



Annual Refresher Programme In Teaching (ARPIT)

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Why in News

Recently, the Union Minister for Human Resource Development (HRD) informed Parliament about **the Annual Refresher Programme In Teaching (ARPIT)**.

37,199 teachers were trained in **2018-19** under this program whereas in **2019-20**, **1,46,919 teachers** were trained.

Key Points

- It is an initiative for **online professional development of 15 lakh higher education faculty** using the **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)** platform **SWAYAM**.
- For implementing ARPIT, 75 discipline-specific institutions have been identified and notified as **National Resource Centres (NRCs)**.
 - NRCs prepare online training material with focus on latest developments in a discipline, new & emerging trends, pedagogical improvements and methodologies for transacting revised curriculum.
 - NRCs are located in a mixed range of institutions such as, Central Universities, IISc, IUCAA, IITs, IISERs, NITs, State Universities.
- The training materials are uploaded and made available through SWAYAM. NRC also publishes the list of the faculty who have been certified.

Massive Open Online Course

MOOC is a **free Web-based distance learning program** that is designed for the participation of large numbers of geographically dispersed students. The government has launched SWAYAM platform for **open online courses**.

SWAYAM

- SWAYAM platform is **indigenously developed** by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) with the help of Microsoft.
- It is designed to achieve the three cardinal principles of Education Policy viz.access, equity and quality.
- The objective of this effort is to take the best teaching learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged.

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