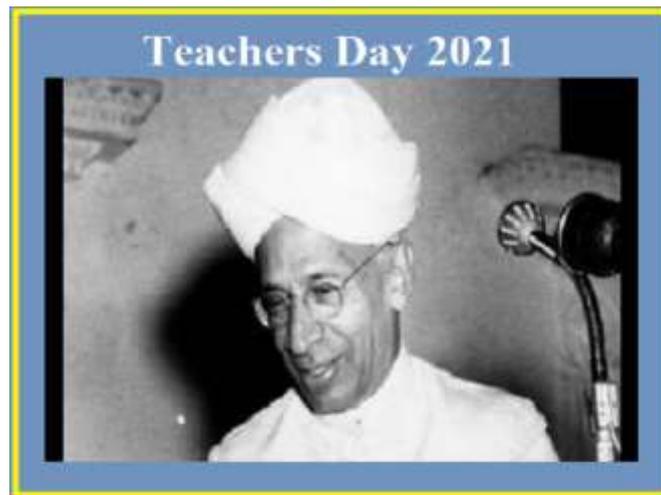


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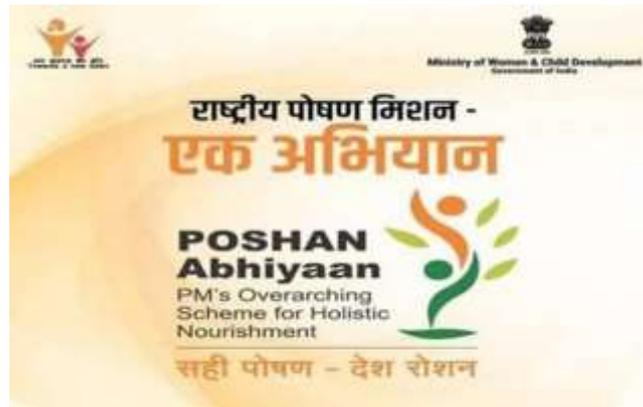
- On the occasion of Teachers' Day, 44 teachers from different parts of the country were honored by President Ramnath Kovind with the National Award 2021 for special contribution in the field of education. They include Khurshid Qutbuddin Sheikh from Gadchiroli district and Umesh Khose from Osmanabad district.
- Speaking on the occasion, the President appealed to the teachers to consider the abilities, intelligence, mentality, social background and environment of each child. The President hoped that the education system would inculcate constitutional values and basic duties of citizens in children.



Source: AIR News

"Nutrition Awareness Campaign" will be organized in Mumbai under "Nutrition Month"

- Under "Poshan Mah", a series of "Poshan Jagarukata Abhiyan" (Poshan Jagruti Abhiyan) programs are being organized in different parts of Mumbai in different sections of the society.
- The programs are being organized jointly by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Union Ministry of Minorities.
- Nutrition Awareness Program Anjuman-e-Islam Girls School, and Mahatma Gandhi Seva Mandir Hall-Bandra West; Our Lady of Good Counsel High School- Shiva; And Dadar Official Institution - Dadar.
- Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, Parsi, Jain and Sikh minorities as well as women from poor and backward areas will attend the event along with their families. They will be informed about the benefits of nutrition and nutrition kits will also be distributed.
- Earlier, Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani visited the Integrated Child Development Services Center at Dharavi and held discussions with ICDS beneficiaries and NGOs. They will also visit the homes of the beneficiaries under the scheme.



Source: AIR News

Beginning of Teachers' Day in the country with important initiatives in the field of education

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Shiksha Parva and also address it through the television system. They are going to launch many big initiatives in the field of education.
- These include the Indian Sign Language Dictionary, which includes hearing aids, sound and code mixed sign language videos, visual speaking books and the Universal Design of Learning for CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education School Quality Assurance and Structure Assessment).
- He will also launch a teacher training program called Nifun Bharat and Vidyanjali Portal to promote social responsibility through volunteers, donors and companies in the education sector.
- Quality and Sustainable Schools - School Education in India is the theme of 'Shikshak Mahotsav 2021'. It will promote innovation and ensure continuity of education at all levels as well as maintain quality, inclusiveness and sustainability in schools.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Minister of State for Education will also be present during the event.



