

School bubbles

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In news- The Covid-19 technical advisory committee (TAC) constituted by the Karnataka government has proposed the 'school bubble' concept to mitigate the spread of the disease among children attending offline classes at schools and pre-university colleges across the state.

About school bubbles-

- School bubbles are **physical classifications made between groups comprising a small number of students.**
- Each such bubble will include students who tend to remain as a group during school hours throughout the term or an academic year.
- The concept would help managements easily isolate a fewer number of students in case anyone gets infected but the school need not be closed completely.
- Owing to the smaller set of students who need to be managed, activities like contact-tracing and testing are also easier if infections stay inside school bubbles.
- This would allow uninterrupted learning to others.
- According to experts the concept will be more relevant to students studying in primary school or below.
- The 'school bubbles' is **not a novel concept** and was first implemented by certain countries in 2020 including the United Kingdom, Qatar.
- The TAC has recommended the implementation of the concept terming it "operationally feasible" across schools in Karnataka.