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Q. Should coaching be restricted to those above 18 years of age in India? Discuss the impact of this new rule, its effectiveness and the way forward in addressing the issue within the coaching industry. (250 words)

7/15 Recently an 18-year old student died from a silent heart attack during a lecture at a coaching center in India.

Guidelines for coaching centres

- ① Students younger than 18 years should not be enrolled in coaching centres.
- ② Coaching centres shouldn't make fake promises or guarantee ranks to parents & students.
- ③ The duration of classes must not be longer than 5 hours a day.
- ④ The coaching centres must provide weekly off.
- ⑤ Tutors with qualifications at least graduation.
- ⑥ Coaching centres must refund fees.
- ⑦ Coaching centres will be required to maintain a website with all details.
- ⑧ Registration of new & existing coaching centres, within 3 months.

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① Increase in Student Suicide Cases

(eg) 28 cases reported in Kota in 2023

Reasons behind Guidelines

② Inapplicability of Consumer Protection Act for Coaching Industry.

③ Coaching's charges exorbitant fees & do not provide exit options with return of balance fees to students.

④ Recent fines imposed on UPSC coaching centres for making false claims related to selections.

Impact of New Rule.

• Advantage of New Rule

1) Mandatory provisions for customised leaves, mental health counselling & motivational boosting.

2) Reduction of stress of students to continue a stress course.

• Disadvantage of New Rule:-

1) The guidelines can put students under mental strain.

2) This can change the way students prepare for NEET/JEE.

3) Shorter school hours can make it difficult

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3) Creation of website which provide all details about coaching centre.

for worshipping parents to arrange childcare.

4) Holistic well being of students.

4) Reduced extra-curricular activities.

→ Way forward -

Good Points.

1) Proper Regulation by state government.

2) Provide the news about New guidelines of coaching centres to the Parents, Students, Rural areas (about Refund) by Social media etc.

3) Coaching not focusing upon complete syllabus Coaching centres should be focus on Conceptual clarity.

4) Instilling sensitivity in Parents towards their children in their adolescent years.

"The load on today's children is high". This guidelines helps to preventing students from losing self-confidence and also Reducing the suicide suicide cases.

