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Polity & Governance

National Teachers Awards 2026

Recently, Ministry of Education has opened the application and online self-nomination process for the National Teachers Awards 2026.

- **Registration through** - National Teachers' Awards Portal.

Eligibility criteria

- Minimum of 10 years of regular service.

- Applicants must not indulge in commercial private tuitions.

Ineligible -

- Contractual teachers.

- Shiksha Mitras.

- Educational administrators.

- Inspectors, and training institute staff.

Eligible schools -

- Schools managed by State Governments, UT Administrations, local bodies.

- Government-aided schools.

- Private schools affiliated with recognized boards.

- Central Government schools like Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs), Sainik Schools, and Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS).

Award components -

- A certificate of merit.

- A silver medal.

- A cash prize of ₹50,000.

Modules for Telecom Service Authorisations and License Migration

Department of Telecommunications (DoT) launched online modules for Telecom Service Authorisations and License Migration.

- **Platform** - DoT eServices Portal.

- **Launched under** - Telecommunications Act, 2023.

- **Portal features** -

- Fully automated, paperless application processing, document submission, tracking.

- Seamlessly integrated with MeitY's Entity Locker, allowing companies to digitally store, verify, and share Saral Sanchar licenses.

- **New registrations** - Done via the Saral Sanchar Portal link.

- **License migration** - Existing licensees can navigate directly to the UL/VNO Migration Section to align with new rules.

- **Service covered** -

- Unified Service Authorisation

- Access Service (Service Area-wise)

- Internet Service (Categories A, B, and C)

- Long Distance Services (National & International)

Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM)

MoSPI signed Statement of Intent (SoI) with GRAAM for embark India development fellowship Proposal recently.

- **GRAAM** - It is a prominent, non-partisan public policy research and advocacy think-and-act tank based in India.

- **Founded in** - 2011.

- **Headquarters** - *Mysore, Karnataka.*

- **Focus areas** -

- Indigenous community development.

- Learning, skill development, and livelihoods.

- Health and wellness.

- Governance and democratization.

- **Activities** -

- Policy research & Evaluation,

- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) consulting

- Academic & fellowship programs.

- **Objectives** -

- To influence evidence-based citizen-centric public policies collaboratively.

- To ensure the 'voices' of the communities at the grassroots are accounted for development.

Reforms in Wagon Design Policy

Union Railway Minister directed that a new Wagon Design Policy be issued within 15 days.

- **Implemented by** - Indian railway.

- **Key proposed reforms** -

- **Industry-Centric Approach** - It allows industries to design wagons tailored to their commodity needs.

- **Standards & Safety check by** - *Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) and Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS).*

- **Objective** - To reduce logistics costs and lower carbon emissions across the country.

- **Significance** - It contributes to *Viksit Bharat* and sustainable economic growth.

Economy

Treasury Bills (T-Bills)

Recently, calendar for auction of treasury bills for the quarter ending September 2026 released recently by central government.

- **Treasury Bills** - Short-term, sovereign debt instruments.

- **Issued by** - Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on behalf of the Central Government.

- **Constitutional provisions** -

- **Article 266 (Consolidated Fund)** - It dictates that all loans raised by the Central Government through the issuance of Treasury Bills.

- **Article 110 (Money Bills).**

- **Features** -

- Safest ***money market instruments***

- Fully backed by the Government of India.

- ***Zero-Coupon Structure*** - do not pay periodic interest or coupons.

- They are issued at a discount to their face value and redeemed at par (full face value) upon maturity.

- **Investing in T-bills** - Done through

- open a free ***Retail Direct Gilt (RDG) Account*** directly with the RBI (charges zero brokerage or maintenance fees).

- Mainstream discount brokers and trading apps (such as Zerodha, Groww, or Upstox)

- **Note** - ***Only the Central Government can issue***, not state governments.

Financial market instruments

- Money markets and capital markets are the two primary pillars of the financial system.

- **Money markets** -

- Handle ***short-term***, highly liquid, low-risk investments (*under 1 year*).

- **Instruments** -

- Treasury Bills (T-Bills).

- Certificates of Deposit (CDs).

- Commercial Paper.

- Repurchase Agreements (Repos).

- Call Money.

- **Capital markets** -

- ***Long-term*** wealth creation and financing (*over 1 year*),

- carry higher risks but offer higher potential returns.

- **Instruments** -

- Equities (Stocks).

- Bonds & Debentures.

- Mutual Funds & ETFs.

- Derivatives.

- Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

Security

Kuki-Zo Council (KZC)

Recently, Kuki-Zo Council admitted six Naga civilians were killed by Kukis.

- **KZC** - Apex socio-political organization *representing the interests of the Kuki and Zo (Zomi) tribal communities.*

- **Founded in** - 2024.

- **Composition** - Presidents and representatives from various Kuki-Zo tribes and Inpis (traditional governing councils).

Science

Intra Circle Roaming (ICR)

Department of telecommunications activates intra circle roaming in four districts of Arunachal Pradesh amid heavy rainfall recently.

- It is a telecom arrangement where a mobile subscriber connects to another operator's network within the same region.

- **Objective** - To access mobile services even if their own operator has no coverage in that specific area.

- **Significance** - It plays a critical role during natural disasters when mobile infrastructure is damaged.

Steps to ensure ICR works

- Keep "Automatic Network Selection" enabled in your phone settings.

- If automatic connection fails.

- Go to Settings > Mobile Networks > Network Operators.

- Manually select another available network.

Health

SHATAYU Dashboard

Recently, SHATAYU Dashboard Expands Caregiver Network for Senior Citizens across the country.

- **SHATAYU** - Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility.

- **Launched by** - *Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment*

- **Key features** -

- Coordinate with verified geriatric caregivers and support institutions down to the district level

- Monitors training modules and certification benchmarks for caregivers to ensure standardized.

- Consolidates data from NGOs, medical skill councils, and ecosystem partners.

- **Objectives** -

- To map, verify, and track geriatric caregivers.

- To provide families with reliable access to trained professional care providers.

- **Related platforms**

- **JEEVAN App** - Citizen-facing mobile application for senior citizens, provides access to emergency SOS features, and geo-tagged welfare homes.

- **Assistance** - For immediate support at *National Elder Helpline at 14567.*

Vitamin B3

A surprising vitamin B3 strategy is showing early promise in helping the immune system greatly.

- **Vitamin B3** - Also known as *niacin* and is an essential *water-soluble nutrient*.

- **Two primary forms** - Niacin (nicotinic acid) and Niacinamide (nicotinamide).

- **Natural Food Sources** -

- **Meat & Seafood** - Chicken, turkey, tuna, and salmon.

- **Plant-based options** - Peanuts, legumes, and green vegetables.

- **Fortified Foods** - Many cereals and breads are enriched with vitamin B3.

- **Benefits** - Body uses it to

- Convert food into energy.

- Repair DNA.

- Support your nervous system.

- Skin health.

- **Deficiency** - Leads to a condition called *pellagra* and skin problems.