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TAMIL NADU

- Chief Minister M K Stalin - presented the Dr Radhakrishnan award to 15 selected teachers out of 389 awardees on September 5.



- ✓ School education minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, secretary Kakarla Usha and school education commissioner K Nanthakumar were present during the occasion.
- ✓ The award recognises the services and contributions of the best teachers of School Education Department
- ✓ This year, Dr Radhakrishnan Award was conferred to 389 teachers who have excelled in teaching innovation, design for education, environmental improvement, and student enrollment
- ✓ The awardees will receive Rs 10,000 cash reward, silver medal and certificate of appreciation.

NATIONAL

- On September 5, President Ram Nath Kovind - conferred the National Teachers' Awards on 44 teachers from 28 states/UTs across the country.
- ✓ The event was held in virtual mode due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

- ✓ The national-level awards are given on Teachers' Day to celebrate the exemplary contribution of some of the finest teachers in enriching the lives of students through innovative teaching methods.



- ✓ Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan addressed during the occasion.
- ✓ A documentary film on each of the 44 awardee teachers, including 10 women teachers, was also shown during the virtual award ceremony.
- ✓ Among the selected teachers are two each from Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Sikkim, Odisha, Bihar, Gujarat, and Rajasthan.



- ✓ A teacher from Eklavya model residential school, Karpawand, Bastar, Chhattisgarh is also among the 44 recipients of the award
- ✓ Among CBSE schools, two teachers from Delhi's Bal Bharati Public School Dwarka and Rajasthan's Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Jhunjhunu have made it to the national honours list.

- ✓ **Two teachers from Tamil Nadu, who received the award from the President, are K Asha Devi and D Lalitha**
- ✓ Asha Devi is the headmistress of the Panchayat Union Middle School at Piratiyur
 - ✓ She was the recipient of numerous awards, including the State government's 2019 Best PTA Teacher Award
- ✓ D Lalitha is the Headmistress of Government Girls Higher Secondary School in Modakurichi.
 - ✓ She has been teaching Physics to students for the past 19 years
- ✓ The day marks the beginning of Shikshak Parv-2021 under the Ministry of Education.
- ✓ The programme will continue till September 17 and would be held in both online and offline modes
- ✓ The National Teachers' Awards were first instituted in 1958 to recognise excellence and commitment of teachers in shaping the minds as well as future of the youth.



- ✓ From the mid-60s, September 5, the birth anniversary of former President and eminent educationist Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan which was later adopted as India's Teacher's Day, was taken as the fixed date for conferring these awards.
- ✓ The awards accord public recognition to meritorious teachers working in elementary and secondary schools.
- ✓ This year marks the 133rd birth anniversary of India's first Vice President, second President, Bharat Ratna Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan
- ✓ Teachers' Day is celebrated annually on September 5 to mark the birthday of the country's former President, scholar and philosopher, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was born on this day in 1888.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) - has granted a commercial licence to produce packaged drinking water from atmospheric air**
- ✓ The new technology produces water from air using giant Atmospheric Water Generators (AWGs).

NEW SOURCE

- Atmospheric Water Generators use refrigeration techniques to condense the humidity from moisture-laden air to produce water
- BIS grants a licence to a firm to produce packaged water from atmospheric air
- Officials say the AWG technology will also help in reducing the load on groundwater

- ✓ An AWG uses refrigeration techniques to condense the humidity from moisture-laden air.
- ✓ It sucks air from the atmosphere and passes into the machine through a filtration system where contaminants up to 10 microns are filtered out
- ✓ The filtered air is then passed over the condenser, where cooling coils are in the path.
- ✓ This provides a temperature differential between the air and the coil surface, thereby resulting in condensation and formation of water in a gigantic water tank
- ✓ The water in the tank goes through water purification processes to remove solids and odour, if any.
- ✓ Then it is subjected to added minerals, further treated with UV and ozonised to eliminate micro-organisms

OBITUARY

- **Bureaucrat, scholar and public health expert Keshav Desiraju, a former Union health secretary (66 years) - passed away in Chennai on September 5 following health complications.**



- ✓ He died on the birth anniversary of his illustrious grandfather S Radhakrishnan, former President of India, which is celebrated as Teachers Day.
- ✓ An IAS officer from the 1978 batch of the Uttarakhand cadre, Desiraju held several key positions in Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand Governments and at the Centre.
- ✓ On legendary singer M S Subbulakshmi, Desiraju penned a critically acclaimed book, "Of Gifted Voice: The Life and Art of M S Subbalakshmi".
- ✓ He also was a co-editor with Samiran Nundy and Sanjay Nagral of the book "Healers or Predators? Healthcare Corruption in India".
- ✓ Desiraju had a Masters degree in economics from the University of Cambridge and a Masters degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.
- ✓ Desiraju was known for his advocacy of mental health and improving public health.
- ✓ He had also worked closely with NIMHANS in Bengaluru and was also on the governing board of the Centre for Policy Research.
- ✓ Desiraju was one of the drafting members of the National Mental Health Policy 2016.
- ✓ He retired as Union Secretary in the Department of Consumer Affairs.
- ✓ Post retirement, Desiraju was appointed as the Chairperson of the Governing Board of Population Foundation of India (PFI), an NGO which works towards gender sensitisation along with health policies