Source: AIR News

Dilip Mazgaonkar was given the Lifetime Achievement Award while Pratibha Ranade was given the Sahitya Seva Gratitude Award

- Dilip Majgaonkar, Head of Rajhans Prakashan, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in the field of literature based on Rajhans Prakashan. The award had already been announced to them but the award was not distributed due to the background of COVID-19.
- On the occasion of World Book Day on 23rd April, the Publishers' Association presents the prestigious * Lifetime Achievement Award * and * Literary Service Gratitude Award * for special publishers. This time, of course, the award had to be postponed.
- Writer Pratibha Ranade has also been selected for the Sahitya Seva Gratitude Award.



Source: Loksatta

6th East Economic Forum 2021

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently addressed the 20th session of the 6th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) in Vladivostok, Russia.
- Theme: Opportunities for the Far East in a world of transformation

Key points

- Appreciating President Putin's foresight for the development of the Russian Far East, the Prime Minister reiterated India's commitment in this regard as part of Russia's "Act East Policy" to be a reliable partner.
- He underlined the natural complementarity of India and Russia in the development of the Russian Far East.
- He emphasized the importance of financial and business investment on both sides in the context of a 'special and privileged strategic partnership'.

About Eastern Economic Forum (EEF):

- The EEF was founded in 2015 by Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation.
- The Forum Business Program includes a number of business interactions with leading partner countries in the Asia-Pacific region and with ASEAN.



Source: PIB

Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) 2021

- The 28th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) was held from 02 to 04 September 2021.
- Due to the ongoing epidemic-related difficulties, this year's Symbex was planned without any physical interaction in the form of a 'sea only' exercise organized by the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) on the south coast of the South China Sea.

Key points

The Indian Navy was represented by guided missile destroyer INS Ranvijay with a helicopter from the ship, an ASW Corvette INS Kiltan and a guided missile Corvette INS Kora and a P8I long range maritime patrol aircraft.

About Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX):

- Simbex is an annual bilateral naval exercise organized by the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN).
- This exercise has been held annually since 1994.
- The two navies are represented in each other's marine information fusion centers and have recently signed an agreement on mutual submarine rescue support and coordination.



Source: PIB

Tokyo Paralympics 2020: India ranks 24th with a record 19 medals

- India completed its campaign at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 with 19 medals, including five gold, eight silver and six bronze.
- This is the best number of medals for India in the Paralympic Games.
- Out of 162 nations, India is ranked 24th in the overall medal tally.

Indian flag carriers:

- Javelin thrower Chand was the flag bearer at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Paralympics.
- At the closing ceremony, shooter Avni Lekhra was the flag bearer of India.

India in Paralympics 2020:

- India sent the largest contingent of 54 para-athletes to the Tokyo Paralympics to participate in as many as 9 sports events.
- Earlier, India had won a total of 12 Paralympic medals till Rio in 2016 after first appearing in the Paralympics in 1968.

- Paralympic 2020 Indian theme song "Kar De Kamal Tu". The composer and singer of the song is Sanjeev Singh, a Divyang cricketer from Lucknow.



Source: ANI News

Maharashtra is going to build a science city in Pune named after Rajiv Gandhi

The Government of Maharashtra has decided to set up a world class science city at Pimpri-Chinchwad near Pune to develop a scientific outlook in the students and prepare them for future students. To give the name 'Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Science Innovation City', a science center will be developed on an area of one acre in an eight acre complex in the PCMC area. The Center has provided Rs 191 crore for the construction of Science City in the PCMC area.



Source: Indian Express

Ramon Magsaysay Award 2021 Winners

Why in News

- Recently, the 63rd Ramon Magsaysay Award 2021 was announced.

Key Points

List of Ramon Magsaysay Award 2021 Awardees:

- Dr. Firdausi Qadri, Bangladesh (Affordable Vaccine Champion)
- Roberto Ballon, Philippines (Fisherman, Community Environmentalist)
- Steven Muncy, Southeast Asia (Humanitarian, Peace Builder)
- Muhammad Amjad Saqib, Pakistan (Poverty Alleviation Visionary)



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About Ramon Magsaysay Award:

- It was established in April 1957 and is regarded as the Asian version of the Nobel Prize.
- The award is named after Ramon Magsaysay, the third president of the Republic of the Philippines after World War II.
- The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation gives the prize to Asian individuals achieving excellence in their respective fields.
- The Award is presented in a formal ceremony in Manila, Philippines on August 31st each year.



Source: The Hindu