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1. NITI AAYOG CONVENES FIRST MEETING OF THE HIGH-POWERED 'EDUCATION TO EMPLOYMENT AND ENTERPRISE' STANDING COMMITTEE



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NITI Aayog

Key Objectives

- I. Improve transition from:
 - A. Education to jobs and enterprise creation
- II. Promote:
 - A. Skill development
 - B. Innovation
 - C. Entrepreneurship ecosystem

Focus Areas

- Industry-aligned education
- Employability and vocational skills
- Startup and enterprise promotion
- Future-ready workforce development

Importance

- I. Addresses:
 - A. Skill mismatch and unemployment challenges

- II. Supports:
 - A. India's demographic dividend and economic growth goals

Expected Outcomes

- I. Better coordination among:
 - A. Government
 - B. Industry
 - C. Academic institutions
- II. Enhanced:
 - A. Youth employment and entrepreneurial opportunities

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

NITI Aayog

NITI Aayog

- I. Apex public policy think tank of the Government of India.
- II. Focuses on:
 - A. Cooperative federalism
 - B. Policy innovation
 - C. Sustainable development

Education to Employment Challenge

- I. Many economies face:
 - A. Gap between academic learning and industry requirements
- II. Requires:
 - A. Skill-oriented and practical learning systems

Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

- I. Encouraging startups and enterprises can:
 - A. Generate employment
 - B. Drive innovation and economic growth

Demographic Dividend

- I. India's large youth population offers:
 - A. Economic growth potential if adequately skilled and employed

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Organization:** NITI Aayog.
- **Committee:** Education to Employment and Enterprise Standing Committee.
- **Focus:** Skills, jobs, and entrepreneurship.
- **Objective:** Workforce readiness.
- **Importance:** Youth employment and innovation.
- **Approach:** Industry-academia-government collaboration.
- **Way Forward:** Promote future-ready education and enterprise ecosystems.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **NITI Aayog:** Government policy think tank
- **Theme:** Education to employment transition
- **Focus:** Skill development
- **Goal:** Employability and entrepreneurship
- **Challenge:** Skill mismatch
- **Opportunity:** Demographic dividend
- **Approach:** Industry-academia collaboration

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. NITI Aayog is the public policy think tank of the Government of India.
2. Skill mismatch refers to the gap between workforce skills and industry requirements.
3. Entrepreneurship promotion can contribute to employment generation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 only

Answer: (a)

2. DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS EXPANDS SCOPE OF GOVERNMENT APPROVED TEST CENTRES (GATC); VERIFICATION OF CNG, LNG & HYDROGEN DISPENSERS ENABLED



उपभोक्ता मामले विभाग
DEPARTMENT OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Key Objective

- I. Ensure:
 - A. Accurate measurement and dispensing of gaseous and clean fuels
- II. Promote:
 - A. Transparency and reliability in fuel transactions

What are GATCs?

- I. Authorized centres approved for:
 - A. Verification and calibration of weighing and measuring instruments
- II. Operate under:
 - A. Legal metrology framework

Importance of the Expansion

- I. Supports:
 - A. Growing adoption of clean fuels like CNG, LNG, and hydrogen
- II. Ensures:
 - A. Standardization and consumer confidence in emerging fuel technologies

Significance

- I. Strengthens:
 - A. India's clean energy and alternative fuel ecosystem
- II. Encourages:
 - A. Fair trade practices and fuel quality assurance

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Legal Metrology

- I. Refers to:
 - A. Regulation of weights and measures used in trade and commerce
- II. Ensures:
 - A. Accuracy and fairness in transactions

Alternative Fuels

CNG (Compressed Natural Gas)

- Cleaner alternative to conventional fossil fuels.

LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas)

- Natural gas cooled into liquid form for easier transport and storage.

Hydrogen Fuel

- Emerging clean energy source with low carbon emissions potential.

Role of Verification

- I. Prevents:
 - A. Incorrect fuel measurement and consumer exploitation
- II. Improves:
 - A. Safety, trust, and operational standards

Clean Energy Transition

- I. India is promoting:
 - A. Cleaner transportation fuels
 - B. Green hydrogen ecosystem
 - C. Sustainable mobility solutions

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Department:** Department of Consumer Affairs.
- **Mechanism:** Government Approved Test Centres (GATCs).
- **Expansion:** Verification of CNG, LNG, and hydrogen dispensers.
- **Focus:** Legal metrology and consumer protection.

