



## Shikshak Parv

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### Why in News

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Shikshak Parv is **being celebrated from 8<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2020** to **felicitate the teachers** and to **take New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 forward**.

### Key Points

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- Under the Shikshak Parv initiative, the **Ministry of Education** is organizing a series of webinars on NEP and its implementation.
- **Teachers' Day** is celebrated on **5<sup>th</sup> September** every year throughout **India** in memory of **Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan** on his birth anniversary.
  - Radhakrishnan was born in a family in Tiruttani (Tamil Nadu) in 1888.
  - He has played many roles in his life. He has been a teacher, philosopher, author and politician. He was the **first Vice President of India (1952–1962)** and the **second President of India from 1962 to 1967**.
  - He was awarded **knighthood in 1931**. In 1954, he was **awarded Bharat Ratna**, the highest civilian award in India. He got **honorary membership of the British Royal Order of Merit** in 1963.
- **World Teachers' Day** is celebrated on **5<sup>th</sup> October** annually to commemorate the anniversary of the adoption of the **1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation** concerning the Status of Teachers.

This instrument sets forth the rights and responsibilities of teachers, and standards for their initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, teaching and learning conditions.

- **New Education Policy (NEP) 2020:**

- This policy aims to pave the way for transformational reforms in school and higher education systems in the country. This policy **replaces the 34 year old National Policy on Education (NPE),1986.**
- NEP 2020 is **aligned to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**. It is built on the **foundational pillars of Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability and Accountability.**
- An autonomous body, the **National Educational Technology Forum (NETF)**, is proposed to provide a platform to facilitate decision making on the induction, deployment, and use of technology, as well as the opportunity to consult and share best practices.

<p><b>FOR SCHOOLS</b>  <b>From 10+2 to 5+3+3+4:</b> Current 10+2 structure in which policy covered schooling from Class 1 to 10 (age 6-16) and then Class 11-12 (age 16-18) gives way to 5 years of foundational education, 3 of preparatory, 3 of middle &amp; 4 years of secondary schooling</p> <p><b>Multi-Stream:</b> Flexibility to choose subjects across streams; all subjects to be offered at two levels of proficiency</p> <p><b>Diluted Board:</b> Board exams to test only core competencies; could become modular (object and subjective) and will be offered twice a year</p> <p><b>Multilingual:</b> 3-language policy to continue with preference for local language medium of instruction till class 8</p> <p><b>Bag-Less Days:</b> School students to have 10 bag-less days in a year during which they are exposed to a vocation of choice (i.e. informal internship)</p>	<p><b>FOR COLLEGES</b>  <b>SAT-Like College Test:</b> National Testing Agency to conduct common college entrance exam twice a year</p> <p><b>4-Year Bachelor:</b> 4-year multi-disciplinary bachelor's programme to be preferred; mid-term dropouts to be given credit with option to complete degree after a break</p> <p><b>No Affiliation:</b> Over next 15 years colleges will be given graded autonomy to give degrees, affiliation with universities to end, so would deemed university status</p> <p><b>Fee Cap:</b> Proposal to cap fee charged by private institutions of higher learning</p> <p><b>Going Glocal:</b> Top-rated global universities to be facilitated to come to India, top Indian institutions to be encouraged to go global</p>
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