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Important components of National Education Policy in India.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Population Dynamics

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Core demand of the question

- Important components of National Education Policy in India
- Keep the note to a 10-mark length

Revision summary

NPE centres access, equity, quality, and skills.

RTE and earlier universalisation are the citizenship strand.

Reservation and girls' schooling are the equity strand.

Language and private English-medium schooling sort class.

Policy is a modernizing tool that caste and capital can still capture.

Introduction

National Education Policy in India is the state's map of who learns what, in which language, and with which certificate. Its important components are access, equity, quality, and the link of school to a stratified labour market.

Body**Core components**

- Universal elementary schooling, later extended toward secondary, is the citizenship component, from earlier NPE lines through SSA and RTE.
- Equity components include reservation, girls' education, and special focus on SC, ST, and minorities, against a caste-gender school.
- Language, three-language formulas, and the place of English sort class opportunity, as Bourdieu would note for cultural capital, and as Indian sociology sees in English-medium split.
- Vocational, higher education, and teacher training try to match skills; they also reproduce Andre Beteille's disharmony between equal right and unequal college.

Sociological reading

- Yogendra Singh would call policy a heterogenetic modernizer. Implementation still meets Seed and Earth and dominant-caste schools.

Flow diagram

National Education Policy -> Access RTE
National Education Policy -> Equity caste gender
National Education Policy -> Language English split

Conclusion

NPE's important components are universal access, targeted equity, language, and quality-plus-skills. They modernize tradition only if the school is not recaptured by caste and class.

Facts & figures

RTE 2009

Right to Education as a justiciable component of the national schooling idea.

NPE 1986/1992

Earlier national frames that Operation Blackboard and later SSA continued.

Three-language formula

A language component that is also a class and region bargain.

Beteille

Education as a site where equality as value meets unequal institutions.