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India's ancient of great personalities in the educational curriculum

1163 # **Dr. Radha Mohan Das Agrawal:**

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to include the subjects of India's ancient scientific achievements, glorious history and contribution of ideal great personalities in the educational curriculum of the country at various levels ; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government for the said purpose, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a)&(b) The National Education Policy 2020 refers to prioritising Indian knowledge system. It talks about inclusion of the rich heritage of ancient and eternal Indian knowledge and thought. It emphasises on inclusion of great Indian personalities like Charaka, Susruta, Aryabhata, Varahamihira, Bhaskaracharya, Brahmagupta, Chanakya, Chakrapani Datta, Madhava, Panini, Patanjali, Nagarjuna, Gautama, Pingala, Sankardev, Maitreyi, Gargi and Thiruvalluvar, among numerous others, who made seminal contributions to world knowledge in diverse fields such as mathematics, astronomy, metallurgy, medical science and surgery, civil engineering, architecture, shipbuilding and navigation, yoga, fine arts, chess, and more. It also makes reference to Panchatantra, Jataka, Hitopadesh that are stories drawn from our culture and heritage.

The National Curriculum Framework for School Education has become the blue print for preparation of syllabus and text books and NCERT is deliberating on it in the spirit of the NEP, 2020. Based on the same, the Curricular Area Groups (CAGs) on various subjects including History, Geography, Political Science, Sociology and Psychology have been constituted to develop syllabus and Teaching Learning Material (TLM) for classes III to XII. It is envisioned that the syllabus and concomitant TLM prepared by the (CAGs) will factor into these important aspects.