

TEACHERS' DAY



The President of India Ram Nath Kovind greeted teachers across the country on the eve of Teachers' Day. We celebrate the Teachers' Day on the birth anniversary of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (5 September 1888 – 17 April 1975) was an Indian philosopher, academic, and statesman who served as the first Vice President of India (1952–1962) and the second President of India (1962–1967).

He served as the professor of philosophy at Mysore(1918-21) and Calcutta(1937-41) universities. He was the first Indian to hold a professorial chair at the University of Oxford.

His philosophy was grounded in Advaita Vedanta, reinterpreting this tradition for a contemporary understanding.

He was awarded several high awards during his life, including a knighthood in 1931, the Bharat Ratna 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 elderly underprivileged in India.

Sarvepalli believed that "teachers should be the best minds in the country". Since 1962, his birthday has been celebrated in India as Teachers' Day on 5 September every year.

Poshan Maah



Under Poshan Abhiyaan, the month of September is observed as Poshan Maah i.e. Nutrition month every year, since 2018.



‘Agricultural Fund of India’ is being created to have complete information about the crops that are grown in each district and their related nutritional value.

It includes a month-long activities focused on antenatal care, optimal breastfeeding, anaemia, girls education, right age of marriage, etc.

The activities focus on Social and Behavioural Change Communication (SBCC) and are based on Jan Andolan Guidelines.

A food and nutrition quiz as well as meme competition will be organized on the My Gov portal.

A unique kind of Nutrition Park has been created at Statue of Unity (Gujarat), where one can witness nutrition related education along with fun and frolic.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY

The International Day of Charity was observed on September 5, 2020.

The International Day of Charity was established with the objective of sensitizing and mobilizing people, NGOs, and stakeholders all around the world to help others through volunteer and philanthropic activities.



The date of 5 September was chosen by the General Assembly of the United Nations in order to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

Mother Teresa, the renowned nun and missionary, was born Agnes

Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910. In 1928 she went to India, where she devoted herself to helping the destitute. In 1948 she became an Indian citizen and founded the order of

Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata (Calcutta) in 1950, which became noted for its work among the poor and the dying in that city.



Mother Teresa died on September 5th 1997, at 87 years of age.

The State of Young Child in India

No kidding!

The index score was computed using indicators such as poverty rate, immunisation coverage, female literacy, sex ratio and percentage of households with protected water supply. India's average score was **0.585**

Best-performing States

State	Index score (2015-16)
Kerala	0.858
Goa	0.817
Tripura	0.761
Tamil Nadu	0.731
Mizoram	0.719

Worst-performing States

State	Index score (2015-16)
Bihar	0.452
Uttar Pradesh	0.46
Jharkhand	0.5
Madhya Pradesh	0.526
Chhattisgarh	0.555

Indian Vice President recently released 'The State of Young Child in India' report.

It is a comprehensive account of the challenges related to early child development in India.

Key takeaways

- **Prepared by:** Mobile Creches. It is a policy advocacy organisation which works with the underprivileged children across India.

- Out of 159 million children aged below 6 years in India, 21% are undernourished, 36% are underweight and 38% do not receive full immunization.
- Huge returns on investment in Early Childhood Development (ECD) at the individual, household and country levels were also reported.
- **Top performers:** Kerala, Goa, Tripura and Tamil Nadu.
- **States with scores below the national average** – Assam, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

ASEAN-India Economic Ministers' Consultations

- Recently, the 17th ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultations was held virtually, co-chaired by India and Vietnam.
- The meeting was attended by the Trade Ministers of all the 10 ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries.
- The Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to take collective actions in mitigating the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- They also resolved to ensure macroeconomic and financial stability and resilient supply chain connectivity.
- The report of the ASEAN India Business Council (AIBC) was placed.
- It was also recommended that the ASEAN India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) be reviewed for mutual benefit.

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- Discussions on review of the ASEAN India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) took place.

Important value additions

- **ASEAN India-Business Council (AIBC)** was set up in March 2003 as a forum to bring key private sector players from India and the ASEAN countries on a single platform for business networking and sharing of ideas.
- The **AITIGA** is a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) among ASEAN countries and India which came into force in January, 2010.
- **ASEAN countries:** Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

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