SPORTS

- **India – concluded the Tokyo Paralympics with an astonishing 19 medals, including five gold medals**
- ✓ The country finished 24th among 162 participating nations in the overall tally on the basis of gold medal count
- ✓ The country was placed 20th based on the total numbers of medals (19) won, which includes eight silver and six bronze.

- ✓ India had sent its largest contingent-ever with 54 para athletes competing in nine sporting disciplines.
- ✓ Seventeen of them left Tokyo with medals, including multiple winners – shooters Avani Lakhera (gold, R2 – women’s 10m air rifle standing SH1 and bronze, R8 – women’s 50m rifle 3 positions SH1) and Singhraj Adhana (silver, P4 – mixed 50m pistol SH1 and bronze, P1 – men’s 10m air pistol SH1).
- ✓ Out of the disciplines represented, a maximum of 8 medals were won in Track and Field events, including Sumit Antil’s gold
- ✓ Further, 5 medals in Shooting (including Lakhera and Manish Narwal’s gold), 4 medals in Badminton (including Nagar and Bhagat’s gold), 1 medal each in Table tennis (Bhavinaben Patel’s silver) and archery (Harvinder Singh’s bronze) was won by India

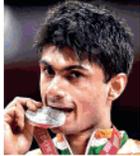
KRISHNA CAPS INDIA'S GOLD RUSH

India ended the Tokyo Paralympics on a high on Sunday with shuttlers Krishna Nagar and Suhas Yathiraj – who is also the Noida DM – winning a gold and silver respectively. In all, India won a record 19 medals, including 5 gold, to finish **24th among 162 countries**

Krishna Nagar | The 22-year-old man from Jaipur **gifted India its second badminton gold** when he roared back after losing the second game to beat Hong Kong China's Chu Man Kai 21-17, 16-21, 21-17 in men's singles SH6 class. Nagar suffers from short-stature impairment. He took interest in badminton when he was 14 and turned professional in 2016



Suhas Yathiraj | A golden finish eluded the Noida district magistrate after he lost 21-15, 17-21, 15-21 to World No. 1 Lucas Mazur of France in the final of men's Singles SL4 class. He will be the **first Indian civil services officer to take part and also win a medal at the Paralympic Games**



5 Records Scripted By Indians

<p>Sumit Antil (gold) World record (68.55m throw) in F64 men's javelin</p> <p>Avani Lekhara (gold) Equalled the world record (total 249.6 points) and scripted a Paralympic record in R2 women's 10m air rifle standing SH1</p> <p>Manish Narwal (gold) Paralympic record (total of 218.2 points) in P4 mixed 50m pistol SH1</p>	<p>Nishad Kumar (silver) Asian record (2.06m) in men's high jump T47</p> <p>Praveen Kumar (silver) Asian record (2.07m) in men's high jump T64</p>
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Medals tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	96	60	51	207
2	Great Britain	41	38	45	124
3	United States	37	36	31	104
24	India	5	8	6	19

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MEDAL TALLY

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3	USA	37	36	31	104
4	RPC	36	33	49	118
5	NED	25	17	17	59
6	UKR	24	47	27	98
7	BRA	22	20	30	72
8	AUS	21	29	30	80
9	ITA	14	29	26	69
24	India	5	8	6	19

- ✓ Before this edition till Rio 2016, India had won only 12 medals at the Paralympics
- ✓ Badminton and Taekwondo made their Games debut in Tokyo, both of which were represented by India
- ✓ On September 5, para shuttlers Krishna Nagar and Noida’s district magistrate Suhas Yathiraj bagged a historic gold and silver to complete the country’s campaign in the Games
- ✓ Jaipur-born Nagar defeated Hong Kong China’s, Chu Man Kai in men’s Singles SH6 class to win the gold medal
- ✓ Nagar won India’s second gold after Pramod Bhagat and fifth overall medal from the badminton courts
- ✓ Suhas, a bureaucrat currently posted as the GB Nagar DM, lost to France’s world No.1 Lucas Mazur in the final of men’s Singles SL4 class to settle for silver.
- ✓ He also became the first-ever IAS officer to win a medal at the Paralympics

- ✓ In 2017, Suhas has won gold medals at BWF Turkish Para badminton championship in men's singles as well as in men's doubles.
- ✓ In 2016, he won gold at Asia championships while in 2018, he bagged bronze in Asian Para Games.

