



Merger of Public Health and Medical Education Departments

Why in News?

Recently, the Madhya Pradesh cabinet approved the **proposal of merger of the Medical Education department and the Public Health department.**

- Currently, hospitals come under the purview of the Public Health department while medical colleges and associated facilities fall in the domain of the Medical Education department.

Key Points

- With the merger, **medical colleges will be able to focus on critical and specialised treatments and medical education** instead of routine medical services and it **will become easier to affiliate district hospitals with medical colleges.**
- The **cabinet also approved** the following:
 - The **proposal to Parliament seeking amendments to the [Water \(Prevention and Control of Pollution\) Act, 1974](#)**. The proposed amendments include the removal of minor violations related to water pollution from the category of crime.
 - Amendments to **Madhya Pradesh Ayurvedic Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam, 2011.**
 - A proposal to set up **Pradhan Mantri College of Excellence in all 55 districts** under the **[National Education Policy](#)**.
 - Creation of **1845 academic and 387 non-academic posts** at these institutes.

The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974

- This Act was enacted for the **prevention and control of water pollution and maintaining or restoring of wholesomeness of water.** The Central and State Pollution Control Boards have been **constituted under section 3 and 4 of the Act** respectively.
- The Act was **amended in 1978 and 1988** to clarify certain ambiguities and to vest more **powers in the Pollution Control Board.**

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

- The **NEP 2020** aims at making “India a **global knowledge superpower**”.
- It is only **the 3rd major revamp** of the framework of education in India since independence.
 - The **two earlier** education policies were brought in **1968 and 1986.**

