



UP Government Revokes Licenses for Madrasas

Why in News?

Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government **revoked the licences of all 16,000 Madrasas** across the state. This decision entails that **students enrolled in Madarsas will now be required to seek admission in government-run schools.**

Key Points

- On 22 March 2024, the **Allahabad High Court declared** the [Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education Act 2004](#), **unconstitutional**.
 - While calling the act violative of the principles of [secularism](#), the Court said that **Madarsa education is against the principle of secularism**, and the State must make sure that students taking part in religious teachings should be accommodated in the formal education system.
 - However, the **Supreme Court stayed the order** of the Allahabad High Court.
- The cancellation of Madrasa licences marks a significant shift in the state's approach towards religious education institutions.
 - The move aims to streamline the education system in Uttar Pradesh and ensure uniformity in the curriculum and standards across all educational institutions.
- It is noteworthy that Uttar Pradesh is home to over 25,000 madrasas, of which approximately 16,500 are officially recognised by the **UP Board of Madarsa Education**.

Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education Act, 2004

- The Act aimed to regulate and govern the functioning of **madrasas (Islamic educational institutions)** in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
- It provided a framework for the establishment, recognition, curriculum, and administration of madrasas across Uttar Pradesh.
- Under this Act, the **Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education** was established to oversee and supervise the activities of madrasas in the state.