

CHRONOLOGY

Pre-Independence (till 1947)

- **1792** – *Charles Grant's Treatise*: Argued for spreading Western education in India.
- **1813** – *Raja Ram Mohan Roy's Letter to Lord Amherst*: Supported English education, opposed only Sanskrit focus.
- **1824** – *Sanskrit College, Calcutta*: Promoted Orientalist education (traditional learning).
- **1828** – *English Introduced in Delhi College*: Start of Western curriculum in North India.
- **1835** – *Macaulay's Minute on Indian Education*: Favored English and Western knowledge.
- **1835** – *Lord Bentinck Approves Macaulay's Recommendations*: English made medium of higher education.
- **1835 (after)** – *Trevelyan's Book*: Advocated European education in India.
- **1835** – *Lord Bentinck's Education Policy*: Balanced English + Oriental education.
- **1854** – *Wood's Dispatch*: Called "Magna Carta of English Education in India." English at higher level, vernacular at primary level.
- **1882** – *Hunter Commission*: Focus on primary education for government jobs.
- **1911** – *Gokhale Bill*: Attempt to make primary education compulsory.

- **1904–1911 (Lord Curzon’s period)** – Reforms in universities, focus on efficiency and purpose of higher education.
 - **1917** – *Calcutta University Commission (Sadler Commission)*: Stressed both mother tongue and English in higher education.
 - **1928–1929** – *Hartog Committee*: Highlighted wastage/dropouts; wanted improvement in primary/mass education.
 - **1931** – *Wardha Scheme / Zakir Hussain Committee*: Gandhi's idea of “Basic Education” (Nai Talim).
 - **1936–1937** – *Wood & Abbot Report*: Focused on vocational education.
 - **1944** – *Sargent Report*: Pointed out the poor state of Indian education, suggested expansion and reforms.
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Post-Independence (after 1947)

- **1948–49** – *University Education Commission (Radhakrishnan Commission)*: Focus on higher education reforms.
 - **1964–66** – *Kothari Commission*: Comprehensive plan, emphasized education for national development.
 - **1968** – *First National Policy on Education*: Based on Kothari Commission recommendations.
 - **1968 (with Policy)** – *Three-Language Formula*:
 1. Regional language +
 2. Hindi/other Indian language +
 3. English/modern European language
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