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Fair assessment: On CBSE Class 12 evaluation system

The article at hand considers the Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) marks tabulation framework for assessing class 12th results. Student assessment has remained a challenge since the advent of the pandemic. Many countries have opted for hybrid models, which combined school-level internal assessment and any exam that took place during these times.

In this regard, the CBSE's plan distributes the score weightage across class 10th, 11th, and 12th in 30:30:40: ratio, in which the class 10th weightage will be average of the best three subjects among the rest.

However, for many students who took the exams seriously only after reaching the 12th board, this has been a huge negative. Also, this plan largely depends on school result committees responsible for class 12th marks.

However, fraud can occur in this mode of evaluation. Even in the UK, reports emerged alleging the involvement of powerful people in improving the grades of their wards. To remain fair, CBSE has authorized the participation of external members in the committee, but students are bound to feel anxious.

Education boards were caught by surprise last year, and unfortunately, the pandemic has remained as deadly and unpredictable as it has even been. With CBSE moving quickly to resolve this issue, state boards should follow its lead and develop solutions fast.

Words to look out for

Aberrant:

- **Synonyms:** abnormal, deviant, irregular
- **Antonyms:** normal, average, typical
- **Word usage:** The dataset was aberrant to the regular trend that was observed before.

Inkling:

- **Synonyms:** suspicion, hint, clue
- **Antonyms:** certainty, trust, faith
- **Word usage:** There was an inkling regarding his involvement in the crime.

Apprehension:

- **Synonyms:** anxiety, uneasiness, worry
- **Antonyms:** calm, soothe, assurance
- **Word usage:** The teachers' apprehensions were legit because the students were not focused on the exams during the pandemic..

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Porting ration cards: A retooled PDS that's alive to social and economic importance of migratory labour is a must

The article at hand considers a ruling of India's ruling, making it easier for migrant labourers to ensure food security via the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme. One of the fundamental rights of an Indian citizen is the right to food. And the author believes the recent ruling of the Supreme Court of India is a step in the right direction.

ONORC is built on India's vast public distribution system (PDS). And since we are not bound by constraints of the past anymore, it can be achieved with much efficiency.

Our PDS system evolved in an era where labour mobility was restricted, limiting the beneficiaries' scope to only some selected free price stores (FPS) nearby their area. But now that our labour market has expanded, it is important to allow beneficiaries to pick up ration from any FPS across the country.

And even though some states have some things to work on before rolling this scheme, this is a great initiative bound to ensure food security to our migrant labourers.

Words to look out for

Directive:

- **Synonyms:** instruction, order, command
- **Antonyms:** appeal, claim, request
- **Word usage:** The manager's directive was not as draconian as perceived by the team.

Earmark:

- **Synonyms:** set aside, allocate, reserve
- **Antonyms:** waste, overlook, spurn
- **Word usage:** The seats were earmarked for those who booked tickets online.

Cope:

- **Synonyms:** manage, deal, contend
- **Antonyms:** disappoint, fail, abandon
- **Word usage:** The team was unable to cope with the pressure.

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