**1)UNESCO**

-UNESCO stands for **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**

-**About UNESCO**

* UNESCO is a **specialized agency of the United Nations (UN)**.
* It was **founded on 16 November 1945**.
* Its **headquarters** are in **Paris, France**.
* It works with **193 member countries** (including India).

-**Main Purpose of UNESCO**

“Build peace through international cooperation in education, science, culture, and communication.”

-**Main Functions**

* Promotes **quality education** and lifelong learning for all.
* Encourages **scientific research** and environmental sustainability.
* Protects **cultural heritage** and promotes global cultural exchange.
* Supports **digital learning**, communication, and media literacy.

**2**) **NEP 2020 (National Education Policy 2020)**

 **Launched by:** Government of India in **July 2020**.

 **Objective:** To reform and modernize India’s education system to make it **holistic, flexible, multidisciplinary, and aligned with 21st-century needs**.

 **Replaces:** The old National Policy on Education (1986).

 **Vision:** To create a system that ensures **quality education for all** and builds **global citizens with strong values**

-**Main Features**

* Focus on **experiential learning** rather than rote memorization.
* Emphasizes **critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving** skills.
* Promotes **use of technology**, **digital learning**, and **gamified educational methods**
* Gives importance to **vocational education**, **local languages**, and **flexible curriculum design**.