










# Shikshak Parv 2021

## Why in News

The Shiksha Parv is **being celebrated by the Ministry of Education from 5<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September** to recognize the contributions of teachers and to take [New Education Policy \(NEP\) 2020](#) a step forward.

- The Prime Minister **launched multiple key initiatives in the education sector** on the occasion.

### New Education Policy (NEP) 2020

<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>FOR COLLEGES</b> <b>SAT-Like College Test:</b> National Testing Agency to conduct common college entrance exam twice a year</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>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>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>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 Global:</b> Top-rated global universities to be facilitated to come to India, top Indian institutions to be encouraged to go global</p> 

## Key Points

### ▪ Five Initiatives Launched:

#### ◦ Indian Sign Language Dictionary:

- It was launched for the Children and persons with hearing impairments. It has 10,000 words in it.

#### ◦ Talking Books:

- These are audiobooks for the visually impaired.

- **School Quality Assessment and Accreditation Framework (SQAA):**
  - SQAA is a **quality initiative proposed by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** to provide global parameters of attainment as standards in schools affiliated to it.
  - It would **address the deficiency of the absence of a common scientific framework** for dimensions like curricula, pedagogy, assessment, infrastructure, inclusive practices and governance process.
- **NISHTHA Teachers' Training programme for NIPUN Bharat:**
  - **National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA)** is a capacity building programme for improving the quality of school education through integrated teacher training.
  - **NIPUN (National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy) Bharat Scheme** was launched to create an enabling environment **to ensure universal acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy**, so that every child achieves the desired learning competencies in reading, writing and numeracy by the end of Grade 3, by 2026-27.
- **Vidyanjali 2.0 Portal:**
  - For facilitating education volunteers, donors and **CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility)** contributors for school development.
    - Vidyanjali Scheme is one of the innovative schemes that **focus towards the improvement of literacy by offering volunteer teachers** in government schools. It was **launched in 2017**.
- **Other Related Recent Initiatives:**
  - The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the school education programme **Samagra Shiksha Scheme 2.0** till the 2025-26 financial year.
  - Earlier, to mark the **first anniversary of National Education Policy 2020**, the Prime Minister launched the **Academic Bank of Credit** that will provide multiple entry and exit options for students in Higher education; **1<sup>st</sup> Year Engineering Programmes in Regional Languages** and **Guidelines for Internationalization of Higher Education**.
    - The initiatives launched also included **Vidya Pravesh**, a three month play based school preparation module for Grade 1 students; **Indian Sign Language** as a Subject at secondary level; **NISHTHA 2.0**, an integrated programme of teacher training designed by NCERT; and **SAFAL** (Structured Assessment For Analyzing Learning Levels), a competency based assessment framework for Grades 3, 5 and 8 in CBSE schools.
    - The event also witnessed the launch of **National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR)** and **National Education Technology Forum (NETF)**.

## Teachers' Day

- On **5<sup>th</sup> September**, Teachers' Day is celebrated every year throughout India in memory of **Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan** on his birth anniversary.
- **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.

## Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

- He was **born in a family in Tiruttani (Tamil Nadu) in 1888**. He had 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**.

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