

# Gyan Sahayak Scheme

## Why In The News?

- As Gujarat Saw The Announcement Of The **Gyan Sahayak Scheme** By The State Government In July, It Also **Witnessed Opposition From Student Groups, Political Parties** Including The AAP And Congress, Among Others.
- The Scheme Aims To **Fill Vacancies In Government Schools** With The Appointment Of **Teachers On Contractual Basis** Till The Process Of Regular Appointments Is Complete. Even The **Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP)**, The BJP Backed Student Wing, Has Sought Cancellation Of The Scheme.



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- The Education Department Had Announced The Scheme In July, Stressing That Gyan Sahayaks Would Be Appointed In The Interim Period **Till The Vacant Posts** Of Teachers In Primary, Secondary And Higher Secondary Government Schools **Are Filled Through Regular Appointments**.
- The Aim, The Government Said, Was That **Education Was Not Affected**. The Appointments Were To Be Filled On A Contractual Basis. The Order Cites The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** As The Premise For Implementing This Scheme.
- The NEP 2020, It Said, Suggests That **21<sup>st</sup> Century Students** Should Have Communication, Critical And Creative Thinking And Problem-Solving Skills. For This, It Is Important That **Teachers Too Are Equipped With These Skills**.



## Only For Government Schools

- Gyan Sahayak Scheme Is For **Government And Grant-In-Aid Schools**, Especially For Mission Schools Of Excellence. The Government Had Declared Hiring On Contract **15,000 Gyan Sahayaks In Primary Schools And 11,500 In Secondary And Higher Secondary Schools**.
- A **Primary School Gyan Sahayak** Is Eligible For A Salary Of **Rs 21,000**, **Secondary School Gyan Sahayak** For **Rs 24,000** And **Higher Secondary School Gyan Sahayak** For **Rs 26,000 Per Month**.
- An Estimated **32,000 Vacancies** Around **20,000 In Primary And 12,000 In Secondary Schools** Are Reported In Government And Grant-in-aid Schools In The State. Most Of These Posts Are Lying Vacant In Schools.
- The Last Regular Appointments Done In These Schools Were **For 320 Teachers In Government Primary Schools** Where The State Government Hired Teachers Just Before State Assembly Elections Last Year And **Over 6,000 In January 2021 In Secondary Schools**.

