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News: One Nation, One Student ID

- Recently, several state governments requested schools to seek parental consent for the creation of a new student identity card known as the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR).
- This is part of the ‘One nation, One Student ID’ initiative of the Union government, stemming from the new National Education Policy of 2020.

**Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry
(APAAR)**

- Under the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) initiative, each student would get a lifelong APAAR ID, making it easy for the learners, schools, and governments to track academic progress from pre-primary education to higher education.
- APAAR would also serve as a gateway to Digilocker, a digital system where students can store their important documents and achievements, such as exam results and report cards.

Need For Introduction

- The goal behind introducing APAAR is to **make education hassle-free and reduce the need for students to carry physical documents.**
- The vision is to **create a positive change, allowing state governments to track literacy rates, dropout rates, and more, helping them make improvements.**
- APAAR also aims to **reduce fraud and duplicate educational certificates by providing a single, trusted reference for educational institutions.**

Working of APAAR ID

Linkage with the Academic Bank Credit (ABC)

- Every **individual will have a unique APAAR ID, which will be linked to the Academic Bank Credit (ABC), which is a digital storehouse that contains information of the credits earned by students throughout their learning journey.**

Change of Schools

- If the **student changes schools, whether within the state or to another state, all her data in the ABC gets transferred to her new school just by sharing the APAAR ID.**
- Students **won't need to provide physical documents or transfer certificates.**

Enrolment for APAAR

- To sign up for APAAR, students will have to provide basic information such as name, age, date of birth, gender, and a photograph. This information will be verified using their Aadhar number.
- Students will need to sign a consent form, and they can choose to either accept or decline sharing their Aadhar number and demographic information with the Ministry of Education for creating the APAAR ID.
- For minors, parents will have to sign the consent form, allowing the Ministry to use the student's Aadhar number for authentication with UIDAI.
- Registration for creating an APAAR ID is voluntary, not mandatory.