

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 1, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- ❖ **Tamil Nadu Government – brings in a dress code for those working at Fort St George**
 - ✓ Women will have to wear “saris or salwar kameez or churidar with dupatta of sober colour” and men will have to wear “formal shirts with formal pants”
 - ✓ An order issued by the personnel and administrative reforms department signed by chief secretary Girija Vaidyanathan on May 28 intends to amend the dress code prescribed in Tamil Nadu Secretariat Office Manual to “suit the present-day circumstances and to maintain the decorum of the office”
 - ✓ The order says a male officer who makes an appearance before a court or tribunal or any other judicial forum should wear a “short buttoned up coat with full sleeves, with trousers”
 - ✓ If the officer prefers an open coat, he should put on a tie as well and the clothes should be sober and subdued in colour and design.
 - ✓ A woman officer should wear a sari or salwar kameez or churidar with dupatta of a sober colour.
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu – to allow soon the 24x7 functioning of shops and establishments in the state – for a period of next three years**
 - ✓ A notification in this connection will be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette soon.
 - ✓ The permission will be granted provided the establishments follow certain conditions, which include ensuring the safety of women employees.
 - ✓ Every employee shall be given one day off in a week on a rotation basis
 - ✓ The details of every employee will be provided in the prescribed form and exhibited by the employer at a conspicuous place in the establishment premises
 - ✓ An employer shall not require or allow any person to work for more than eight hours in any day or 48 hours in any week

- ✓ The period of work, including overtime, shall not exceed 10.5 hours in any day and 57 hours in a week
 - ✓ Women need not work beyond 8 p.m. on any day under normal circumstances
 - ✓ The employer, after obtaining her written consent, can allow a woman to work between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. subject to providing her adequate protection
 - ✓ In 2016, the Centre had finalised a model legislation called the Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Bill, which allowed cinema halls, restaurants, shops, banks and other such workplaces to stay open 24x7.
 - ✓ It was left to the states by the Centre to decide how to adopt the bill
 - ✓ In 2018, Maharashtra became the first State to allow shops, hotels and restaurants to remain open 24x7
 - ✓ Earlier, Tamil Nadu had allowed shops and establishments to stay open all year round for a period of one year up to March 22, 2017
- ❖ **University of Madras - to provide a startup eco-system for students from the coming academic year**
- ✓ It also plans to revamp courses related to entrepreneurship and self-employment
 - ✓ Under the Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) phase II scheme, the university would receive ₹15 crore from MHRD for creating an entrepreneurship and career hub at the university.
 - ✓ The facility would be accessible for students from university departments and its affiliated colleges
 - ✓ The university also introduced choice-based credit system (CBCS) and common syllabus for distance education programmes
 - ✓ The university was ranked 41 in NIRF rankings two years ago, but has now moved up to be among top 20 universities in the country
- ❖ **The Tamil Nadu School Education Department – has increased the minimum eligible marks in Class XII from 45% to 50% for pursuing teacher training education from this academic year.**
- ✓ In case of SC/ST candidates, mere pass is no longer enough, as the Government has prescribed a minimum mark of 45% in Class XII to pursue teacher training
 - ✓ Also, private colleges that admitted less than 30% of their intake capacity this year will be closed next year.
 - ✓ There are around 400 government-funded and private teacher training institutions in Tamil Nadu offering two year Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed) courses (formerly D.T.Ed)
 - ✓ On completing this course, candidates become eligible to work as secondary grade teachers (Class I to V) in state board schools if they clear Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), which was made mandatory in 2012

❖ **Governor Banwarilal Purohit - has appointed K Parthasarathy as vice-chancellor of Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai**



- ✓ He will serve for a period of three years with effect from the date of his assumption of office.
- ✓ Parthasarathy has been a professor at Bharathidasan University for more than 22 years.
- ✓ Governor Banwarilal Purohit is also the Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai

❖ **The Nilgiris SP, D Shanmuga Priya - has introduced mini infra-red thermometers to read the temperature of tyres**



- ✓ The move aims to reduce road accidents due to bursting of tyres of vehicles on the move
- ✓ Vehicles which have just covered long distances will be checked for high temperature of tyres.
- ✓ If it is found high, the vehicle will be halted for at least 20 minutes at the point.

