









Shikshak Parv 2021

Why in News

The Shiksha Parv is **being celebrated by the Ministry of Education from 5th-17th 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>FOR SCHOOLS From 10+2 to 5+3+3+4: 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 & 4 years of secondary schooling</p> 	<p>FOR COLLEGES SAT-Like College Test: National Testing Agency to conduct common college entrance exam twice a year</p> 
<p>Multi-Stream: Flexibility to choose subjects across streams; all subjects to be offered at two levels of proficiency</p> <p>Diluted Board: Board exams to test only core competencies; could become modular (object and subjective) and will be offered twice a year</p> <p>Multilingual: 3-language policy to continue with preference for local language medium of instruction till class 8</p> 	<p>4-Year Bachelor: 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>Bag-Less Days: 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>No Affiliation: Over next 15 years colleges will be given graded autonomy to give degrees, affiliation with universities to end, so would be deemed university status</p> <p>Fee Cap: Proposal to cap fee charged by private institutions of higher learning</p> 
	<p>Going Global: 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; **1st 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 **5th 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 **5th 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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