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National Education Policy 2020

Question:- Recently, after how many years has the new education policy been changed?

(A) 35 years (B) 34 years
(C) 33 years (D) 38 years

Answer: - (B) 34 years

Question: In which year was the education policy changed before the new education policy?

(A)1955 (B) 1985
(C)1986 (D) 1990

Answer:- (C)1986

Role: - The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has recently approved the National Education Policy 2020 which has opened the way for large-scale transformational reform in both school and higher education sectors.

Useful Points: -

- The need for new education policy in the country was being felt for a long time. In 2016, TSR Subramanian presented his report on the new education policy. After this, the report of the new education policy was presented to the government in the year 2018 in the Kasturirangan committee constituted by the government in the year 2019.
- The draft prepared for the new education policy 2019 was presented by the committee headed by Kasturirangan.
- It is the first education policy of the 21st century after the 34 years old national education policy.
- The Policy will replace (NPE), 1986.
- Easy Access to All - This new education policy, built on the fundamental pillars of equity, quality, affordability and accountability, is in line with Agenda 2030 for sustainable development.
- Its objective is to transform India into a knowledge-based vibrant society and global superpower of knowledge and bring out the unique capabilities inherent in each student, making the school and college education more holistic, flexible to fit the needs of the 21st century.

Highlights of the new school education policy: -

- Under the new policy, universalisation of education from pre-school to secondary level has been targeted with a 100 percent gross enrollment ratio in school education by the year 2030.

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- In ENEP 2020, commitment has been expressed to bring 2 crore children living away from school back into the mainstream.
- 12 years of schooling and 3 years of Anganwadi. A new 5 + 3 + 3 + 4 school syllabus system will be implemented for pre-schooling.
- Emphasis on basic ability to read and write: in schools
- Provision was made to introduce vocational education from class 6 with internship, to bring equality between educational streams, extra-curricular activities and vocational education.
- Achievement of basic literacy and numerical knowledge correctly in NEP 2020.
- Emphasis is laid on the establishment of "a national mission on basic literacy and numerical knowledge" by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to learn everything in a proper way.
- National Curriculum Framework for a New and Comprehensive Schooling 'NCFSE 2020-21 'to be developed by NCERT. Apart from this, by 2030, the minimum qualification to do teaching work will be 4-year integrated B.Ed. degree. Strict action will be taken against quality-less autonomous teacher education institutions.
- The new education policy emphasizes on teaching in mother tongue / regional language till at least 5th grade. The evaluation process has been completely improved with the overall development card, as well as a provision to keep a close watch on the progress of students in the learning process.
- The NEP 2020 emphasizes the establishment of a Gender Inclusion Fund and a special education sector for disadvantaged areas and groups.
- It also includes setting up of "Boys and Girls Inclusive Funds" and "Special Education Zones" for areas and groups deprived of basic amenities.

Highlights of the new higher education policy: -

- There has been talk of increasing the gross enrollment ratio in higher education by 50 percent by 2035 and adding 3.5 crore new seats in higher education.
- The higher education curriculum will have a diversity of subjects and enrollment will be allowed in the middle of the course with appropriate certification.
- Academic Bank of Credit will be established to facilitate transfer of credit. National Research Foundation will be created as the apex body to promote a strong research culture and research capacity in the whole higher education.

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- All vocational education will be made an integral part of the higher education system. Autonomous technical university, University of Health Sciences, Legal and Agricultural University etc. will have to become objective multi-disciplinary institutions.

Other useful points: -

- The Higher Education Commission of India will be set up as a single most important comprehensive body for all higher education except medical and legal education.
- HECI will have four independent verticles - National Higher Education Regulatory Council (NHERC) for regulation, General Education Council (GEC) for standardization, Higher Education Grant Council (HEGC) for funding and National Accreditation Council for Accreditation (NAC).
- The affiliation of the college will end in 15 years in a phased manner and a state-wise mechanism will be established to provide gradual autonomy to the college.
- The National Education Technology Forum will be established in NEP 2020, emphasizing on the use of technology as per need.
- Open and sustainable education will be expanded to play an important role in promoting gross enrollment compliance.
- Measures such as online courses and digital collections, funding for research, better student services, credit-based accreditation by AOC, etc. will be adopted to ensure that it is at par with the highest quality in-class programs.
- An autonomous body, the National Educational Technology Forum (NETF), will be created to provide a platform for the free exchange of ideas on using technology, to promote learning, evaluation, planning, administration.
- The new education policy promotes multilingualism both in school and higher education, the establishment of the National Institute for Translation, Interpretation and Interpretation for Pali, Persian and Prakrit has also been recommended.
- The goal of these policies is to achieve 100 percent youth and adult literacy by 2030.
- Education will be based on 'not for profit' behavior as before, for which sufficient funds will be provided.
- The Center and the States will work together to promote public investment in the education sector so that its contribution to GDP can be as early as 6 percent.

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Namami Gange Project

Question:- With regard to Namami Gange project consider the following statements?

1. Namami Gange project was started in the year 2014.
2. The project is being implemented by the Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

Which of the above statement is correct.

(A) Only 1 (B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 2 (C) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: - (B) Both 1 and 2

Role: - Recently the Namami Gange project has been included in the prestigious 'Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration' - 2020.

Useful points of examination: -

- The river Ganga not only has cultural spiritual significance but 40 percent of the country's population depends on the river Ganges.
- In 2014, while addressing the Indian community at Madison Square Garden in New York, Prime Minister Modi said, "If we are able to clean the Ganges, it will be a big help for 40 percent of the country's population." Therefore, cleaning the Ganga is also an economic agenda.
- The National Clean Ganga Mission or Namami Gange Project was started in the year 2014.
- The Government of India has started the Namami Gange project to end pollution of the Ganges river and revive the river. That is to say, the purpose of this project is to make the river Ganga clean and work for its protection.
- The Namami Gange project is being implemented by the Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- The Namami Gange project is also using Digital Elevation Model (DEM) technology, which ensures accurate collection.

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