❖ **The Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) department – to prohibit devotees from carrying mobile phones into the Arulmigu Ranganathaswamy temple in Srirangam**

- ✓ Locker facility has been proposed at all entry points for devotees to deposit mobile phones at three entry points for a minimal fare of Rs 10/-
- ✓ The decision to ban the usage of mobile phones was taken based on a suggestion post a safety audit conducted by the Tamil Nadu Police (security) recently
- ✓ The mobile phones are already banned at the Meenakshi Amman temple in Madurai

❖ **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) - has sanctioned financial assistance of ₹ 159 crore to the Government of Tamil Nadu for Gaja affected areas**

- ✓ The assistance will be used for the repair of 147 roads and reconstruction of 115 rural bridges damaged by cyclone Gaja across the districts of Pudukottai, Thanjavur, Dindigul and Nagapattinam.
- ✓ On completion of the projects by 31 March 2021, connectivity of 701 villages to 247 marketing centres in these four districts is expected to be improved.
- ✓ The sanction has been accorded under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)

❖ **Sivaganga and Ramanathapuram districts – were chosen in Tamil Nadu under National Pulses development project for the intensive cultivation of pulses**

- ✓ Both these district have received over Rs 550 crores under crop insurance scheme for the years 2017 and 2018
- ✓ The centre has already announced the year 2019 as the Year of Pulses to promote the cultivation of pulses in drought-prone districts against cultivation of paddy etc.,

NATIONAL

❖ **The Centre - had restructured the key ministries of agriculture and water resources on May 31**

- ✓ Two ministries dealing with water related issues were merged into a single ministry of 'Jal Shakti' while a new ministry of 'animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries' was created from the agriculture ministry
- ✓ The 'Jal Shakti' ministry will oversee water resources, river development, Ganga rejuvenation and drinking water.
- ✓ The ministry's scope will cover issues ranging from international and interstates water disputes, the 'Namami Gange' project for Ganga rejuvenation and providing clean drinking water.
- ✓ Former MoS (agriculture) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has been given the responsibility of the Jal Shakti ministry with cabinet rank
- ✓ The department of animal husbandry and dairying will focus on conservation of cow and promotion of dairy sector
- ✓ Begusarai MP Giriraj Singh will head the ministry of 'animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries'
- ✓ The agriculture ministry was allocated to Narendra Singh Tomar, who will continue to hold charge of rural development and panchayati raj

❖ **The Modi government - approved extension of the PM-Kisan income support scheme to all farmers, removed the limit of 2 hectares and also cleared a pension scheme for agriculturists, small traders and selfemployed people on May 31**

FIRST DAY, BIG MOVES

- PM-Kisan scheme to provide income support of ₹6,000/year extended to all 14.5 crore farmers; cap on land holding removed
- Voluntary & contributory pension scheme of ₹3,000 for farmers under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana; 5 crore

- to be covered in first 3 years
- Shopkeepers, traders, self-employed to get minimum pension of ₹3,000/month
- Scholarships hiked for widows, wards of deceased or ex-service personnel, cover for kids of cops killed in terror/Maoist attacks

- ✓ The pension scheme cleared at the first cabinet meeting assures a minimum of ₹3,000 a month to eligible people over the age of 60.
 - ✓ The pension scheme for farmers will benefit more than 5 crore farmers.
 - ✓ The extended PM-Kisan will now benefit all 14.5 crore farmers across the country
 - ✓ The benefit under the scheme was earlier limited to only small and marginal farmers — having landholding up to 2 hectares — who account for nearly 12.5 crore farmers in India
 - ✓ The ₹75,000 crore PM-Kisan was announced in the interim budget under which the government decided to provide ₹6,000 per year (in three equal instalments) to an estimated around 12.5 crore small and marginal farmers holding land up to 2 hectares.
 - ✓ Besides PM-Kisan, the cabinet in its first meeting also approved an ambitious scheme to control 'foot and mouth' disease and Brucellosis — common among cows, bulls, buffaloes, sheep, goats and pigs — with a total outlay of ₹13,343 crore
 - ✓ The scheme envisages vaccination of over 50 crore animals
 - ✓ Under the pension scheme, all small shopkeepers, retailers and traders whose annual GST turnover is below ₹1.5 crore, and are in the age group of 18-40 years, will be entitled to get ₹3,000 monthly after attaining the age of 60 years.
 - ✓ Interested persons can enrol themselves through more than 3.25 lakh common service centres spread across the country and they will have to pay low premium for this.
 - ✓ The government will make a matching contribution to the subscriber's account
 - ✓ In case of pension schemes, after the subscriber's death, the spouse of the beneficiary will be entitled to receive 50% of the pension amount, provided he/she is not already a beneficiary of the scheme
 - ✓ The first session of the 17th Lok Sabha will be convened from June 17 to July 26 and the Union Budget will be presented by the new government on July 5.
 - ✓ The election for Speaker would be held on June 19.
- ❖ **The India Meteorological Department – announced on May 31 that central and south India are likely to get good rain during the season but east and north may see slightly subdued rainfall, despite the likely presence of El Nino this year**

