

History of Education in Modern India

Course Objective:

- To get general awareness on education in India over centuries and to understand its evolution.
- To understand what it meant 'to be educated' in the pre-modern India, and how the terms
- To understand and get a general awareness about the establishment of modern schools and universities, and how shaping of these institutions, ideas, and practices made India "modern."

Course Outcome:

- Students will learn about the different policies and practices that reshaped the conception of modern education.
- Students will get to appreciate the evolution of educational practices from Early India to Modern India.
- Students will learn and grasp the diversities of educational practices and how they were made uniform with the advent of colonialism and its reshaping forces.

Unit I: Pre Colonial education, Western Challenge Western Encounter and Educational Challenges

Educational activities of East India company (1600-1765), Educational Policy of the East India Company (1765-1813), Danish Mission (1706-92), Work of Serampore Trio and others in Bengal (1758-1813), Indigenous education in early 19th century: Reports of Madras, Bombay and Bengal presidencies.

Unit II: Before and After Macaulay:

- Private educational enterprise by British Officials and non-officials (1813 – 53), Private Indian enterprise in education (1813-53), Macaulay’s Minutes on Education (1835) & its main recommendations,
- Wood’s Despatch (1854) and its significance,
- Understanding ideological and administrative influences on Education

Unit III: Education between Command, Commissions and National Alternatives

- Indian Education Commission (1882-83) & its main recommendations; Indian Universities Commission (1902), Calcutta University Commission (1917-19) & its critical appraisal
- Zakir Husain Committee Report (1938) & Nai Talim,
- Post-war educational developments (Sergeant Plan, 1944).

Unit IV: Education in Contemporary India: Issues in the foundation of Aided and autonomous educational institutions and Politics

- Establishment of IITs and IIMs, Growth of Indian Universities,
- Kothari Commission Report and NEP of 1986
- NEP 2020

Unit I: Students will learn about the pre-colonial education models, and how the Western encounter changed the face of education. Basically, they will be equipped to think and know what is “modern” about the “Modern Education”.

Unit II: Students will learn about the impact of TB Macaulay and his legacy for education in India. By closely reading different Minutes on Education, students will be able to adjudge the impact and influence of Macaulay on education.

Unit III: Students will learn how different commissions and committees shape educational policies and curriculum design. They will grasp the political and historical context under which educational policies are made and changed, and what rationale justify such moves.

Unit IV: Students will learn about education in contemporary India, and how different institutions of national importance came into being. What is the role of education in making India developed, and how are we dealing with the issues of equity and fairness in education historically.

Select Readings:

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Internet Resources

- 1. Parimala V Rao, Colonial State and Indigenous Vernacular Schools.**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7f4Xzc-Oe4>

Activities to Do

1. Students will collect and compile all the reports of various education commissions and committees since 1947.
2. Students will collect and compile the profiles of prominent educationists and policy makers in the field of education.