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Q6(b)**Synchronise the developmental programmes and social change in India, and describe them through visible and lived experiences**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 2 · 20 marks · Rural and Agrarian transformation in India

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Rural and Agrarian transformation in India: Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes; Green revolution and social change; Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture; Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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

Community Development Programme (CDP)

Launched in 1952 as India's first major rural development initiative aimed at multi-sectoral transformation.

Seventy-Third Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992

Institutionalized Panchayati Raj institutions, mandating one-third reservation for women in local governance.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005

Provided a legal guarantee for 100 days of wage employment, altering rural labor markets and gender dynamics.

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