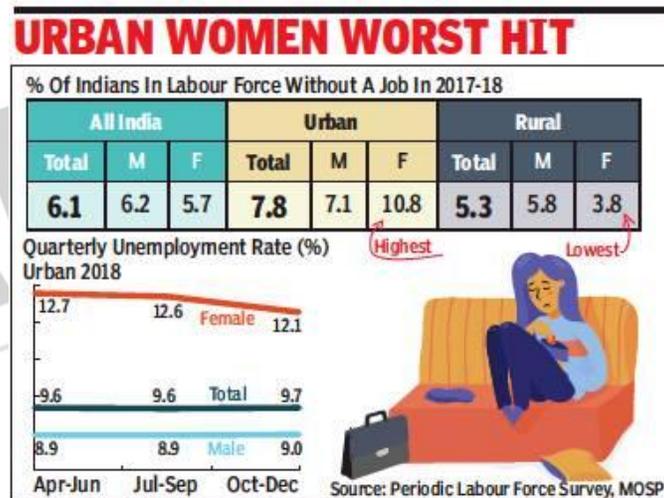
2ND STAGE OF FORECAST

5 % rain deficit forecast for the country in July will reduce to 1% in August

> Overall rainfall from June to September is likely to be 96% of the long period average, which is in the lower end of the normal range (96% to 104%), says IMD



- ✓ Releasing its second stage monsoon forecast, IMD said El Nino's presence is likely to be felt in the first half of the season but rainfall will improve thereafter.
 - ✓ The department has projected a 5% rain deficit across the country in July, which it said will reduce to 1% in August.
 - ✓ Regionwise, the season's rainfall is likely to be 94% of the LPA over northwest India, 100% over central India, 97% over south Peninsula, and 91% over northeast India, all with a model error of $\pm 8\%$
 - ✓ Overall, monsoon rainfall through the season (June to September) is likely to be 96% of the long period average (LPA), which is in the lower end of the normal range (96% to 104%)
 - ✓ As per IMD, the 2019 monsoon is likely to reach the Kerala coast by June 6.
 - ✓ During a "normal" monsoon, the country gets 96% to 104% of the LPA
 - ✓ If the total rainfall is between 90% and 96% of the LPA, it falls in the "below normal" category.
- ❖ **The Unemployment rate in the whole country - stood at 6.1% in 2017-18, as per the report released by National Statistics Office (NSO) on May 31**



- ✓ India's GDP grew at 5.8% in the January-March 2019 quarter, dragging down the full year growth to a five-year low of 6.8%
- ✓ It is identical to the rate mentioned in a 'draft' report in January this year, which had showed unemployment to be at a 45-year high
- ✓ The annual survey showed 57.8% of male workers were self-employed in 2017-18 in rural areas, while the rate was at 57.7% for females.
- ✓ In urban areas 39.2% males and 34.7% females were self-employed.
- ✓ The NSO said the first annual report is based on the data collected in Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) during July 2017 to June 2018
- ✓ The quarterly bulletin contains data on employment and unemployment indicators in urban areas only
- ✓ Pravin Srivastava, the country's chief statistician released the report after the new Government was sworn in

COURT VERDICT

- ❖ **The Madras High Court - has extended the ban imposed by it on carrying disposable plastic bottles and wrappers into Nilgiris district to Kodaikanal too**
 - ✓ It has directed the State government to implement the ban as littering of plastic waste was causing great damage to the pristine ecology of hill stations.
 - ✓ Justices N. Sathish Kumar and P.T. Asha ordered conduct of checks at all entry points to Nilgiris and Kodaikanal and seize disposable plastic bottles used to carry water, soft drinks and juices.

