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**Q8(b)****How have the women's movements made the presence of women in every moment felt and more women participation in various fields?  
Discuss**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 2 · 20 marks · Social Movements in Modern India

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

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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

**Committee on the Status of Women in India (CSWI)**

Released the landmark 'Towards Equality' report in 1975, shifting the focus from women's welfare to women's development and rights.

**Constitution of India (Article 15(3))**

Empowers the State to make special provisions for women and children, enabling affirmative action policies.

**Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005**

Recognised non-physical forms of abuse and provided civil remedies, stemming from decades of feminist legal advocacy.

**Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023**

Provided for one-third reservation of seats for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies.

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