

National Teachers Awards 2025

Why in News?

Madhurima Tiwari (Mirzapur) and Ram Lal Singh Yadav (Bhadohi) from Uttar Pradesh have been selected for the National Teachers Awards, to be conferred on Teachers' Day (5 September 2025).

Teachers' Day marks the birth anniversary of <u>Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (1888-1975)</u>.

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- About: The awards, established in 1958, are presented annually on Teachers' Day (September 5) by the <u>President</u> or <u>Vice President</u> of India, under the supervision of the <u>Ministry</u> of Education (MOE).
 - The <u>National Teachers Awards (NTA)</u> are given annually to exceptional teachers from across the country in recognition of their contributions towards improving the quality of education and student development.
 - It carries a certificate of merit, a cash award of Rs. 50,000, and a silver medal.
- NTA 2025: Forty-five teachers from across India will be recognized in 2025 for their dedication, innovation, and contributions to improving student enrollment, reducing dropout rates, and introducing creative teaching methods.
- Significance: The NTA recognizes primary, middle, and secondary school teachers for their outstanding efforts to improve education, inspire students, and make a tangible difference in their communities.

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

- Birth: He was born into a Telugu family in Tiruttani town of Tamil Nadu, on 5th September 1888.
- Academic Achievements: He held several prestigious positions, including the King George V Chair at Calcutta University from 1921 to 1932, the second Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University from 1931 to 1936, and the fourth Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University from 1939 to 1948.
 - Moreover, he was Professor of Eastern Religion and Ethics at the University of Oxford from 1936 to 1952.
- Political Career: He became the first Vice President of India (1952-62) and later the second President of India (1962-67).
- **Philosopher:** He is widely acknowledged in philosophical circles as a **"bridge-builder"** between India and the West.
- Recognition: In 1954, he was awarded the country's highest civilian award, **Bharat Ratna**.
 - In 1931, he was awarded with knighthood by King George V, former King of Britain, for his remarkable academics.