PERSONALITIES

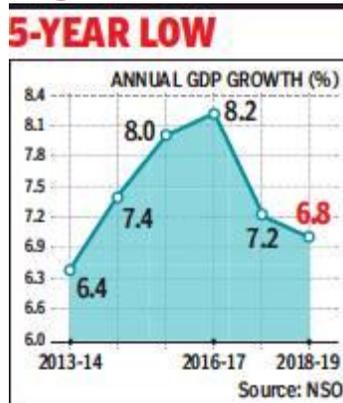
- ❖ **Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra - was given a three month extension in office by the government on May 31**



- ✓ He took over as Defence Secretary on May 24, 2017 and was set to retire on May 31.
- ✓ Mr. Mitra is a 1982 batch IAS officer of the West Bengal cadre.

ECONOMY

- ❖ **The annual growth rate reduced to 6.8%, the lowest in five years – as per the data released by the National Statistical Office**



- ✓ The country has registered a 5.8% growth during January-March 2019, resulting in China edging past India for the first time in nearly two years.
- ✓ The deceleration in growth was attributed to temporary factors like stress in the NBFC sector affecting consumption finance

- ✓ Non-banking finance companies are facing a cash crunch after the collapse of IL&FS, making banks reluctant to lend to them.
- ✓ The numbers may prompt the monetary policy committee to opt for a fresh round of interest rate reduction when it meets next week as inflation remains under 3%

APPOINTMENTS

❖ **Admiral Karambir Singh - took over as the 24th chief of the Naval staff on May 31, thus becoming the first helicopter pilot to helm the force**

- ✓ Admiral Singh, who will have tenure till November 2021, takes over the reins from Admiral Sunil Lanba.



- ✓ Admiral Singh served as the Eastern Naval Command chief in Visakhapatnam as well as deputy chief and vice chief at the naval headquarters in New Delhi
 - ✓ His appointment faces a legal challenge from Andaman Nicobar Command chief Vice Admiral Bimal Verma, who is six months senior to him
 - ✓ The force currently operates over 140 warships, which includes 16 submarines, and 220 aircraft
 - ✓ It aims to achieve its goal of becoming a 212-warship and 458-aircraft force by around 2030.
- ### ❖ **Indian-origin official Anita Bhatia - has been appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as the Deputy Executive Director in UN Women**



- ✓ Anita is a veteran in strategic partnerships and resource mobilization
- ✓ UN Women is the agency focussed on women empowerment and gender equality

AWARDS

❖ **Eight students, with seven of them of Indian-origin – crowned ‘co-champions’ in the 92nd edition of the prestigious ‘annual’ Scripps National Spelling Bee in Maryland, United States**

- ✓ It is the first time in the 94-year history of the contest that more than two co-champions have been named
- ✓ It was also the first time since 2007 when an American student, Erin Howard, was among the winners



- ✓ The six boys and two girls combined to spell the final 47 words correctly over five consecutive perfect rounds in the most extraordinary ending of the competition
- ✓ In all, 50 of the 562 spellers reached the finals.
- ✓ The champions were, along with the final words they spelled –
 - ✓ Rishik Gandhasri, 13, of California: auslaut
 - ✓ Erin Howard, 14, of Alabama: erysipelas
 - ✓ Saketh Sundar, 13, of Maryland: bougainvillea
 - ✓ Shruthika Padhy, 13, of New Jersey: aiguillette
 - ✓ Sohun Sukhatankar, 13, of Dallas: pendeloque
 - ✓ Abhijay Kodali, 12, of Texas: palama
 - ✓ Christopher Serrao, 13, of New Jersey: cernuous
 - ✓ Rohan Raja, 13, of Texas: odylic
- ✓ Jacques Bailly, the event's pronouncer told the audience that finally they have run out of words to throw to the contestants
- ✓ As per the organizers, instead of splitting the prize money eight ways, all eight contestants will receive \$50,000

