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Article → Improving the status of teaching profession by providing high wages

- Bhutan - New policy by Bhutan PM
- Teachers, doctors and other medical staff will earn more than civil servants
- Pride of place → Remuneration & Symbolism
- Professional experience informs policy

Will improving status of teaching profession positively influence educational outcomes?

- Global Teacher Status Index, 2018
- 35 countries → Includes India
- Explores → What is fair salary for teachers?
  - Whether students respect teachers?
  - How highly people rank their educational system?

4 Distinct correlation between
  - Student Outcomes & Teacher Status (PISA Scores)

4 Conclusion: 'Teacher wages and teacher status contribute to students’ performance'

4 India’s Score - 58

4 PISA - Programme for International Student Assessment
- OECD’s Programme
- Triennial Survey
- 15 year old Students
- Measures students ability in reading, mathematics, science, global competence, financial literacy
- Ranks educational systems of countries
- India not a participant.

India:
- 3% of GDP on education
- 10% of Centre’s and State’s budgetary expenses
- Salaries constitute the large portion
- NITI Ayog → “Strategy for New India @ 75”
- Raise education spending to 6% of GDP by 2022

→ World Bank Study
- Teachers absenteeism in India - 24%
- Costs about $15 billion annually
- Factors - Second job to boost income
  - Providing parental nursing care
  - Lacking motivation

→ Fiscal Challenges
- T.N. → Turned down demand of high wages & better pension
- Already amounts to 71% of expenditure
Suggestions:
* Rationalising teacher recruitment & allocation of funds to existing programs
* Improving accountability
* Pilot project in a smaller state
  Ex: Delhi
  * Education - key focus of state government
    - 20% of annual budget
  * Highly urban & well connected

⇒ Education at a Glance 2018 → OECD
  ⇒ Quality of Education - Predictor of country’s economic prosperity
  ⇒ Shortfalls in academic achievements
    - extremely costly

⇒ Conclusion:
  ⇒ Step out of incrementalism in policy-making
  ⇒ Revolutionary policy → top-notch salary to teachers

Programme for Blue Flag Certification for Beaches
  ⇒ Integral Coastal Management Scheme named as BEAMS
  ⇒ BEAMS - Beach Management Scheme
  ⇒ Comes under the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project - Assisted by World Bank
  ⇒ SICOM
  - Society for Integrated Coastal Management
  - Established under MoEF and CC
  - Blue Flag Beach Programme
    - Identifying one beach each in all 13 Coastal States / UTs
    - December 2017

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State scouts locations for ‘Blue Flag beach’ programme

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Main objectives of the Programme
- to promote sustainable development in coastal regions - beach management
- to attain high international standards in 4 categories in beaches
  1. Environmental Management
     - Cleanliness
     - Solid Waste Management
  2. Environmental Education
  3. Safety and Security of beachgoers
  4. Bathing water quality Standards

⇒ Blue Flag Beach Standards:
- Established by Copenhagen based Foundation on Environmental Education (1987)
- Requires 33 standards in 4 areas - to make beaches environment-friendly
- Initially in Europe - then became worldwide in 2001

News Article:
⇒ TN Govt - Searching for suitable locations to implement Blue Flag Beach Programme
   - funded by the Central Government
⇒ Proposal to develop Mahabalipuram dropped - because of strong waves and currents

Violation of reservation in top posts at universities
They occupy only around 1% of top teaching posts

Violation of Reservation

PAPER-I - (200 marks)
- Current events of national and international importance.
- Economic and Social Development - Inclusion

PAPER-II
General Studies-I: Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society.
- Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.

PAPER-III
General Studies-II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.
- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
- mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.

⇒ Anomaly - In recruitment of Other Backward Castes candidates:
   - higher levels of teaching positions
   - addressed by Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Ordinance, 2019

⇒ Recent advertisements of recruitment of teaching positions in 13 Central Universities
   - Clear violation of the Ordinance

⇒ Despite clarification by HRD Ministry, only one Central University issued a revised notification

⇒ Differential Treatment
   - Indira Gandhi National Tribal University
     - Provides reserved positions for EWS at the levels of Associate Professor and Professor but NOT for OBC.
Tiss - also has reservation at higher levels of teaching positions

Other Backward Castes
- 50% of India's population
- Only 4.8% in all faculty positions in all Central Education Institutions
- UAC - only 12.84% of 'Asst. Professor' positions occupied by OBCs

Inference:
- Representation of OBCs less than that of Muslims at higher levels of teaching
- If Muslims in OBCs excluded, then the representation is negligible

