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### Shumang Leela

*Manipur's traditional theatre form of Shumang Leela has continued to inform and entertain down the ages.*

- Shumang Leela, translates to “courtyard performance”, is a traditional form of theatre in Manipur.
- In Shumang Leela, the roles of women are all played by men, called Nupi Shabis.
- In the case of women's theatre groups, the roles of men are played by women.
- Often, the female roles are taken up by transgender actors.
- The tradition is believed to be descended from Lai Haraoba, a ritual of the Meitei community of Manipur.
- The plays serve as a medium to spread awareness among people of social, political and economic issues.
- **Types** - Shumang Leela is of two types
  - Nupa Shumang Leela - Performed only by men
  - Nupi Shumang Leela - Performed only by women

### Lai Haraoba

- Lai Haraoba is a ritualistic festival observed by Manipuri meitei communities since ancient times.
- Lai Haraoba is celebrated through oral literature, music, dance and rituals.
- Cultural troupes will be performing various cultural and traditional musical skits including Manipuri martial arts, folk music and folk dances during the festival.



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## All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-2021

*The Union Ministry of Education recently released data from the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), 2020-2021.*

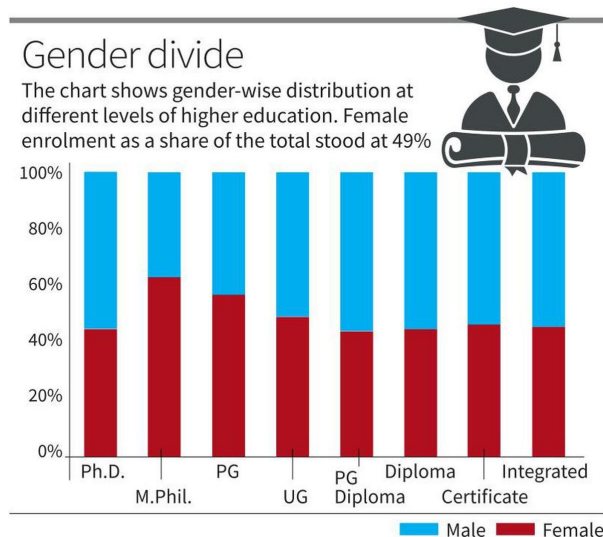
### About AISHE

- The Ministry has been conducting AISHE since 2011.
- It covers all higher educational institutions located in Indian Territory and imparting higher education in the country.
- The survey collects detailed information on
  - Student enrolment
  - Teacher's data
  - Infrastructural information, and
  - 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).
- The DCF was developed by the Department of Higher Education through the National Informatics Centre (NIC).

### Key Findings

- **Student Enrolment** - The total enrolment in higher education has increased to nearly 4.14 crore in 2020-21 from 3.85 crore in 2019-20.
- The Female enrolment has increased to 2.01 crore from 1.88 crore in 2019-20.
- Notable increase of 1.9 points is observed in GER of ST students in 2020-21, as compared to 2019-20.
- Female GER has overtaken Male GER since 2017-18.
- Gender Parity Index (GPI), the ratio of female GER to male GER, has increased from 1 in 2017-18 to 1.05 in 2020-21.

- **Number of Institutions** - The Institutes of National Importance (INIs) have almost doubled from 75 in 2014-15 to 149 in 2020-21.
- Highest number of Universities is in Rajasthan (92), Uttar Pradesh (84) and Gujarat (83).
- **Faculty** - Out of the total number of faculty/teachers, about 57.1% are male and 42.9% are female.
- The female per 100 male faculty has improved to 75 in 2020-21 from 74 in 2019-20 and 63 in 2014-15.



