



PISA (Program for International Student Assessment): OECD

Why in News

The field trial of **PISA (Program for International Student Assessment)** is scheduled to be held from September, 2021.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It is a **competency-based test designed to assess the ability of the 15-year-old candidates** that **measures their reading, mathematics, and science literacy every three years** to apply their knowledge to real-life situations.
- It is an international survey coordinated by the [Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development \(OECD\)](#) and was first conducted in 2000.

▪ India's Participation:

- India has participated in the **PISA test only once before, in 2009**. In this round of PISA, where students from Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu sat for the test, **India ranked 72nd out of 73 countries**, outranking only Kyrgyzstan.
- Since then, **India has strayed away from the test until now**, for students from Chandigarh will be sitting for the test in 2022.

- Originally the **main PISA survey was scheduled for 2021**, but was **postponed by one year** owing to the pandemic.

▪ Significance for India:

- Learnings from participation in PISA will **help to introduce competency-based examination reforms in the school system** and help move away from rote learning. The **CBSE and NCERT will be part of the process** and activities leading to the actual test.
- It would **lead to recognition and acceptability of Indian students** and prepare them for the **global economy in the 21st century**.

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

- It was **formed in 1961**. It has **38 member countries**. **India is not a member** but one of the key partners of the organisation.
- It is an **international organisation**, having a goal to shape policies that foster prosperity, equality, opportunity and well-being for all.
- It is **headquartered at Paris, France**.
- The [Financial Action Task Force \(FATF\) Secretariat](#) is located at OECD headquarters.

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