

Integrated Teacher Education Programme

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In news– Recently, the Ministry of Education has announced a four year Integrated Teacher Education Programme(ITEP).

Key features of ITEP-

- It involves a **dual-major holistic bachelor's degree offering B.A. B.Ed./ B. Sc. B. Ed. and B.Com. B.Ed.** which is one of the major mandates of the National Education Policy 2020 related to Teacher Education.
- As per the NEP, 2020, teacher engagement from the year 2030 onwards will be only through ITEP.
- It will be offered **in pilot mode** initially in about 50 selected multidisciplinary institutions across the country.
- **The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)** under the Ministry of Education has devised the curriculum of this course.
- The **new curriculum enables a student-teacher to get a degree in education as well as a specialised discipline** such as history, mathematics, science, arts, economics, or commerce.
- The ITEP will be **available for all students who choose teaching as a profession after secondary, by choice.**
- This integrated course will benefit students since they will save one year by finishing it in four years rather than the customary five years required by the present B.Ed. plan.
- The commencement of Four Year ITEP will be **from the academic session 2022-23.**
- **Admission** for the same will be carried out **by the National Testing Agency (NTA) through** the National Common Entrance Test **(NCET).**

- This course will be offered by multidisciplinary institutions and **will become the minimal degree qualification for school teachers.**

The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)-

- NCTE is a statutory body of the Indian government set up under the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 in 1995.
- It formally oversees standards, procedures and processes in the Indian education system.
- Its objective is the planned and coordinated development of the teacher education system in the whole of India, regulation and proper maintenance of norms and standards in the teacher education system and related subjects.
- Prior to 1973, the role of the NCTE was as an advisory body to the Central and State Governments on all matters relating to teacher education.
- The Secretariat of the Council was located in the Department of Teacher Education, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).