

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 20, 2025

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ GITEX Africa 2025

- ✓ India took part in GITEX Africa 2025, the largest tech and startup event in Africa. The event was held in Marrakesh, Morocco.

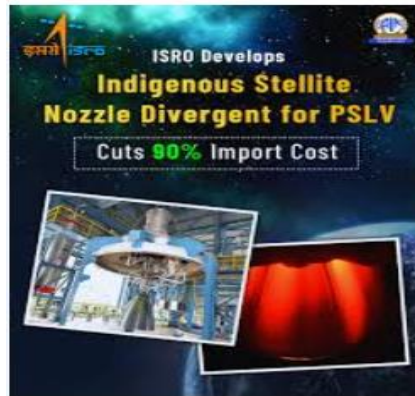


- ✓ It brought together global policymakers, innovators, and leaders. The focus was on building partnerships for inclusive and equitable economic growth.
- ✓ The Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) has registered over one crore users in just 18 months.
- ✓ India's presence at GITEX reared its leadership in digital innovation and skill development. Initiatives like Skill India, Digital India, Aadhaar, UPI, SIDH, DIKSHA, and DigiLocker are being seen as global benchmarks.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- Indigenous Stellite Nozzle Divergent

- ✓ In line with its self-reliance mission, ISRO has developed an alternative for the imported Columbian material used for the nozzle divergent in the fourth stage of the PSLV launch vehicle.



- ✓ It has indigenously developed the nozzle divergent made of Stellite.
- ✓ The tests conducted on the Stellite made nozzle divergent has proved that it can retain strength at high temperatures up to 1150 degree Celsius.
- ✓ The use of **Stellite nozzle divergent in PSLV will save ISRO 90 percent** of the cost incurred on imported Columbian.

REPORT

➤ **Women in India's Manufacturing Sector**

- ✓ India's manufacturing sector plays a vital role in its economy, contributing nearly one-fifth of the GDP.



- ✓ However, women's participation in this sector remains alarmingly low. The share of women in India's formal manufacturing workforce declined from 20.9% in 2015-16 to 18.9% in 2022-23.
- ✓ In 2022-23, only 1.57 million out of 8.34 million formal workers in manufacturing were women.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu stands out, employing 41% of these women.

- ✓ Creating safe working environments is imperative.
- ✓ Initiatives like Tamil Nadu's 'Thozhi' scheme, which established working women's hostels, exemplify targeted interventions needed across states to address unique challenges.

