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PARAKH

This article covers "Daily Current Affairs" and the topic details "PARAKH". The topic "PARAKH" has relevance in the Governance section for the UPSC CSE exam.

Relevance of the topic "PARAKH"

For Prelims:

What is PARAKH?

For Mains:

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What is the objective of PARAKH?

What is the significance of PARAKH?

Way Forward

Why in the news?

The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with PARAKH (The National Assessment Centre), has taken the initiative to organize the inaugural National Level Workshop on Assessment.

What is PARAKH?

PARAKH(Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development) was established as an organization under the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). It has been tasked with the important role of fostering collaboration and standardisation among school boards across various States and Union Territories (UTs) in India.

What is the objective of PARAKH?

The objectives of PARAKH are as follows:

- It aims to create a common platform to work diligently to bring together the diverse school boards operating throughout the country.
- It will facilitate dialogue and cooperation among the educational bodies responsible for conducting assessments at the school level.

- It will serve as a catalyst for sharing best practices, exchanging insights, and fostering collaboration among the school boards.
- It will aid in harmonizing the assessment procedures across States and UTs.
- It will enable the school boards to collectively address challenges, explore innovative assessment methods, and develop standardized frameworks that align with national educational objectives.

What is the significance of PARAKH?

1. Enhance the quality and credibility of assessments.
2. Ensure fairness, transparency, and reliability in the evaluation of students' learning outcomes.
3. Promote uniformity and consistency in the assessment processes and practices followed by these boards.

Way Forward

In summary, PARAKH, functioning under NCERT, is pivotal in unifying school boards nationwide. By fostering collaboration and standardization, it aims to promote a consistent and equitable assessment system that benefits students, teachers, and the overall education ecosystem in India.

Source:

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1926438>

QUESTION FOR PRELIMS

Q.1 PARAKH recently seen in the news is a:

1. Initiative to assess the learning outcomes.
2. New nuclear-powered submarine.
3. An initiative of FSSAI to check adulterated milk.
4. Health insurance scheme related to Non Communicable diseases.

Answer : (a)

Q.2 Consider the following statements about PARAKH an initiative launched for improvement in education outcomes:

1. It is an organization under AICTE.
2. It aims to foster collaboration and standardisation among school boards in India.
3. It will facilitate dialogue and cooperation among the educational bodies responsible for conducting assessments at the school level.

Answer : (b and c)

QUESTION FOR MAINS EXAMINATION

Q.1 There has been a proliferation of schools in the country but the quality of education is an issue. What are the issues in assessing the quality of education at the school level? Examine the significance of PARAKH for a consistent and equitable assessment system.

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