



School Innovation Ambassador Training Program

Why in News

Recently, the **Union Education Minister and Union Tribal Affairs Minister** jointly launched the **School Innovation Ambassador Training Program (SIATP)**.

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched an **Adi-Prashikshan portal** which is also a repository of training inputs.

Key Points

▪ About:

- The innovative and **one-of-its-kind training program** for school teachers **aims at training 50,000 school teachers** in innovation, entrepreneurship, **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**, design thinking, product development, idea generation, among others.
- It will **make Indian teachers, change-agents and ambassadors** of innovation to make our students future-ready.

▪ Design & Collaboration:

- It has been designed by the **Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Education** and the **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)** for school teachers based on its **Innovation Ambassador Training Program for Higher Educational Institution's faculty members**.
 - The training will be delivered in **online mode only**.
- It is a **collaborative effort** by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the AICTE.

▪ Benefits:

- It will **benefit a large number of schools for tribal children across the country** by giving wings to the creativity of the children.
- It will **nurture lakhs of students with innovation capabilities, develop a culture of innovation** and lay the foundation of a new and vibrant India.
- The students of **Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)** will greatly benefit from SIATP since it is also the endeavour of the Tribal Affairs Ministry to give the best possible education to the tribal children.

- EMRS for tribal children is another ambitious programme **under which 740 EMRS will be established in tribal dominated areas over the next three years**.
- It was started in the year **1997-98 to impart quality education to Scheduled Tribe** children in remote areas.

▪ Other Important Related Initiatives:

- **New National Education Policy (NEP), 2020**
- **NISHTHA** (National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement)

- **DIKSHA** (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing)
- **Samagra Siksha**

All India Council for Technical Education

- It was set up in **November 1945 as a national-level apex advisory body.**
- Its purpose was **to conduct a survey on the facilities available for technical education and to promote development** in the country in a coordinated and integrated manner.
- According to the **National Policy of Education (1986)**, AICTE is vested with:
 - Statutory authority for planning, formulation, and maintenance of **norms & standards,**
 - Quality assurance through accreditation,
 - **Funding** in priority areas, monitoring, and evaluation,
 - Maintaining **parity of certification & awards.**
 - The **management of technical education** in the country.

Innovation Cell

- It is **an initiative of the Ministry of Education** to foster the culture of Innovation in all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across the country.
 - It was **established at AICTE premises in 2018.**
- Its mandate is **to encourage and nurture young students by exposing them to new ideas resulting in innovative activities** in their formative years, fostered through **Network of Innovation Clubs (NIC)** in HEIs.

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