Digital Gender Atlas

What in news:

- Digital Gender Atlas for Advancing Girls Education', a web-based tool is released by HRD minister. The tool has been developed in collaboration UNICEF that will keep a check on the progress of girls' education throughout the country.
- Digital Gender Atlas has been developed to identify the low performing geographic pockets for girls, particularly from marginalised groups such as scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and Muslim minorities, on specific gender related education indicators.

About news:

The Atlas is designed around the two broad areas of performance of girls' education and vulnerabilities visualized in the following five sections:

- Comparative Composite Index based Quartile Ranking grouped under categories of access, infrastructure, teachers and outcome indicators and based on 25 indicators pertaining to primary, upper primary and secondary level which can be visualized at State, district and block level.
- A Trend Analysis of the performance status of 25 individual indicators can be visualised at State, district and block levels over three years viz 2011-12, 2012-13 & 2013-14.
- Spatial Distribution of Special Focus Districts. These are districts with a population of 25% and above of people belonging to Schedule Tribes ,Schedule Castes, Muslims, minority community), Left Wing Extremist affected districts ,Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) districts and Educationally Backward Blocks.

- Vulnerability status of an area based on a composite index of 3 broad indicators (i) rural female literacy (ii) percentage girls/boys married below the legal age of marriage and (iii) working children can be visualized.
- Children with Disabilities: The performance status of six individual indicators can be visualized at state and district level across three years i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.
- This Digital Gender Atlas can be accessed at website www.rmsaindia.gov.in® Gender Atlas.
- All the states have been mapped in the Digital Gender Atlas. The states have been using it as a planning tool to come up with strategies for inputs for the state SSA and RMSA annual plans.

Significance of Digital Gender Atlas:

- To identify low performing geographic pockets for girls, particularly from marginalised groups such as scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and Muslim minorities, on specific gender related education indicators.
- To ensure equitable education with a focus on vulnerable girls, including girls with disabilities, the Gender Atlas has been developed as a hands on management tool to enable Critical decisions and action in pockets where performances are below par.

Expected prelims question:

Consider the following statements about Digital gender atlas

1. Digital Gender Atlas has been developed to identify the low performing geographic pockets for girls, particularly from marginalised groups.

2. A Trend Analysis of the performance status of 25 individual indicators can be visualised at State, district and block levels over three years

which of the above given statements are correct?

a) Only 1 b) only 2 c) both 1 and 2 d) none of above

Ans – c

Expected mains question:

Q) Recently India Government has developed Digital Gender Atlas to identify the low performing geographic pockets for girls, particularly from marginalised sections. In light to this statement critically analyse the main objectives of Digital Gender Atlas and add a note on its significance