

UGC SCHEME OF 'PARAMARSH'

Prelims: Governance- Policies; Schemes

Mains: GS-II- Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector or Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.

Why in News?

- ▶▶ The Union Minister for Human Resource Development launched 'Paramarsh' – a University Grants Commission (UGC) scheme for Mentoring NAAC Accreditation Aspirant Institutions to promote Quality Assurance in Higher Education.

'Paramarsh':

- ▶▶ This "Paramarsh" scheme will target 1000 Higher Education Institutions for mentoring with a specific focus on quality as enumerated in the UGC "Quality Mandate".
- ▶▶ Mentor-Mentee relationship will not only benefit both the institutions but also provide quality education to the 3.6 crore students who are enrolling to Indian Higher Education system at present.

Significance of the scheme:

- ▶▶ The Scheme will be a paradigm shift in the concept of mentoring of institution by another well performing institution to upgrade their academic performance and enable them to get accredited by focusing in the area of curricular aspects, teaching-learning & evaluation, etc.
- ▶▶ The scheme is expected to have a major impact in addressing a national challenge of improving the quality of Higher Education in India.
- ▶▶ The scheme will lead to enhancement of overall quality of the Mentee Institutions and enhance its profile as a result of improved quality of research, teaching and learning methodologies.
- ▶▶ Mentee Institution will also have increased exposure and speedier adaptation to best practices.
- ▶▶ "Paramarsh" scheme will also facilitate sharing of knowledge, information and opportunities for research collaboration and faculty development in Mentee Institutions.