

What are the features of the initiatives taken by independent India in the Economic field.

- Independent India adopted mixed economy which is a combination of both socialist and capitalist systems. Economic progress was achieved through centralised economic planning.
- Economic planning got impetus after independence. The Planning Commission of India was formed. The Planning Commission adopted the Five Year Plans aiming the economic growth of the nation. The Five Year Plans helped alleviate poverty, flourish agriculture and industrial sectors, improve education and generate new energy sources. Dams were constructed to boost agricultural production.

Analyse the educational achievement in independent India.

Recognizing the importance of education in nation building, our national leaders framed indigenous education policies suitable to Indian context. The Government appointed various commissions to study Indian education and to submit recommendations.

- Radhakrishnan Commission was appointed in 1948. Its objective was to study university education.
- Lakshmana Swami Mudaliar Commission was appointed in 1952 to study secondary education.
- Kothari Commission was appointed in 1964 to propose a national pattern of education.
- Educational policies were formulated in 1968 and 1986 with an objective to prepare India, to face the challenges of the new millennium. Major recommendations of the National Policy on Education 1986 are follows:
 - Focussing on primary and continuing education.
 - Launching Operation Blackboard Programme to universalise primary education and to improve infrastructure facilities in schools.
 - Starting Navodaya Vidyalayas in every district.
 - Encourage girls' education.

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