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Q1(c)

According to you, which social reform movement has played the most effective role in uplifting the status of women? Explain.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Social Movements in Modern India

Social Movements in Modern India: Peasants and farmers movements; Women's movement; Backward classes and Dalit movement; Environmental movements; Ethnicity and Identity movements.

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Savitribai Phule

Opened a girls' school in Pune in 1848; with Jotirao, treated women's learning as anti-caste work.

Hindu Code

Hindu Marriage, Succession, Minority and Guardianship, and **Adoptions and Maintenance Acts**, 1955-56, recast women's civil status.

Shah Bano (1985)

Supreme Court upheld maintenance under **Section 125 CrPC**; the 1986 Act then recast Muslim divorced women's remedy, showing the unfinished personal-law battle.

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