

## Current Affairs

13th October 2021



### Today's Important News

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#### 1. Delhi govt launches 'Desh ke Mentors' programme to provide career guidance to school students

- The Delhi government has launched a mentorship programme called 'Desh Ke Mentor', for children studying in Classes IX to XII of state government schools.
- Under the 'Desh Ke Mentor' programme, students will be mentored by professionals and academicians from across the country for 10-15 minutes daily on issues ranging from career choices to teenage-related concerns.
- The mentorship programme will be of two to six months.
- The first two months of the programme will be compulsory module and the remaining four will be optional.
- Mentors will guide two-five students each to help the students in their overall personality development by sharing their knowledge, skills and expertise.



#### Foot Notes:

##### About Delhi:

**Chief Minister:** Arvind Kejriwal

**Governor:** Anil Bajjal

#### 2. International Day for Disaster Reduction 2021: 13 October

- The United Nations International Day for Disaster Reduction is held annually on 13 October since 1989.
- The day is celebrated to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction and also celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reining in the risks that they face.
- Theme of 2021 International Day for Disaster Reduction is “International cooperation for developing countries to reduce their disaster risk and disaster losses”.



### **3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses 28th NHRC Foundation Day programme**

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 28th NHRC Foundation Day programme, through video conferencing on October 12, 2021, in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and NHRC chairperson.
- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India is a Statutory public body constituted on 12 October 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Act 1993, for the promotion and protection of human rights and dignity of the marginalised.
- Chairperson of NHRC is Justice Arun Kumar Mishra.



### **4. UNESCO releases 2021 State of the Education Report for India: No Teacher, No Class**

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) launched the 2021 State of the Education Report (SOER) for India: “No Teacher, No Class”, on the occasion of World Teacher’s Day, on October 05, 2021.
- This is the third edition of the annual flagship State of Education Report of UNESCO New Delhi. The substance of the Report has been developed by an expert team of researchers in the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, under the guidance of the UNESCO New Delhi.
- The 2021 edition focused on the theme of teachers, teaching and teacher education.
- The report also looked at teachers’ experience of ICT and the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the teaching profession.
- The 2021 UNESCO State of the Education report for India will serve as a reference for enhancing the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) and towards the realization of the SDG.4 target 4c on teachers.



- The report presented a set of ten action-oriented recommendations to address the challenges facing the teaching profession in India to help achieve the NEP 2020 vision and objective to ensure quality education for all in the country.

**Foot Notes:**

**About UNESCO:**

**Headquarters:** Paris, France

**Head:** Director-General; Audrey Azoulay

**Founded:** 16 November 1945

**5. Former SBI Chief Rajnish Kumar appointed as Chairman of BharatPe**

- The fintech startup, BharatPe has appointed former State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Rajnish Kumar as the Chairman of its board, on October 12, 2021.
- As the Chairman, Kumar will be responsible to:
- Mentor the BharatPe team in formulating short-term and long-term strategy.
- Work closely with the board and executives on regulatory matters.
- Advise and counsel the management on corporate governance.



**Foot Notes:**

**About SBI:**

**Chairperson:** Dinesh Kumar Khara

**Founded:** 1 July 1955

**Headquarters:** Mumbai

**6. Indian Shooters win 43 medals including 17 Gold at ISSF Junior World Championship**

- The 2021 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun was held at Lima in Peru from September 27 to October 10, 2021.
- The Indian shooters claimed a historic win with 43 medals to stand atop in the medal table. These included 17 Gold, 16 Silver and 10 Bronze medal.
- The USA finished second on the medal table with 21 medals including six gold, eight silver and six bronze.
- Meanwhile, Manu Bhaker created a milestone record of becoming the first Indian shooter to win highest number of medals in a single edition of the ISSF Junior World Championships, with as many as five medals. These included 4 gold medals and a bronze.



### 7. Former higher education secretary Amit Khare appointed as PM Modi's advisor

- Former bureaucrat Amit Khare, who last month retired as higher education secretary, has been appointed as advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for two years on contract basis. Mr Khare, a 1985 batch (retired) IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre, had superannuated on September 30.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Khare as advisor to the prime minister in Prime Minister's Office, in the rank and scale of secretary to government of India.



### 8. Haryana bans govt employees from participation in politics, elections

- Facing farmers' protests over new farm laws for over a year now, the Haryana government has banned the participation of its employees in politics and elections. A notification has also been issued from the office of the chief secretary in this regard while implementing Haryana Civil Services (Government Employees Conduct) Rules, 2016.
- he administrative secretaries, heads of department, managing directors, chief administrators of boards, corporations, divisional commissioners, deputy commissioners of Haryana, registrar of universities of Haryana and registrar (general), Punjab and Haryana High Court have been directed to ensure compliance of Rules 9 and 10 of Haryana Civil Services (Government Employees' Conduct) Rules, 2016 in letter and in spirit. Any violation of the same should invite immediate and strict disciplinary action.



#### Foot Notes:

#### About Haryana:

**Governor:** Bandaru Dattatreya

**Capital:** Chandigarh

**Chief Minister:** Manohar Lal Khattar

### 9. India announces \$200 million line of credit for Kyrgyzstan

- India announced a \$200-million line of credit for Kyrgyzstan and signed an agreement to carry out small but high impact projects for community development in the Central Asian state. The two initiatives were among several measures announced by external affairs minister S Jaishankar at the end of a two-day visit to Kyrgyzstan.
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held "constructive" talks with the top Kyrgyz leadership to boost bilateral ties, including defence cooperation and



discussed global issues like Afghanistan. Jaishankar, who arrived as part of his four-day visit to Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Armenia with an aim to further expand bilateral ties with the three Central Asian countries, called on Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov and discussed with him expanding economic between the two countries.

**Foot Notes:**

**About Kyrgyzstan:**

**Capital:** Bishkek

**Currency:** Kyrgyzstani som

**President:** Sadyr Japarov

**10. Chairman of IFFCO Balvinder Singh Nakai passed away at 87**

- The Chairman of Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), Sardar Balvinder Singh Nakai , has passed away.
- He was 87 years old.
- BS Nakai was appointed as the new Chairman of IFFCO in May 2019.
- IFFCO is a multi-state cooperative society engaged in the business of manufacturing and marketing of fertilisers. Its headquarter is in New Delhi.





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