



Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme

Why in News

Government is planning to replace the **Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP)** with a new programme **MERITE Project**.

Key Points

▪ About the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme:

- It was started in 2002 by the Ministry of Human Resources and Development with the assistance of the [World Bank](#) and is being implemented in a phased manner.
- It aims **to upscale the quality of technical education** and enhance capacities of institutions.
- The **Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme III (TEQIP-III)** was **started in 2017** and will be completed by 2021.
 - It aims **to develop technical education** as a key component for improving the quality of Engineering Education.
 - The Objective is to **improve quality and equity in engineering** institutions in focus states such as in low income states.

▪ About MERITE Project:

- The project has an objective to improve technical education like the TEQIP.
- However, the MERITE Project is still in the conceptual stage and has not yet received Cabinet approval.

Other Initiative to Improve Technical Education

- [Margadarshan and Margadarshak](#) (AICTE).
- [Institutions of Eminence \(IoE\) scheme.](#)
- Technical Education in Mother Tongue has been proposed by the [National Education Policy \(NEP\)](#).
 - To achieve the objective that students may pursue the professional courses such as medicine, engineering, law, etc in their mother tongue.
 - It suggests teaching in regional language till class 8 and enabling teaching the curriculum in a language which a student is comfortable in.
- [Uchatar Avishkar Yojana \(UAY\) schemes.](#)

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