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Privatization of education and increasing inequalities

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Challenges of Social Transformation: Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability; Poverty, deprivation and inequalities; Violence against women; Caste conflicts; Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism; Illiteracy and disparities in education.

Core demand of the question

- Privatization of education and increasing inequalities
- Keep the note to a 10-mark length

Revision summary

Privatisation sells English and degrees to those who can pay.

The public system becomes a residual for the poor.

Gender and rural households often split children by spend.

Coaching extends the private market into public exams.

Inequalities of capability rise even if some private quality is real.

Introduction

Privatisation of education in India turns schooling and college into goods for those who can pay. It increases inequality of capability even when it raises some average scores.

Body**How privatisation works**

- English-medium private schools and **capitation** colleges sort class, as cultural capital in Bourdieu's sense, and as **Beteille**'s disharmonic education.
- Public systems are left as residual for the caste-poor, which **Ambedkar** would read as unequal opportunity dressed as choice.

Increasing inequalities

- Urban middle class exits, so political demand for government schools thins.
- Gender and rural gaps widen when the girl is sent to the free school and the boy to the fee school.
- Coaching markets make even public exams a private spend.

HD angle

- Sen's freedom to learn is not the same as a mall of schools.

Flow diagram

Private school college -> Split by fee
Split by fee -> Credential inequality
Public residual -> Credential inequality

Conclusion

Private education expands options for the propertied and deepens class-caste inequality in credentials. Growth of the sector is not equalisation.

Facts & figures

Capitation

Fee as a barrier that turns higher education into a class filter.

English medium

A private marker that sorts urban labour-market chances.

Beteille

Education as a site of official equality and practical hierarchy.

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A small legal bridge into private schools, not a system equaliser.

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