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HEADLINES OF THE DAY

The Hindu: Page 1_IR (GSII)

India-France defence ties take a bigger leap

Defence industrial road map among key agreements signed; it envisages future collaboration in 'co-design, co-development' of military hardware



- India and France finalized their defence industrial roadmap and a slew of other strategically important agreements on Friday during French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to New Delhi.
- The new roadmap is expected to help the Indian and French defence sectors to partner in projects requiring joint designing and production,
- The focus will be on air, space, maritime, land warfare, robotics and artificial intelligence technology, among other areas
- Two sides also agreed on a letter of intent to boost defence space cooperation.
- The goal, Kwatra said, is to enhance space situational awareness, preventing collisions in space and other activities like earth monitoring and remote sensing.

The Hindu: Page 1_Miscellaneous

Tamil Nadu honours *Alt News'* Mohammed Zubair for peace efforts

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin handed over the Kottai Ameer Communal Harmony Award, 2024, to *Alt News* co-founder Mohammed Zubair during the Republic Day celebrations in Chennai on Friday. Governor R.N. Ravi was among the dignitaries present at the celebrations.

Mr. Zubair, a native of Denkanikottai in Krishnagiri district, has been analysing, through his portal, the veracity of the news on social media and "his work

likely to be caused by fake news," the citation read.

It recalled that in March 2023, a video was rapidly spreading on social media claiming that migrant workers were being attacked in Tamil Nadu.

'Preventing violence'

"After verifying the authenticity of the video footage, he reported on his *Alt News* website that the footage was not actually taken in Tamil Nadu and thus stopped the spread of rumours against Tamil Nadu and acted to prevent violence caused by caste, reli-

The Government of Tamil Nadu has instituted an award by name **"KOTTAI AMEER COMMUNAL HARMONY AWARD"** and it is presented to a person who has done outstanding services to promote Communal harmony in Tamil Nadu by the Hon'ble Chief Minister during the Republic Day Celebrations. The award consists of a medal, a Demand Draft of Rs.25,000/- and a Certificate. Those who have done outstanding services to promote Communal harmony are eligible for this award and there is no age limit for the award.

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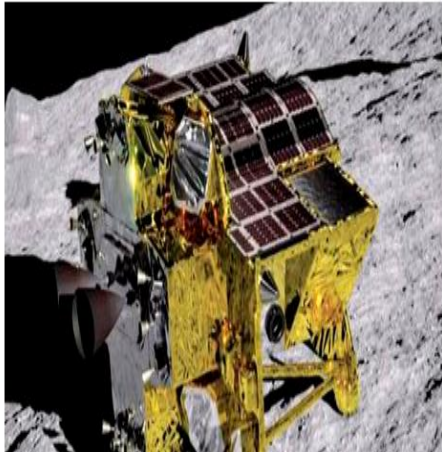
The Hindu: Page 12_Space (GSIII)

Chandrayaan helped moon-lander make pinpoint landing, says Japan

The Hindu Bureau

Japan's space agency has confirmed its moon-lander successfully achieved its pinpoint landing on the moon on January 19.

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) could not confirm the landing precision on the day after the spacecraft's color



face in this area acquired by the orbiter of the Chandrayaan-2 mission.

SLIM's computer overlaid them with images captured by its navigation camera, and used the result to spot obstacles to its descent.

"[It] is highly likely that the main engine was already affected by the loss of

- Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM) touched down near Shioli crater, Japan became the fifth country to soft-land a robotic instrument on the moon, months after India's Chandrayaan 3 succeeded in August 2023.
- SLIM is a small-scale exploration lander designed for pinpoint landings on the Moon's surface, reduction in the size and weight of equipment used in Moon landings, and investigation into the Moon's origins.
- It will also test technology fundamental to exploration in low-gravity environments, an important requirement for future scientific investigation of the solar system.

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Indian Express: Page 24_Education (GSII)

Survey: More women enrolled in higher studies than men in 8 years

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25

IN THE last eight years, more women have enrolled in higher education compared to men, according to the 2021-22 All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) released on Wednesday.

In fact, women make up 55% of the total increase in overall enrolment (91 lakh) in higher education since 2014-15.

According to the latest survey report, out of the total overall enrolment of 4.33 crore, 48% or 2.07 crore are women. Back in 2014-15, the percentage of women in the total enrolment of 3.42 crore was 46%.

According to the report, since 2014-15, women enrolment has

shown a steady increase. Women enrollment climbed by 18.7% during the course of five years, from 2.01 crore in 2020-21 and 1.74 crore in 2017-18 to 2.07 crore in 2021-22.

"The share of women enrolment is 55% of the increase in overall enrolment (91 lakh) since 2014-15. There has been a higher increase in women enrolment as compared to men," the report observed.

