

4. Shagun-Integrated Online Junction for School Education

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Why in News?

- ▶▶ The Human Resource Development Ministry launched one of the world's largest Integrated Online Junction for – School Education 'Shagun'.

Shagun:

- ▶▶ School Education Shagun (URL: <http://shagun.govt.in/>) is an over-arching initiative to improve school education system by creating a junction for all online portals and websites relating to various activities of the Department of School Education and Literacy in the Government of India and all States and Union Territories.
- ▶▶ The word Shagun is coined from two different words- 'Shala' meaning Schools and 'Gunvatta' meaning Quality and this online junction of different websites and portals into a single platform will enhance the accessibility of information relating to schools and will ensure a holistic approach to transform the education sector.
- ▶▶ The portal seeks to provide a very robust feedback mechanism which will increase public participation and will ensure accountability and transparency.
- ▶▶ The portal seeks to connect approximately 92 lakh teachers and 26 crore students.

Integrated National School Education Treasury:

- ▶▶ Union Human Resource Development Minister has also announced the setting up of the Integrated National School Education Treasury (INSET).
- ▶▶ It will envisage a fully integrated, accessible and seamless information network for all parameters relating to the students, teachers, and schools in the country.

- ▶▶ The main focus will be on the following areas:
- ▶▶ Reinforcing and cleaning the data of the Integrated Online Junction through feedback from Stakeholders
- ▶▶ Ensuring full inter-operability among the websites, portals and applications which are already hosted in the junction
- ▶▶ Creating high quality e-content, including quizzes and puzzles to enhance learning and also for teachers in aiding classroom transactions
- ▶▶ Using artificial intelligence and deep machine learning in a variety of ways to enhance the quality of school education including for designing evidence based inventions.

