### Conversation Advanced Education in India

### **Concept A: Introduction**

Education is the process of teaching, learning, and training of human resources in schools and colleges. Education sharpens intellect and trains people for employment and better lifestyle. The emphasis on the importance of education has remained with Indians since time memorial where we continue to educate our children and this is growing every day.

## **Concept B: Features**

- The Indian education system has undergone a series of changes from the ancient Vedic era, Gurukul days, to the pre and post-independence eras and today as we head into the 21st century.
- India was home to ancient universities like Banaras Hindu University, Nalanda, Ujjain, and Takshila which were famous worldwide.
- India had social reformers and renowned learned leaders like Rabindranath Tagore who laid the foundation stone of Visva Bharati University in 1918.
- The National Education Policy of 1986 emphasized the need for scholarships for the poor.
- The Right to Education Act was passed in 2009. Article 21 (A) of the Constitution of India was modified to provide free and compulsory education as a fundamental right to all children aged between 6-14 years. Thus, this provision makes elementary education a Fundamental Right.
- Since then, the Government has provided various facilities like the Mid Day Meal Schemes to improve enrolment, attendance, and retention in government schools.
- It also provides school uniforms, textbooks, and stationery to encourage education.
- The latest educational initiative called 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan 'aims to provide unified education to all.

## **Concept C: Important Statistics in the education sector.**

From just 12% literacy rate, we have reached 64.8 %, a significant change towards a better literate and educated India.

There has been a whopping change in women's education as well.

The literacy rate for women was 0.2% in 1882, 6% in 1947, to 53.7%.

Today we have noted women in every field: doctors, authors, scientists, mathematicians, educationists, pilots, etc.

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