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Q4(a)**How does the Constitution of India promote education? Do you think that education can be a major instrument of social change? Clarify**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 2 · 20 marks · Visions of Social Change in India

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Visions of Social Change in India: Idea of development planning and mixed economy; Constitution, law and social change; Education and social change.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Constitution (Eighty-sixth Amendment) Act, 2002

Inserted **Article 21A** making elementary education a fundamental right and amended **Article 45**.

Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009

Operationalized **Article 21A**, mandating 25 percent reservation for disadvantaged groups in private schools.

National Education Policy (NEP), 2020

Aims to restructure school and higher education to foster critical thinking, equity, and inclusion.

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