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Maharashtra State News

<p>Samagra Shiksha scheme</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Maharashtra government has announced the regularization of services for over 3,000 special teachers and administrators working in state-run schools.• These teachers were initially appointed under the central government's Samagra Shiksha scheme in 2006. <p>About Samagra Shiksha scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Samagra Shiksha scheme is an integrated initiative by the Central government aimed at improving school education from pre-school to Class 12.• Launched in 2018, it combines three previous schemes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA),○ Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), and○ Teacher Education (TE).• Key Features:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Holistic Education: Treats school education as a continuum, ensuring a seamless transition from pre-primary to higher secondary levels.○ Inclusivity and Equity: Focuses on providing equitable learning opportunities for all children, regardless of their socio-economic background.○ Quality Education: Emphasizes improving learning outcomes and ensuring quality education through various interventions.○ Support for Teachers: Includes provisions for teacher training and professional development to enhance teaching quality.○ Digital Initiatives: Promotes the use of technology in education to improve access and learning experiences.○ Vocational Education: Integrates vocational training with general education to prepare students for the job
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	<p>market .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The scheme aligns with the Sustainable Development Goal for Education (SDG-4) and the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to ensure inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all.
E-Mulakat	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Bombay high court (HC) has sought details from the Maharashtra government on the facilities of e-mulakat and video conferencing in jails across the state.• In Maharashtra, 38 prisons have implemented this system, enabling inmates to communicate with their relatives through video calls. <p>About E-Mulakat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• E-Mulakat is an initiative by the Government of India to facilitate virtual meetings between prisoners and their families.• This service allows family members to schedule visits online and even conduct video calls with inmates, making it easier for those who live far from the prison to stay connected.• This initiative aims to reduce the logistical challenges of in-person visits and provide a more humane way for inmates to maintain family ties.
Professors Rohit Srivastava and Vivek Polshettiwar	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two Mumbai-based scientists, Professors Rohit Srivastava from IIT Bombay and Vivek Polshettiwar from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), were awarded the first Rashtriya Vigyan Puruskar (formerly known as the Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar award). <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The list of awardees was published by the office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India.• Rohit Srivastava received the Vigyan Shri award, one of four prestigious categories.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Srivastava was recognized for his significant contributions to medical diagnostic devices, nanoengineered materials, and photothermal cancer therapy in 2024.○ Srivastava is a professor in the Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering at IIT Bombay.



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- **Vivek Polshettiwar** received the **Rashtriya Vigyan Yuva Puraskar**.
 - Polshettiwar's research at TIFR **focuses on advanced nanomaterials and nanocatalysis** for harvesting **solar energy and converting carbon dioxide** into value-added chemicals and fuels.
 - **Award Recognition:** He was awarded for his work in **nanocatalysis**, particularly in '**Black Gold**' and '**Defects**' chemistry.

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