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# ***13th, Feburary, 2022***

## ***Topic: Awards***

### ***Importance: Himachal Exams Prelims Part***

#### ***What is the news?***

- Ved Ram Awards for Art and Culture will be presented on April 21.
- Retd. HAS Mohar Singh Thakur of Sainj to get the Life Time Achievement award.

#### ***Important Points:***

Satya Prakash Thakur, the former minister and chairman, Bhuttico, one of Asia's famous handloom cooperative societies, said on Friday that the annual Thakur Ved Ram International Awards ceremony 2021-22 to commemorate the 102nd birth anniversary of the founder of Bhuttico, would be held on April 21. The awards ceremony could not take place over the past two

years due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

The chairman said the National Award Committee (NAC) had finalized the list of awardees. The prizes will be awarded for special contributions in the fields of literature, art, language and culture, journalism, co-operative societies, crafts and weaving.

The former minister said that the Thakur Ved Ram National Award for the cooperative sector would be given to VC Sehgal of Mandi, Sushil Kumar of Kangra and Tej Mohinder Singh, former director of the NCDC. The national award for the weaving sector would be bestowed upon Hiran Goswami of Assam, Kancheepuram Silk Cooperative Society of Tamil Nadu and Ses Ram of Bhuttico.

Thakur said that the national award for literature in the memory of late Dr Vidya Chand Thakur would be presented to Dr Sushil Kumar of Palampur. "Anand Bodh, Senior Assistant Editor, Times of India, Shimla, will be conferred late Dr TDS Alok national award for the print media. Late Subhash Sharma national award for excellence in the field of electronic media will be awarded to Alok Kumar, Program Director, Doordarshan, Chandigarh".

Satya Prakash said that Amar Dev of Darlaghat would be honored with the Purohit Chandershekhar Bebas Lok Sahitya national award and the Chand Kullvi Lal Chand Prarthi Pahari Kala Sanskriti national award would be given to Phoola Chandel of Bilaspur. Dev Singh Pokharia of Almora, Uttarakhand, had been nominated for the Thakur Molu Ram Jeevant Pahari Bhasha Aur Sanskriti national award. Retired HAS Mohar Singh Thakur of Sainj would be conferred with the Life Time Achievement award.

*(Source: The Tribune)*

## **Topic: Agriculture**

### **Importance: Himachal Exams Mains Part**

#### **What is the news?**

- Nauni varsity VC: Stress on low-cost farm technologies.
- Dr Parvinder Kaushal, Vice-Chancellor, Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, said the university had developed several low-cost technologies whose adoption could enhance farmers' incomes.
- He was addressing an awareness camp on natural farming and animal husbandry under the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) at Nauni Majhgaon Gram Panchayat last evening.

Dr Kaushal emphasised that development was important for everyone and added that the old and new generations should exchange their ideas to create a harmonious balance. "The youth are exploring new ideas by adopting scientific methods. Techniques like natural farming should be adopted to reap its immense benefits. Low-cost technologies developed by the university can help enhance farmers income," he added.

#### **About Natural Farming:**

- Natural agriculture is a system whereby the laws of nature apply to agricultural practices. This method works along with the natural biodiversity of each farmed area, encouraging the complexity of living organisms, both plants, and animals that shape each particular ecosystem to thrive along with food plants.
- Natural agriculture is an ecological agricultural approach established by Masanobu Fukuoka (1913-2008), a

Japanese farmer and philosopher, presented in his book The One-Straw Revolution published in 1975.

*(Source: HP Tribune)*

## ***Topic: Person in news***

***Importance: Himachal Exams Prelims Part.***

### ***What is the news?***

- Lahaul village lad to represent India in cycling camp at Turkey.
- MTB racer Shiven, a native of Chuling village in the tribal district of Lahaul and Spiti, will represent India at a cycling training camp in Turkey. The two-month camp will start on February 13.

### ***About Shiven Past Achievements:***

- Shiven has represented India in international level MTB cycling competitions since 2019. He has been a national champion twice and has won seven medals for Himachal Pradesh at the national-level competitions in the past.

*(Source: HP Tribune)*



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