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Q7(c)

What explains India's modest improvements in social development outcomes even as the rate of growth has accelerated since the initiation of economic reforms?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · PSIR GS 1 · 15 marks · Planning and Economic Development

Planning and Economic Development: Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.

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1991 reforms

Liberalisation of trade, industry, and finance that raised growth relative to the prior decades.

Informal labour

A large share of employment remained outside secure contracts and social insurance.

RTE / NFSA

Later rights-based attempts to force social outcomes the growth path had not delivered by itself.

Federal variation

Some states combined growth with stronger social indicators; national averages stayed modest.

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