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Discuss the main objectives of Population Education and point out the measures to achieve them in India in detail.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · GS I · 15 marks · Women, Population and Urbanisation

Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.

Core demand of the question

- Discuss the main objectives of Population Education and point out the measures to achieve them in India in detail
- Keep a 15-mark length

Revision summary

Population education is informed choice about fertility, health, and resources.

Objectives include girl-child value, male responsibility, and dividend awareness.

India's tools are NEP, **RKSK**, **Mission Parivar Vikas**, and **NFHS** data.

PCPNDT and child-marriage law are part of the same education.

Avoid two-child punishment; track unmet need and sex ratio.

Introduction

Population education teaches people to understand population as a living fact of health, rights, and environment, not as a slogan to 'have fewer children'. Its aim is informed choice and responsible citizenship.

Body**Main objectives**

- **Knowledge:** fertility, mortality, migration, age-structure, and what a **TFR** of replacement means.
- **Attitudes:** delay marriage, space births, value the girl child, and reject son-preference technologies that **PCPNDT** already forbids.
- **Skills:** use of contraception as a health right, not a women's-only burden.
- **Citizenship:** link population to water, jobs, climate, and ageing, so youth see the **demographic dividend** as a task.
- **Gender and adolescence:** **RKSK** and school life-skills so puberty is not only a rumour.

Measures in India

- **School:** **NEP 2020** already wants holistic content; NCERT should keep population, gender, and environment in a living syllabus, not a one-week drill.
- **Health system:** **Mission Parivar Vikas**, injectable and IUCD choices, male sterilisation revival, and ASHA counselling that is respectful, not target-terror.

- **Law and rights:** enforce PCPNDT, child-marriage prohibition, and the right to voluntary family planning against two-child penalties that punish the poor.
- **Communication:** mass media in regional languages; involve religious and panchayat leaders as **Uttar Pradesh and Bihar** still sit above replacement in pockets.
- **Data:** **NFHS**, **Census**, and civil registration so local governments plan schools and jobs, which is population education for the state itself.
- Ageing and migration modules for Kerala and metros, because 'population education' is no longer only a high-fertility story.

Detail of delivery

- Combine adolescent-friendly clinics, school counsellors, and community radio.
- Measure success by unmet need and sex ratio, not by sterilisation camps.

Flow diagram

Knowledge attitude skills -> School NEP
Knowledge attitude skills -> ASHA Mission Parivar Vikas
Knowledge attitude skills -> PCPNDT no coercion
School NEP -> Informed choice

Conclusion

Population education aims at knowledge, gender-just attitudes, and civic links to resources. India should teach it in schools, deliver it through voluntary reproductive health, and plan with real data. Coercion is not education.

Facts & figures

NFHS

Household survey that maps fertility, contraception, and nutrition for policy.

Mission Parivar Vikas

Focused family-planning effort in high-fertility districts.

PCPNDT Act

Bans sex selection, a population-education issue of values not only of numbers.

RKSK

Adolescent health programme for counselling and life skills.

NEP 2020

Curriculum space for health, environment, and ethical reasoning, which can host population education.

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