

Toll-Free Number for Vidya Samiksha Kendras

Why in News?

According to the sources, the **Uttar Pradesh government** is set to implement a **toll-free number system** for the <u>Vidya Samiksha Kendras</u> as part of its efforts to **improve the quality of education.**

Key Points

- This toll-free line will act as a platform for gathering feedback, addressing concerns, and resolving school education inquiries from parents, students, and teachers.
 - It will use <u>interactive voice response (IVR) technology</u> to address various educational concerns.
- This initiative is anticipated to increase public involvement and bolster the education system in order to support students at the primary, upper primary, and composite school levels across the state.
 - Additionally, all Vidya Samiksha Kendras will be incorporated into this process.

Vidya Samiksha Kendras (VSKs)

About:

- VSK is aimed at leveraging data and technology to bring a big leap in learning outcomes.
- This will cover data of more than 15 Lakh schools, 96 Lakh teachers and 26 Crore students and analyze them meaningfully using big data analysis, <u>Artificial Intelligence (AI)</u> and machine learning in order to enhance the overall monitoring of the education system and thereby improving learning outcomes.

Objectives:

- To monitor the real-time status of various projects/ activities under the ambit of Samagra Shiksha.
- To keep track of enrolled students including learning outcomes, Dropouts, support required by teachers and schools, etc.
- To monitor and track field level academic and non-academic activities at state level and also empower administrators and teachers in the field to take data driven decisions.
- To set up a centralized help desk for grievance redressal mechanisms for stakeholders of the School ecosystem.
- To identify and analyse improvement areas for decision making and implementation that needs urgent attention.