



Schools in Uttarakhand to Recite Gita Shlokas

Why in News?

The Uttarakhand government has mandated that a **Bhagavad Gita** shloka be recited daily in all **government schools** during prayer meetings to **integrate traditional Indian knowledge systems with modern education** to foster character-building traits in students.

Key Points

- The directive, issued by the Director of Secondary Education, instructs teachers to select a **"Shloka of the Week"** for recitation.
- The **teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, rooted in psychology, logic, behavioral science, and moral philosophy**, will be explained to highlight their **contribution to human values, leadership, emotional balance, and scientific thinking, all from a secular perspective.**
- The **initiative aligns with the National Education Policy 2020**, which encourages the inclusion of India's traditional knowledge systems in the education curriculum.

Bhagavad Gita

- The **Bhagavad Gita, a 700-verse philosophical dialogue** attributed to **sage Vyasa, is embedded in the Mahabharata's Bhishma Parva.**
- It features a conversation between **Prince Arjuna and Lord Krishna**, offering teachings on **dharma (duty), karma (action), bhakti (devotion), and jnana (knowledge).**
- The **Gita synthesizes various Indian philosophies, including Vedic, Buddhist, Jain, and Charvaka, and forms the foundation of Karma Yoga.**

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