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School ranks: On performance grading index

The article focuses on the attempt of the Union Education Ministry to set the competitive stage for the states for upgrading their school education system by mapping their progress with PGI. The fact is that school education is used as a transformative tool by most countries and state governments.

With the hall of fame approach, the center has been trying hard to push all states. To name a few, states like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab have performed well, with many states trying to adapt to the scoring system. The PGI score is based on clearly defined 70 parameters. Also, they are now taking up the initiative to allow resource-sharing for the benefit of low-performing states.

This initiative can bear ripe fruits only if the governments realize the importance of open school education and come together to strengthen it. Lastly, we know that India's schools mostly lack on the infrastructure front.

Owing to the pandemic situation, they need to bridge the gaps in digital tools and access subsidies. Mostly, central India and some parts of East and Northeast need to gear up which can only be achieved if governance processes are set right for them.

Words to look out for

Nudge:

- **Synonyms:** poke, push, prod
- **Antonyms:** pull, dampen, abash
- **Word usage:** She stood and gave the chair a nudge with her foot.

Vet:

- **Synonyms:** check, examine, investigate
- **Antonyms:** ignore, avoid, brush aside
- **Word usage:** The questions are vetted by the experts.

Laudable:

- **Synonyms:** commendable, admirable, worthy
- **Antonyms:** shameful, disgraceful, unworthy
- **Word usage:** It was laudable that the teacher tried to take class despite being ill.

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Oli's About Turn: India should remain neutral to the political situation in Nepal while speeding up development assistance

The article at hand takes into account Nepal Prime Minister Mr. KP Oli's recent stance regarding India as the author highlights what should be done in this regard.

Recently, Mr. Oli stated that all the misunderstandings with India have been resolved. But the author believes that given the state of affairs in Nepal, it is likely that Mr. Oli is keen to gain India's support to get back to power in Nepal.

Nepal's parliament was dissolved last month under controversial circumstances and against this backdrop, Mr. Oli is seeking to gain India's support to keep power in Nepal.

However, the author believes India needs to remain neutral in this regard. India-Nepal ties have always been driven by the connection between the people of two sides, culture, and the development projects that cater to both sides. And this needs to remain the same even though Mr. Oli's recent stance regarding the misunderstanding with India is welcome.

Words to look out for

Overture:

- **Synonyms:** suggestion, gambit, proposal
- **Word usage:** His overtures regarding the project were quite expensive and hence, the team decided not to act on those.

Stance:

- **Synonyms:** attitude, position, view
- **Antonyms:** inaction, truancy, blindness
- **Word usage:** The government's stance regarding the policy was applauded by the court.

Opportunist:

- **Synonyms:** self-server, chancer, adventurer
- **Word usage:** The opportunist of the stock market saw a chance to make money during the recession.

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