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## Soliga Community

*New genus of wasp was named after Soliga community in Karnataka, in recognition of their conservation of forests and biodiversity.*

## The Wasp

- The new genus of wasp was named as *Soliga ecarinata*.
- Specimens of the same species were collected from the secondary wet forest habitat of Nagaland.
- The species is named as 'ecarinata' denoting the absence of ridges in certain body regions.
- This new insect is strikingly colourful and distinct from all its relatives.
- This new wasp belongs to the subfamily Metopiinae of Darwin wasps' family Ichneumonidae.
- The subfamily Metopiinae has 862 species in 27 genera including two fossil genera, most of those are seen only in Palearctic region, Neotropical and Nearctic regions.

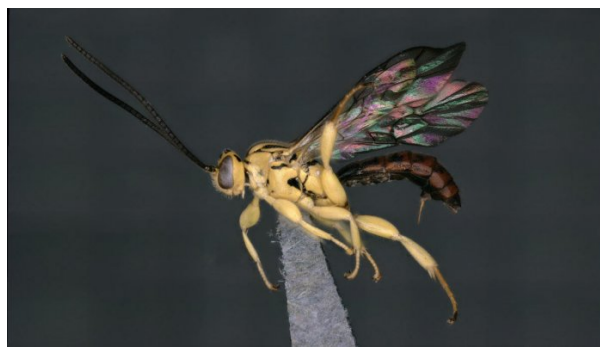
*The Palearctic region encompasses Eurasia, including Europe, northern Africa,*

*and Asia north of the Oriental region.*

*The Nearctic region consists of subtropical, tropical, temperate, and arctic North America.*

*The Neotropical region is here defined as Central America, the Caribbean, and South America.*

- This is the second genus of this subfamily reported from India and the first from South India.



## **Soliga Community**

- Soliga are the indigenous community of Biligiri Rangan Hills (B.R. Hills) in Chamarajanagar district of Karnataka.
- They are indigenous people of South India and are credited with being the first at many things:
- They are considered the first settlers of India.
- Their home, BR Hills, was among the first areas to be declared a wildlife sanctuary in India, in 1974.
- In 2011, when the region was declared a tiger reserve, the Soligas were the first community to win resident rights in a tiger reserve.

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## **Amrit Udyan**

*The Mughal Gardens at Rashtrapati Bhavan were renamed as 'Amrit Udyan', in keeping with the theme of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.*

## **History of Mughal Gardens**

- The Mughal Gardens draw inspiration from the Mughal Gardens of Jammu & Kashmir,

the gardens around the Taj Mahal and miniature paintings of India and Persia.

- Edwin Lutyens had finalised the designs of the Mughal Gardens in 1917, but it was only during the year 1928-1929 that plantings were done.
- There are three gardens in the Rashtrapati Bhavan inspired by Mughal and Persian gardens.
- The one inspired from the garden in Srinagar is known as Mughal Garden.
- However, the gardens were never officially named Mughal Gardens, they came to be known so owing to the style of architecture.
- The style was influenced by the Persian gardens, particularly the charbagh structure, which is intended to create a representation of harmony with the elements of nature.
- Typical features include pools, fountains and canals inside the gardens.
- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan have a number of Mughal gardens.
- Babur had described his favourite type of garden as a charbagh.

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## Short Selling

*Short seller Hindenburg Research, disclosed short positions in Adani Group, alleging stock manipulation and accounting fraud.*

- Buy low, sell high is the traditional investment strategy in which one buys a stock or security at a particular price and then sells it when the price is higher, thereby booking a profit.
- This is referred to as a long position, and is based on the view that the price of the stock or security will appreciate with time.
- Short selling or shorting is a trading strategy based on the expectation that the price of the security will fall.
- While fundamentally it is based on the buy low, sell high approach, the sequence of transactions is reversed in short selling, to sell high first and buy low later.
- Also, in short selling, the trader usually does not own the securities he sells, but merely borrows them.
- In the stock market, traders usually short stocks by selling shares they have borrowed from others through brokerages.
- When the price of the shares falls to the expected levels, the trader would purchase the shares at the lower price and return them to the owner, booking a profit in the process.
- If, however, the price of the shares appreciates instead of falling, the trader will be forced to buy shares at a higher price to return to the owner, thereby booking a loss.

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