Overall, the trend indicates a closing gender gap in higher education. Among the areas where women made a mark, is the science stream, in which of the total 57.18 lakh students enrolled at the undergraduate, postgraduate, MPhil, and PhD levels, 52.1% are women.

At the undergraduate level,

about 51% of the total enrolled are women in the science stream. In 2020-21, 55.48 lakh students were enrolled in science, of which 53.1% were women, showing a slight dip.

At the PG level in science, women make up 61.2% of the 7.52 lakh students enrolled. Over half of the 45,324 students enrolled in PhD programmes 62% in the science discipline are women compared to only 39% men. The annual increase in women PhD enrolment from 2014-15 to 2021-22 is 10.4%, the latest AISHE survey revealed.

The gap, however, is stark in the engineering and technology discipline. Among the total enrolled students, only 11.3 lakh are women and 27.6 lakh are men in the undergraduate programmes.

- The Ministry of Education, Government of India releases All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2021-2022 today. The Ministry has been conducting AISHE since 2011, covering all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) in the country registered with AISHE collecting detailed information on different parameters such as student enrollment, teachers, infrastructural information, etc.
- Following are the key highlights of the survey:
- The total enrolment in higher education has increased to nearly 4.33 crore in 2021-22 from 4.14 crore in 2020-21. There has been an increase of around 91lakh in the enrolment from 3.42 crore(26.5%) in 2014-15.
- The Female enrolment has increased to 2.07 crore in 2021-22 from 2.01 crore in 2020-21. There has been an increase of around 50lakh in the female enrolment from 1.57 crore (32%) in 2014-15.
- The enrolment of SC students is 66.23 lakh in 2021-22 as compared to 46.07lakh in 2014-15 (an increase of 44%).
- The enrolment of SC Female students has increased to 31.71 lakh in 2021-22 from 29.01 lakh in 2020-21 and 21.02 lakh in 2014-15. There has been an increase of 51% since 2014-15.

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PIB: Education (GSII)

Online registrations for Yuva Sangam (Phase IV) commence for participation

More than 2870 youth across India participated in 69 tours in various phases of Yuva Sangam

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- The registration portal for Phase IV of Yuva Sangam, under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB), was launched today by the Ministry of Education.
- Yuva Sangam is an initiative by the Government of India to strengthen people-to-people connect between youth belonging to different States/UTs of India.
- Interested youth in the age group of 18-30 years, mainly students, NSS/ NYKS volunteers, employed/self-employed persons, etc. may register through the YUVA SANGAM portal to participate in the forthcoming Phase of this unique initiative which was launched in 2023.

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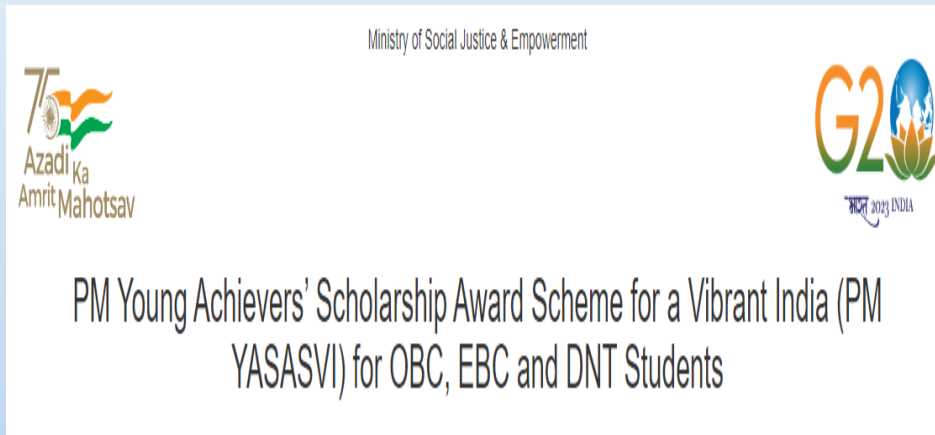
PIB: Miscellaneous



- The President of India has approved the conferment of Jeevan Raksha Padak Series of Awards-2023 on 31 persons which includes Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak to 03, Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak to 07 and Jeevan Raksha Padak to 21 persons. Three awardees are posthumous.
- Jeevan Raksha Padak series of awards are given to a person for meritorious act of human nature in saving the life of a person. The award is given in three categories, namely, Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak, Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak and Jeevan Raksha Padak. Persons of all walks of life are eligible for these awards. The award can also be conferred posthumously.

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PIB: Polity and Governance (GSII)



- **PM YASASVI** is a Scholarship scheme for Other Backward Class (OBCs), Economically Backward Class (EBC) and Denotified Nomadic Tribes (DNT) Students. Under this Scheme students can avail Pre-Matric Scholarship from Class 9 to 10 and Post Matric Scholarship for their higher studies at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage.