

# Key initiatives launched in the Education Sector under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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**In news**– Recently, the Prime Minister launched key initiatives in the Education sector, during the inaugural conclave of Shikshak Parv.

## About Shikshak Parv

- ‘Shikshak Parv 2021’ is being celebrated to honour the contribution of teachers, learning during pandemics, new initiatives under NEP 2020 among others.
- The celebration started on September 5 and will continue till September 17 in recognition of the valuable contributions of teachers and to take New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 a step forward.

## Theme –

**The theme of Shikshak Parv has been identified keeping in view three of the five pillars of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations – Ideas@75, Actions@75 and Achievements@75.**

**– : “Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India”.**

## Key initiatives-

Following are the various initiatives launched & mentioned (by PM) during the event:

- **Indian Sign Language Dictionary** – Audio and text embedded sign language video for the hearing impaired, in conformity with Universal Design of Learning.

- **Talking Books**-audiobooks for the visually impaired.
- **School Quality Assurance and Assessment Framework(SQAAF) of CBSE**- It would address the deficiency of the absence of a common scientific framework for dimensions like curricula, pedagogy, assessment, infrastructure, inclusive practices and governance process.
  - **NISHTHA teachers'** training programme for NIPUN Bharat and Vidyanjali portal (for facilitating education volunteers/ donors/ CSR contributors for school development).
  - **Vidyanjali 2.0**-It is a portal for facilitating education volunteers, donors and CSR contributors for school development. It is the platform for the country's resolution to 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' with 'Sabka Prayas'.
- **National Digital Architecture i.e. N-DEAR**- It is likely to play a major role in eradicating inequality in education and its modernization. N-DEAR will act as a 'super-connect' between various academic activities in the same way as UPI interface revolutionized the banking sector.