

UGC Scheme of 'Paramarsh'

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Recently the Union Minister for Human Resource Development, launched 'Paramarsh' – a University Grants Commission (UGC) scheme **for Mentoring National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) Accreditation Aspirant Institutions to promote Quality Assurance in Higher Education**

Key highlights of the scheme

- Scheme will be operationalized through a **"Hub & Spoke" model** wherein;
 - The **Mentor Institution, called the "Hub"** is centralized and will have the responsibility of **guiding the Mentee** institution through the secondary branches the **"Spoke"** through the services provided to the mentee for self improvement.
- This allows a centralized control over operational efficiency, resource utilization to attain overall development of the mentee institution.
- Mentee Institution will also have increased exposure and speedier adaptation to best practices.
- **"Paramarsh"** scheme will also facilitate the sharing of knowledge, information and opportunities for research collaboration and faculty development in Mentee Institutions.
- **Present target:** The **"Paramarsh"** scheme will **target 1000 Higher Education Institutions** for mentoring with a specific focus on quality as enumerated in the UGC **"Quality Mandate"**
- With this scheme 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

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, research, innovation, institutional values & practices etc.

Impact

The scheme is **expected to have a major impact in addressing a national challenge of improving the quality of Higher Education in India.**