marginally बढ़कर **48.4%** हुआ, जो पहले **48.3%** था।
- Women teachers कुल teachers का **54.9%** हैं, जो पहले **54.2%** था।
- Middle level student retention **82.8% से बढ़कर 83.7%** हुआ।
- Secondary level retention **47.2% से बढ़कर 51.9%** हुआ।
- Secondary level **GER 68.5% से बढ़कर 71.7%** हुआ।
- Middle से secondary transition **86.6% से बढ़कर 88.3%** हुआ।
- Teacher strength **2022-23** की तुलना में **8.3%** बढ़ी।
- Single-teacher schools में **3%** और zero-enrolment schools में **29%** की कमी आई।
- Computer access वाले schools **69.9%** तक पहुंचे।
- Internet connectivity वाले schools **67.4%** तक पहुंचे।
- **95%** schools में electricity, **98.5%** में girls' toilets और **97.2%** में boys' toilets हैं।