Rural Internal Audit Portal

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Why in News?

Ahead of the implementation of the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin), Union Rural Development Ministry has launched 'Rural Internal Audit Portal' during the Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Sammelan.

- **Rural Internal Audit Portal** – It is one of the generic and open source applications developed to facilitate recording details for Internal Audit as per the defined process.
- **Aim** – To *streamline the internal audit process* for rural development programs, improving efficiency, accuracy, and transparency.
- **Developed By** – Conceived by the Office of the Chief Controller of Accounts (CCA), Ministry of Rural Development, and developed with the collobration of National Informatics Centre (NIC).

Key Features of the Portal

- **AI based Unified Platform** – It is an *AI-enabled unified digital platform* for end-to-end management of internal audits covering both risk-based and compliance audits.
- **Digital Transformation** – The portal has transformed internal audit from a fragmented, paper-intensive, and largely manual exercise into a *transparent, technology-enabled*, and data-driven management system.
- **Audit Workflow** –
    - Identification of audit units
    - Preparation of audit engagement
    - Sending audit memos
    - Recording observations
    - Creating audit reports
    - Submitting action taken reports
- **Transparency** – It is designed to reduce irregularities like fake muster rolls, misuse of funds, and poor documentation.
- **Efficiency** – It automates audit processes, saving time for auditors and program managers.
- **Accessibility** – It caters to the needs of auditors, program managers, and other stakeholders across states.



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