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Maharashtra State News

State Cultural Awards of Maharashtra	Why in the news? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anuradha Paudwal, a renowned Indian playback singer, was honoured with the Lata Mangeshkar Award 2024.• She received the award for her consistent and invaluable contribution to music and singing. Key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theater Lifetime Achievement Award: Natwarya Prabhakar Panashikar• Sangeet Theater Lifetime Achievement Award: Sangeetcharya Annasaheb Kirloskar• Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi Classical Music Lifetime Achievement Award: Aarti Anklekar-Tikekar for 2024.• State Cultural Award for her work in theatre, film, and television: Rohini Hattangadi
New Education Policy (NEP) 2020	Why in the news? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In line with the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Maharashtra state government will provide free vocational higher education for women. Key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This initiative aims to increase female enrollment in vocational programs.• Daughters of families earning up to ₹8 lakh annually are eligible for free degrees, certificates, and postgraduate education.• The scholarship will be disbursed in two stages, directly



to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.

About New Education Policy (NEP) 2020:

- **School Education:**

- Introduces a **5+3+3+4 structure**, replacing the **10+2 system**. This includes:
 - 5 years of foundational stage (ages 3-8)
 - 3 years of preparatory stage (ages 8-11)
 - 3 years of middle stage (ages 11-14)
 - 4 years of secondary stage (ages 14-18)
- **Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE):** Universal access to ECCE for children aged 3-6 years.
- **Foundational Literacy and Numeracy:** Aims to achieve universal foundational literacy and numeracy in primary school by 2025.
- **Curriculum and Pedagogy:** Focus on holistic, integrated, enjoyable, and engaging learning.
- **Mother Tongue/Local Language:** Medium of instruction to be the mother tongue/local language till at least Grade 5, preferably till Grade 8.

- **Higher Education:**

- **Multidisciplinary Approach:** Promotes a holistic and multidisciplinary education with flexible curricula.
- **Institutional Restructuring:** Consolidation of higher education institutions into large multidisciplinary universities and colleges.
- **National Research Foundation:** Establishment of a National Research Foundation to foster a strong research culture.
- **Regulatory System:** Transformation of the regulatory system to ensure transparency and efficiency.

- **Other Key Areas:**

- **Vocational Education:** Integration of vocational education into mainstream education from Grade 6.
- **Technology Integration:** Emphasis on the use of



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	<p>technology in education for better learning outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Adult Education: Focus on adult education and lifelong learning.○ Promotion of Indian Languages: Promotion of Indian languages, arts, and culture.● Implementation: Central Advisory Board of Education
Maharashtra Resilient Development Program	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the state government's Ministry of Skill Development and the incubation centre of KIT College of Engineering (autonomous) for promoting start-ups. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maharashtra State Innovation Society: Established with the state government's participation to support start-ups in contributing to the state's economic development and creating employment opportunities across all societal sections.● KIT College Contributions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ KIT provided an "ignition fund" totaling Rs 50 lakh to around 10 start-ups in the last year.○ 16 start-up ideas have been registered at KIT.○ Eight patents have been filed by KIT.● Incubator Support Fund: In recognition of KIT's efforts, the Maharashtra State Innovation Society provided an incubator support fund of Rs 5 crores, leading to the signing of the MoU.



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