Decision making power - Professors and Associate Professors - in recruitment process
- at times misinterpret Constitutional provisions
- Courts - orders only correction of advertisements - neither award any compensation to petitioner - nor order punishment to violators
- Delay of 15 years in implementing reservation for the SCs, the STs and the OBCs
- Within 1 month of announcement, reservation for EWS implemented

Differential Treatment

Imbalanced representation of a social group at higher levels of teaching

Core sector growth slows to 5.1% in May 2019
- Index of Eight Core Industries
- Slow growth in coal and refinery products sector
- Refinery sector → ↓ 1.5%
- Coal Sector → Growth slowing to 1.8%
- Natural Gas Sector → Zero growth
- Strongest Performer → Steel Sector → Growth 19.8%

Index of Eight Core Industries:

- Released on a monthly basis
- Production Volume Index
- Measure collective and individual performance of production in selected eight core industries
  - Coal
  - Petroleum Refinery Products
  - Crude Oil
  - Fertilizers
  - Cement
  - Natural Gas
  - Steel
  - Electricity
Q. In the Index of Eight Core Industries, which one of the following is given the highest weight?

a) Coal production
b) Electricity generation (Correct Answer)
c) Fertilizer Production
d) Steel Production
**Imitation registry**

Nagaland should take note of the minefield that is Assam’s NRC process. Nagaland is following in the footsteps of its western neighbour, Assam, in the task of setting up a Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN). This is a variant of the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

**Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN)**

- Nagaland following footsteps of its Western neighbour

- Nagaland shares border with three states and one neighbour country

- Assam yet to publish final NRC
  - Update process began in 2015

- Nagaland, RIIN - Expected to be setup in December, 2019

**Population (2011 Census):**

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**Assam NRC Update:**

- Done to detect illegal immigrants
- Seen mixed results
- Names of family members of former Indian President - missing
- Final draft NRC - 40 lakh (approx)
  - Addl. Draft Exclusion list - 1 lakh (approx)
    - 41 lakh (approx)
- No clear endpoint
  - To deport - Govt. of Bangladesh has to agree
  - Govt. of Bangladesh: ‘NRC update process in India is an internal matter’
  - No deportation possible

**Nagaland - One of the objectives - is to identify illegal immigrants from Bangladesh**

- Two years ago - town passed a resolution to curb illegal immigrants from Bangladesh integrating, living and trading
- Capital of Nagaland - Kohima
- Largest city and commercial capital of Nagaland - Dimapur
- Commercial capital of India - Mumbai
- Nagaland’s Current Situation
  - Volatile
  - Declared as ‘disturbed area’ under AFSPA, 1958
Author:

1. The State Government must proceed with caution.
2. An indigenous inhabitant of Nagaland outside its ambit.
3. Appeal mechanism and humane hearing should be an in-built feature.
4. Compilation of the registry (CRIM) should not be driven by emotive political factors and political favouritism.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS
DISCUSSION
Practice Question – Prelims

Q1. Consider the following statements, with reference to “Global Teacher Status Index 2018”.

1. It is released by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development every year.
2. India has been included in 2018 index only.

Which among the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only  
b) 2 only  
c) Both 1 and 2  
d) Neither 1 nor 2

Practice Question – Prelims

Q2. Which of the following programme is associated with the objective to promote sustainable development in coastal regions and also to attain high international standards in certain categories in beaches?

a) ACROSS  
b) SVEEP  
c) HRIDAY  
d) BEAMS

Practice Question – Prelims

Q3. Article 123 of Indian constitution deals with

a) Power of President to grant pardons  
b) Power of President to consult Supreme Court  
c) The President by Public Notification specifying certain Tribes as deemed to be ‘Scheduled Tribes’  
d) Promulgation of Ordinance by the President when Parliament is not in session

Practice Question – Prelims

Q4. Recently, the National Register of Citizens is being updated in which among the following states?

1. Nagaland  
2. Assam  
3. Manipur

Choose the correct answer from the code given below.

a) 1 only  
b) 2 only  
c) 3 only  
d) 1 and 2 only
Practice Question – Prelims

Q5. Consider the following statements.

1. The Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958, allows for the Governor of a State or the administrator of that Union Territory or the Central Government, to declare an entire state or part of a State or Union territory, to be a disturbed area.

2. At present, the Act is in operation in the state of Nagaland.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2

Practice Question – Mains

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Q. “Improving the status of teaching profession by providing higher wages”. Evaluate.

Practice Question – Prelims

Answers

Q1. Option (b) – 2 Only
Q2. Option (d) – BEAMS
Q3. Option (d) – Promulgation of Ordinance by the President when Parliament is not in session
Q4. Option (b) – 2 Only
Q5. Option (c) – Both 1 and 2