SPORTS

❖ **Roger Federer (Switzerland) - won in his 400th Grand Slam match at the French Open, thus becoming the first player to play as many on major stages.**

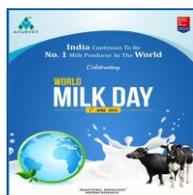
- ✓ Second on the list of most Grand Slam matches played is Serena Williams, with 382 matches played so far



- ✓ The 37-year-old Federer defeated Casper Ruud and entered the fourth round of the French Open, becoming the oldest player to reach the level for a record 14th time

INTERNATIONAL DAY

❖ **World Milk Day – June 1**



- ✓ The day celebrates the important contributions of the dairy sector to sustainability, economic development, livelihoods and nutrition
- ✓ In 2001, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) selected June 1st as World Milk Day
- ✓ It highlights the importance to the nutritional value of milk and how dairy industry adds to the livelihood of hundreds and thousands of people around the world
- ✓ Theme 2019 - "Drink Milk: Today & Everyday"

FULL LIST OF NEW MINISTERS IN UNION CABINET – A REPORT



CABINET MINISTERS & THEIR PORTFOLIOS

Narendra Modi

**Prime Minister and also in-charge of:
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; and all important policy issues; and all other portfolios not allocated to any minister**



**Rajnath Singh
Defence**



**Amit Shah
Home Affairs**



**Nitin Gadkari
Road Transport and Highways; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**



**DV Sadanand Gowda
Chemicals & Fertilizers**



**Nirmala Sitharaman
Finance; Corporate Affairs**



**S Jaishankar
External Affairs**



**Narendra Singh Tomar
Agri & Farmers Welfare; Rural Development; Panchayati Raj**



**Thawar Chand Gehlot
Social Justice & Empowerment**



**Ram Vilas Paswan
Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.**



**Ramesh Pokhriyal
HRD**



**Arjun Munda
Tribal Affairs**



**Harsimrat Kaur Badal
Food Processing Industries**



**Ravi Shankar Prasad
Law and Justice; Communications; Electronics & IT**



**Smriti Irani
Women and Child Development; Textiles**



**Harsh Vardhan
Health and Family Welfare; Science and Tech; Earth Sciences**



**Prakash Javadekar
Environment, Forest and Climate Change; I&B**



**Piyush Goyal
Railways; Commerce & Industry**



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Petroleum and Natural Gas; Steel**



**Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
Minority Affairs**



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Parliamentary Affairs; Coal; Mines**



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Heavy Industries & Public Enterprise**



**Giriraj Singh
Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries**



**Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
Jal Shakti**

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Raj Kumar Singh
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Dr. Jitendra Singh
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Women & Child Development



Rameswar Teli
Food Processing Industries

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi - held his first Union cabinet meeting of his second term on May 31
- ✓ The first file signed by PM Modi on assuming charge in his second term as PM was to enhance the amount of scholarships under the National Defence Fund and to include State Police Personnel in its ambit.
- ✓ There will be two new faces in the all-powerful Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) with the induction of BJP president Amit Shah as the home minister and career diplomat S Jaishankar as the external affairs minister
- ✓ Chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the CCS is the final decision-making body on matters related to country's security, including defence policy and internal security
- ✓ Besides the prime minister, the ministers of defence, home, external affairs and finance are members of the committee.
- ✓ Mr Rajnath Singh will be representing defence ministry at the CCS, while Ms Nirmala Sitharaman will be the finance minister, with a change of roles from the last ministry

DRAFT NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2019 – A REPORT

- ❖ **A committee headed by ISRO chief Dr K Kasturirangan – submitted the ‘Draft National Education Policy 2019’ to HRD Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal “Nishank” and Minister of State for HRD, Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre in New Delhi on May 31**



