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A Review of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching: Recent Initiative of MHRD to Improve Quality of Teachers and Teaching

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Quality of teachers and their teaching plays vital role in improving the quality of education systems. Awareness about this truth makes nations review their strategies and carry out necessary improvements from time to time to cope with demands necessitated by the developments in the field of science of education. The strategies are developed on the basis of the recommendations of commissions and committees and specific taskforces or groups formed by the appropriate government machinery. Present national government last year brought out a new scheme to improve quality of teachers and teaching, inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India towards the end of 2014.

Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching

In our country, for the first time in its history a national mission on teachers and teaching has been introduced as a scheme namely 'Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching' (PMMMNMTT). The scheme launched on 25th December, 2014 by Hon'ble Prime Minister having an outlay of Rs. 900 crores over the 12th plan period, envisages "to address comprehensively all issues related to teachers, teaching, teacher preparation, professional development, curriculum design, designing and developing assessment and evaluation methodology, research in pedagogy and developing effective Pedagogy". Various components of this scheme are discussed in the following subheadings.

Higher Education Stage

National Resource Centre for Education / Higher Education Academy (Component 8)

Objectives of this component are:

- i. To create a database for all subjects in higher education;
- ii. To develop subject related resources for teacher and professionals of higher education;
- iii. To assemble all support material in electronic form for onward use; and

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