



## CURRENT AFFAIRS



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### INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

- Date: – June 21 and has been celebrated annually on since 2015
- The theme of this year's Yoga Day celebrations is "Yoga for Humanity"
- PM leads the main event at Mysuru Palace.
- The idea of an International Day of Yoga, initially proposed by Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, was promoted by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, during his speech at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), on 27 September 2014
- According to Hindu legends, Shiva is considered to be the originator of yoga and also called Adiyogi, the first yogi (adi ="first").
- Summer solstice holds importance in the yogic culture as it is considered to be the very beginning of the yoga
- Yoga was brought to the people by the "Saptarishis".(The Saptarishi, are the seven rishis in ancient India, who are extolled at many places in the Vedas and other Hindu literature. The Vedic Samhitas never enumerate these rishis by name, though later Vedic texts such as the Brahmanas and Upanisads do so.)

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## **KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK**

- Location: – Golaghat and Nagaon districts Assam, India.
- Located on the edge of the Eastern Himalaya biodiversity hotspot.
- The park, which hosts two-thirds of the world's great one-horned rhinoceroses, is a World Heritage Site.
- Kaziranga National Park was declared a Tiger Reserve in 2006.
- Kaziranga is recognized as an Important Bird Area by Bird Life International for conservation of avifaunal species.
- The park area is circumscribed by the Brahmaputra River.
- Four main types of vegetation exist in this park i.e. Alluvial inundated grasslands, Alluvial savanna woodlands, Tropical moist mixed deciduous forests and Tropical semi-evergreen forests.

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## **NEED FOR AN EDUCATION DATA**

### **Need for an Education Data**

#### **What's the problem?**

India lacks and requires data that may hold local players and their educational visions accountable.

#### **What is Rajasthan's situation?**

Depending on the dataset, media articles have highlighted a significant decline in learning outcomes or an improvement. The NGO Pratham produces the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER).

Rajasthan was one of the best performing States in (National Achievement Survey) NAS 2017 but was one of the five States with the lowest learning levels according to ASER 2019 statistics.

Poor parents hardly ever use it, despite the near-unanimity among policymakers and the strong efforts to disseminate data among the end users.

For them, education focuses on the results of exams, which serve as a proxy for learning, English language proficiency, and the potential to pursue secondary and graduate degrees.

Data on state-level learning standards or district-level school infrastructure cannot inspire the masses.

### **What about the present status?**

Data must be connected to a vision of schooling that takes into account the concerns and aspirations of parents. A national policy should reflect the core of the goals of the people at the federal, state, local, and district levels.

The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), among other school and district development initiatives, did not reflect the agreement of parents and schools.

Parent-teacher committees and other locally based consultative groups like school management committees could not serve as platforms to support this.

### **Why are education statistics so important?**

Data won't advance beyond the administrator and the activist until it is linked with a locally established and politically held vision of schooling.

To hold local actors accountable, the education data is crucial.

## Way Forward:

The best course of action is to integrate data with a vision of schooling that answers parents' concerns and ambitions and is implementable at the level of government that is closest to them, i.e. the local administrative and political system, in order to inspire reform. When the data speaks to the poor and they have a voice with the authorities who have the authority to act, the poor will speak up.

A compelling vision for education can take many forms, including a national policy. It should ideally capture the essence of the populace's viewpoint. Additionally, the vision will take on numerous shapes in both policy and non-policy contexts at the national, State, district, and local levels — For instance, consider how panchayat schools operate when they emphasize migrant children's learning and personality development, or how non-governmental organization programmes build teacher capacity for bilingual classrooms. There is now no vision for education below the national level, especially at institutions that cater to the disadvantaged.

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## KRISHNA RIVER

- The Krishna River is a river in the Deccan plateau, and the third-longest river of India ( after the Ganges and Godavari)
- Major source of irrigation in following states i.e. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.
- It originates in the Western Ghats near Mahabaleshwar (Maharashtra) at an elevation of about 1,300 mtr.
- Mouth of the river:- Bay Of Bengal

- Tributaries :- Bhima, Dindi, Peddavagu, Musi, Palleru, Munneru, Kudali (Niranjna) Venna, Koyna, Panchganga, Dudhaganga, Ghataprabha, Malaprabha, Tungabhadra.
- Krishna river basin also known for rich mineral deposits such as iron, oil & gas, coal, laterite, limestone, gold, dolomite, granite etc

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## **KEIBUL LAMJAO NATIONAL PARK**

- Location:- Bishnupur district (Manipur)
- It is the only floating park in the world, located in North East India, and an integral part of Loktak Lake.
- The park is composed of moist semi-evergreen forests, aquatic, wetland and terrestrial ecosystem
- It was created to preserve the natural habitat of the endangered Eld's deer(*Cervus eldi eldi*).

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