- ✓ The committee was earlier set up in 2017 by the Government
- ✓ Objectives of the Policy
 - ✓ To equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge
 - ✓ To eliminate the shortage of manpower in science, technology, academics and industry
 - ✓ The Draft National Education Policy, 2019 is built on the foundational pillars of Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability and Accountability.
- ✓ Highlights of the Policy
- ✓ It proposes allowing Class X and XII students to take the board exam in a given subject “whenever they feel most ready” and again if they feel they can study and do better
- ✓ It also suggests some radical changes like extending Right of Children for Free and Compulsory Education from early childhood upto Class XII.
- ✓ The draft also proposed continuation of the three language formula in schools, adopted in the 1968 education policy
- ✓ It has recommended that Sanskrit should be offered at all levels of school and higher education as one of the optional languages on par with all Schedule 8 languages.
- ✓ The Committee has recommended a simple standard to teach 'Sanskrit through Sanskrit' (STS) and make the works of Kalidasa and Bhasa widely available.
- ✓ All students in all schools, public or private, will take at least two years of a classical language of India in Grades 6-8, with the option to continue through secondary education and university.
- ✓ In higher education one of the significant reforms proposed is transforming and expanding the liberal arts science education (LASE) by re-structuring undergraduate programmes (e.g. BSc, BA, BCom, BVoc) of three or four years

duration and having multiple exit and entry options along with the introduction of major and minor electives, and also to conduct research optionally

- ✓ It suggests undergraduate honours courses lasting for four years instead of three.
- ✓ A student can also choose to leave after two years with a diploma or after three years with a graduate degree (without honours)
- ✓ Among other reforms suggested is the creation of the Rashtriya Shiksha Aayog (RSA), an apex educational body, to be headed by the Prime Minister.
- ✓ The committee has proposed to rename MHRD as Ministry of Education (MoE).
- ✓ In school education, a major reconfiguration of curricular and pedagogical structure with Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) as an integral part of school education is proposed.
- ✓ The committee also recommends Extension of Right to Education Act 2009 to cover children of ages 3 to 18.
- ✓ It envisages a "5+3+3+4" system of education, instead of the traditional 10+2 system. Under the new system, comprising school and pre-school education, the first five years would be the foundational stage (three years of pre-primary school, followed by grades 1 and 2), after which would come the preparatory stage (grades 3, 4 and 5), the middle stage (grades 6, 7 and 8) and then the secondary stage (grades 9, 10, 11 and 12)
- ✓ Each year of the Secondary Stage will be divided into 2 semesters, for a total of 8 semesters.
- ✓ Each student would take 5 to 6 subjects each semester
- ✓ Schools will be re-organized into school complexes.
- ✓ It also seeks to reduce content load in school education curriculum.
- ✓ There will be no hard separation of learning areas in terms of curricular, co-curricular or extra-curricular areas and all subjects, including arts, music, crafts, sports, yoga, community service, etc will be curricular.
- ✓ The committee proposes for massive transformation in teacher education by shutting down sub-standard teacher education institutions and moving all teacher preparation/education programmes into large multidisciplinary universities/colleges.
- ✓ The 4-year integrated stage-specific B.Ed. programme will eventually be the minimum degree qualification for teachers.
- ✓ In higher education, a restructuring of higher education institutions with three types of higher education institutions is proposed-
 - ✓ Type 1: Focused on world-class research and high quality teaching
 - ✓ Type 2: Focused on high quality teaching across disciplines with significant contribution to research;
 - ✓ Type 3: High quality teaching focused on undergraduate education. This will be driven by two Missions –Mission Nalanda & Mission Takshashila.
- ✓ The National Research Foundation, an apex body is proposed for creating a strong research culture and building research capacity across higher education.

- ✓ The four functions of standard setting, Funding, Accreditation and Regulation to be separated and conducted by independent bodies: National Higher Education Regulatory Authority as the only regulator for all higher education including professional education.
- ✓ Creation of accreditation eco-system led by revamped NAAC.
- ✓ Professional Standard Setting Bodies for each area of professional education and UGC to transform to Higher Education Grants Commission (HEGC).
- ✓ Promotion of Indian and classical languages and setting up three new National Institutes for Pali, Persian and Prakrit.
- ✓ Indian Institute of Translation and Interpretation (IITI) has been recommended.
- ✓ The private and public institutions will be treated on par and education will remain a 'not for profit' activity.
- ✓ In addition to the popular mid-day meal, the draft also suggests providing a "nutritious" breakfast for pre-school and primary school students
- ✓ The policy has called for a revision of NCERT textbooks.
- ✓ Select foreign universities (those from among the top 200 universities in the world) will be permitted to operate in India