- **Importance:** Clean fuel infrastructure reliability.
- **Sector:** Energy and measurement standards.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen standards and regulatory systems for emerging clean fuels.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **GATC:** Government Approved Test Centre
- **Field:** Legal metrology
- **Purpose:** Verification of measuring instruments
- **Clean fuels:** CNG, LNG, Hydrogen
- **Goal:** Accurate fuel dispensing
- **Importance:** Consumer protection and standardization
- **Focus:** Sustainable energy ecosystem

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Legal metrology deals with regulation of weights and measures used in trade.
2. LNG is natural gas converted into liquid form for storage and transport.
3. Hydrogen is being explored as a clean fuel alternative.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 only

Answer: (a)

3. UNION EDUCATION MINISTER SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN DIRECTS IIT EXPERTS TO ASSIST CBSE IN ADDRESSING TECHNICAL CHALLENGES



Key Objective

- I. Address technical and digital challenges faced by CBSE systems and platforms.
- II. Ensure:
 - A. Smooth functioning of educational and examination processes

Role of IIT Experts

- I. Provide:
 - A. Technical expertise
 - B. Digital system assessment
 - C. Technological solutions and innovation support

Focus Areas

- Online systems and portals
- Examination-related technology infrastructure
- Cybersecurity and system reliability

- User-friendly digital services for students and institutions

Significance

- I. Enhances:
 - A. Digital governance in education
- II. Supports:
 - A. Technology-driven education reforms and efficient service delivery

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

CBSE

Central Board of Secondary Education

- I. National-level education board under:
 - A. Ministry of Education
- II. Conducts:
 - A. School examinations and academic administration

IITs

Indian Institutes of Technology

- I. Premier technical institutions known for:
 - A. Engineering
 - B. Research
 - C. Technology innovation

Digital Transformation in Education

01. Increasing reliance on:
 - a. Online learning platforms
 - b. Digital examinations
 - c. E-governance systems
02. Requires:
 - a. Robust technological infrastructure

Challenges

- Technical glitches and server issues
- Cybersecurity concerns
- Need for scalable and reliable digital platforms

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Minister:** Dharmendra Pradhan.
- **Institutions involved:** IITs and CBSE.
- **Focus:** Addressing technical challenges.
- **Sector:** Digital education governance.
- **Objective:** Improve reliability and efficiency.
- **Importance:** Technology-enabled education reforms.
- **Way Forward:** Build secure, scalable, and resilient digital education infrastructure.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **CBSE:** Central Board of Secondary Education
- **IITs:** Premier technical institutions
- **Focus:** Educational technology systems
- **Goal:** Efficient digital governance
- **Challenge:** Technical and cybersecurity issues
- **Approach:** Expert technological support
- **Importance:** Digital transformation in education

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. CBSE functions under the Ministry of Education.

2. IITs are premier institutions for engineering and technology education in India.
3. Digital governance in education requires reliable technological infrastructure.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 only

Answer: (a)

4.WHO DECLARES EBOLA OUTBREAK A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN; AFRICA CDC DECLARES PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OF CONTINENTAL SECURITY



About the Ebola Outbreak

- I. Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) is:
 - A. A severe and often fatal viral hemorrhagic disease affecting humans.
- II. Spread occurs through:

- A. Direct contact with infected bodily fluids or contaminated materials

WHO Declaration

- I. PHEIC is declared when:
 - A. An extraordinary public health event poses international disease spread risk and requires coordinated global response.
- II. Enables:
 - A. International cooperation
 - B. Emergency funding
 - C. Enhanced surveillance and response measures

Africa CDC Declaration

- I. Indicates:
 - A. High continental-level health and security concern
- II. Aims to:
 - A. Coordinate African regional preparedness and response

Significance

- I. Strengthens:
 - A. Global disease surveillance and emergency response systems
- II. Highlights:
 - A. Importance of international health cooperation and outbreak preparedness

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

- I. Caused by:
 - A. Ebola virus
- II. Symptoms include:
 - A. Fever
 - B. Weakness
 - C. Bleeding complications in severe cases
- III. High fatality rates if untreated.

