

General Studies Paper-1

1. Education

01. Dr. K. Kasturirangan Committee for Draft National Education Policy

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Chairman:	Dr. K. Kasturirangan
Key lines about committee:	Proposes an education policy, which seeks to address the challenges of - access, equity, quality, affordability, and accountability faced by the current education system.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Extension of the Right To Education (RTE) Act to the entire school system from pre-school to class XII.
- Restructuring of school curriculum and 5+3+3+4 design
- Sanskrit should be taught at all levels of school and higher education as one of the optional languages on par with all Schedule 8 languages.
- Introduction of a semester system in school education for students of classes 10 to 12, with provisions for holding flexible and modular board examinations.
- Restructuring of the higher education institutions by placing them under three categories:
 - Research
 - High quality teaching
 - Quality teaching focussed on undergraduate education.
- Introduction of four-year undergraduate programmes in higher education institutions
- Establishment of a Rashtriya Shiksha Aayog-(Constitutional body + In each state+PM-Chair)
- Establishment of National Higher Education Regulatory Authority (NHERA)- will subsume all other bodies like UGC, AICTE and others into it.
- A national programme for the professional development of faculty members of the higher education institutions.

5+3+3+4 design:

5--Foundational Stage+ three years of pre-primary plus grade 1 and grade 2

3--Preparatory Stage+include grades 3 to 5

3--Middle Stage+grades 6 to 8)

4--Secondary Stage +Grades 9-12