

DESCRIPTIVE SESSION

❖ National Teachers' Day

- Teachers' Day or Shikshak Divas marks the birthday of the country's first Vice President (1952–1962) who went on to become the second President of India (1962-1967), a scholar, philosopher, Bharat Ratna awardee, Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.
- He was born on September 5 in the year 1888. But teachers' day was first observed in the year 1962 on his 77th birthday. He was a teacher who turned out to be a philosopher, scholar and politician. He dedicated his entire life to working towards the importance of education in people's lives.
- The theme for this year's teachers' day is 'Leading in crisis, reimagining the future.'
- Radhakrishnan was awarded several high awards during his life, including a knighthood in 1931, the Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award in India, in 1954, and honorary membership of the British Royal Order of Merit in 1963. He was also one of the founders of Helpage India, a non-profit organisation for the elderly underprivileged in India.

❖ Starbucks named Indian-origin executive Laxman Narasimhan as CEO

- The coffee giant Starbucks has appointed its new Indian-origin Chief Executive Officer, Laxman Narasimhan.
- He will join Starbucks on October 1, after replacing Howard Schultz who will continue as interim chief until April 2023. The 55-years-old Indian, Narasimhan, has served as chief executive of Lysol and Enfamil baby formula, UK-based Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC.
- Starbucks Corporation is an American multinational chain of coffeehouses and roastery reserves headquartered in Seattle, Washington. It is the world's largest coffeehouse chain.

❖ Kalyan Chaubey elected as new AIFF chief

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) elected its new president on Friday 2 September.

- Former Mohun Bagan goalkeeper Kalyan Chaubey emerged victorious, blanking former India captain, Bhaichung Bhutia.
- In 1999, Bhutia became the first Indian footballer to sign with a European club.
- Chaubey, a former Mohun Bagan and East Bengal goalkeeper, has been associated with the BJP since 2015 – he lost the last parliamentary elections from Krishnanagar in West Bengal.

❖ **Street in Canada's Markham City named after AR Rahman**

- AR Rahman, the Oscar Award-winning- musician, has been honoured by naming a street after him in Markham city in Canada's Ontario state.
- Rahman, who completed three decades in the Indian film industry earlier this month, penned a note of gratitude for the authorities of Markham in Ontario, Canada.
- The city of Markham had announced that a street will be named in Rahman's honour back in November 2013.

❖ **U'khand govt launches 'Samarth' e-governance portal**

- The Uttarakhand education department launched an e-governance portal "Samarth" which will provide all administrative and educational updates including information about entrance exams, salary structures, appointments from five state universities and 140 public schools.
- The initiative has been taken in a bid to make the education system more transparent in the state.
- The minister said that 200 assistant professors of science subjects will be sent to Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru for special training, while teachers of state universities will be given training at IIM Kashipur.
- The new education policy (NEP-2020) will be also implemented in the state from this session in September.

❖ Lok Sabha Speaker unveils bust of Pandurang Khankhoje, inaugurates India-Mexico Friendship Garden

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, who is leading an Indian Parliamentary delegation to Mexico, unveiled a bust of freedom fighter Dr Pandurang Khankhoje at Chapingo University in Mexico
- Dr Pandurang Khankhoje was an outstanding Indian revolutionary, scholar, agricultural scientist and statesman who was among the founding fathers of the Ghadar Party.
- While contributing to the prosperity of agriculture in Mexico, he brought about socio-economic change in the lives of millions of people.
- Birla observed that India and Mexico have historically close relations and Mexico was the first country to recognize India as an independent country in 1947.
- Birla also inaugurated the India-Mexico friendship garden in Mexican Parliament Complex.

❖ James Webb Space Telescope detects 'HIP 65426 b', a planet 12 times larger than Jupiter

- The James Webb Space Telescope has now captured its first direct picture of an exoplanet situated about 385 light-years away from Earth.
- This exoplanet (a planet outside our solar system) is a gas giant about six to 12 times bigger than the mass of Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system.
- The planet is called HIP 65426 b and is about 15 to 20 million years old. It's a rather young planet when compared to Earth that is 4.5 billion-years-old.
- James Webb Space Telescope was able to capture the exoplanet in four different bands of infrared light that is invisible to the human eye.
- Webb was able to capture the images because this exoplanet is about 100 times farther from its central star than Earth is from the Sun.

❖ Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari unveils India's first LNG-fueled green truck

- Blue Energy Motors, a two-year old start-up backed by a Singapore-based firm, unveiled India's first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) fuelled green truck in Chakan near Pune.
- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the facility which has an installed capacity of 10,000 trucks annually.
- Blue Energy Motors' trucks will be Liquefied Natural Gas-fuelled, long-haul, heavy-duty trucks.
- The FPT Industrial engine is one of the most powerful natural gas engines and compatible with CNG, LNG and biomethane. It uses multipoint stoichiometric combustion to assure best-in-class fuel consumption and lower noise than diesel engines.

❖ NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY OF INDIA (NALSA)

- Senior Judge of Supreme Court of India Justice DY Chandrachud has been nominated as the Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA).
- Justice DY Chandrachud was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of India on 13th May 2016. Earlier, he served as Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.
- National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA) was formed in 1995 under the authority of the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987.
- Its purpose is to provide free legal services to eligible candidates (defined in Sec. 12 of the Act), and to organize Lok Adalats for speedy resolution of cases.
- The Chief Justice of India is patron-in-chief of NALSA while the second senior-most Judge of the Supreme Court of India is the Executive-Chairman.
- There is a provision for similar mechanism at state and district level also headed by Chief Justice of High Courts and Chief Judges of District courts respectively.
- It was formed in 1995.
- It is headquartered in New Delhi.

❖ **IILM University: Law School is India's 1st NEP 2020 compliant Law School**

- IILM University launched the first National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) Compliant Law School in the Country. The IILM University also got the approval of the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the recognition of the Bar Council of India (BCI).
- The IILM Law school is also known for its state-of-the-art infrastructure. The IILM University's interdisciplinary teaching and training techniques comply with NEP 2020 which directs the IILM Law School to achieve its goals and planned experiential learning through various practical initiatives.