WHO

World Health Organization

- I. Specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for:
 - A. International public health coordination

PHEIC (Public Health Emergency of International Concern)

- I. Declared under:
 - A. International Health Regulations (IHR), 2005
- II. Used for:
 - A. Serious cross-border health threats

Africa CDC

Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

- I. Public health agency of the:
 - A. African Union
- II. Coordinates:
 - A. Disease prevention and outbreak response across Africa

Challenges

- Weak healthcare infrastructure in affected areas
- Cross-border disease transmission risks
- Need for rapid vaccination and containment efforts

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Disease:** Ebola Virus Disease.
- **Global body:** WHO.
- **Regional body:** Africa CDC.
- **Declaration:** PHEIC and continental emergency.
- **Focus:** Outbreak containment and international coordination.
- **Importance:** Global public health security.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen surveillance, vaccination, and emergency healthcare systems.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Disease:** Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)
- **Cause:** Ebola virus
- **WHO declaration:** PHEIC
- **Legal framework:** International Health Regulations (2005)
- **Regional body:** Africa CDC
- **Concern:** Cross-border disease spread
- **Goal:** Global health emergency response

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Ebola Virus Disease is caused by a viral infection.
2. WHO can declare a Public Health Emergency of International Concern under the International Health Regulations.
3. Africa CDC is a public health institution associated with the African Union.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 only

Answer: (a)

5.AHMEDABAD LEADS INDIA'S GRAND COMMONWEALTH GAMES DAY CELEBRATIONS AS 75th EDITION OF FIT INDIA SUNDAYS ON CYCLE UNITES THE NATION



Key Objectives

- I. Promote:
 - A. Physical fitness and active lifestyles

- II. Encourage:
 - A. Cycling as a healthy and eco-friendly activity
- III. Raise awareness about:
 - A. Sports culture and community participation

About Fit India Sundays on Cycle

- I. Nationwide fitness initiative encouraging:
 - A. Recreational and community cycling activities every Sunday
- II. Part of:
 - A. Broader Fit India Movement objectives

Commonwealth Games Day

- I. Celebrated to:
 - A. Promote sportsmanship and sporting values among Commonwealth nations

Significance

- I. Supports:
 - A. Public health and wellness
- II. Encourages:
 - A. Grassroots sports participation and sustainable mobility

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Fit India Movement

Fit India Movement

- I. Nationwide campaign launched to:
 - A. Promote fitness and healthy living
- II. Focuses on:
 - A. Physical activity
 - B. Wellness awareness

C. Community participation

sustainable mobility initiatives nationwide.

Cycling and Public Health

- I. Cycling helps:
 - A. Improve cardiovascular health
 - B. Reduce pollution and traffic congestion
 - C. Promote sustainable urban mobility

Commonwealth Games

Commonwealth Games

- I. Multi-sport event involving:
 - A. Commonwealth nations
- II. Encourages:
 - A. International sporting cooperation and excellence

Importance of Mass Fitness Campaigns

- I. Help:
 - A. Increase awareness about preventive healthcare
 - B. Encourage healthy habits among youth and citizens

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Event:** Commonwealth Games Day celebrations.
- **Initiative:** Fit India Sundays on Cycle.
- **Edition:** 75th.
- **Lead city:** Ahmedabad.
- **Focus:** Fitness and cycling culture.
- **Importance:** Public health and sports participation.
- **Way Forward:** Expand community-based fitness and

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Programme:** Fit India Movement
- **Activity:** Sundays on Cycle
- **Focus:** Physical fitness and cycling
- **City highlighted:** Ahmedabad
- **Sports event:** Commonwealth Games
- **Benefit:** Health and environmental sustainability
- **Goal:** Mass fitness participation

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. The Fit India Movement promotes healthy lifestyles and physical fitness.
2. Cycling can contribute to both public health and sustainable mobility.
3. The Commonwealth Games are an international multi-sport event involving Commonwealth nations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 only

Answer: (a)