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Anthropology short notes

UPSC Mains Anthropology Paper 2 - Anthropology GS 2 (Paper II)

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UPSC Anthropology optional Paper II - Indian society, tribes and applied anthropology, mapped as GS 2 of the optional. Headings: Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization • Palaeo-Anthropological evidences from India with special reference to Siwaliks and Narmada basin (Ramapithecus, Sivapith • Ethno-archaeology in India • Demographic profile of India • The structure and nature of traditional Indian social system • Caste system in India • Sacred Complex and Nature-Man-Spirit Complex. • Impact of Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and Christianity on Indian society. • Emergence, growth and development of Anthropology in India • Indian Village • Linguistic and religious minorities and their social, political and economic status. • Indigenous and exogenous processes of socio-cultural change in Indian society • Tribal situation in India • Problems of the tribal Communities • Developmental projects and their impact on tribal displacement and problems of rehabilitation. Development of forest pol • Problems of exploitation and deprivation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes. Constitutiona • Social change and contemporary tribal societies • The concept of ethnicity • Impact of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and other religions on tribal societies. • Tribe and nation state • History of administration of tribal areas, tribal policies, plans, programmes of tribal development and their implementa • Role of anthropology in tribal and rural development. • Contributions of anthropology to the understanding of regionalism, communalism and ethnic and political movements..

Short notes by official syllabus heading.

Revision notes for the Anthropology optional. Confirm thinkers and examples against standard texts and recent papers.

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Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

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Ethno-archaeology in India**Definition**

Lower Paleolithic represents the earliest phase of human culture in India and is associated with early hominins such as Homo erectus and Homo habilis.

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Anthropology, defined as the scientific and holistic study of human beings, has undergone a profound evolution from its origins as a tool for colonial administration to a reflexive, interdisciplinary science. As Eric Wolf remarked, the discipline acts as a "bond between subject matters," bridging the gap between natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities. Its evolution can be traced through several distinct theoretical and methodological shifts.

Example / case study

A small tribal community can be studied through its own kinship, economy, religion and customs. Early anthropological studies of isolated tribal communities could examine their culture as a relatively self-contained whole.

Thinkers

Core Philosophy: Thinkers like E.B. Tylor (the "**Father of Modern Anthropology**"), Lewis Henry Morgan, and James Frazer proposed Unilinear Evolution, suggesting all societies progress through identical stages (e.g., Savagery → Barbarism → Civilization). Historical Particularism: Franz Boas (the "**Father of American Anthropology**") rejected universal laws, arguing that each culture has a unique history. He introduced the Four-Field Approach (Biological, Archaeological, Linguistic, and Cultural) to gather comprehensive empirical data.: The Golden Age of Fieldwork: Functionalism. Bio-cultural Functionalism: Bronislaw Malinowski pioneered Participant Observation, arguing that culture exists solely to satisfy biological and psychological needs. Structural Functionalism: A.R. Radcliffe-Brown applied an "**Organic Analogy**," viewing society as a system where institutions function like organs to maintain the stability of the social structure.: Structural and Psychological Turns. Structuralism: Claude Lévi-Strauss argued that human thought is patterned through binary oppositions (e.g., **Nature vs. Culture**) and that culture, like language, is a mental construct.

Definition

Conveys emotion and attitude beyond words.

Definition

1. Examine Gordon Childe's Statement "**Neolithic Culture is a Revolution**" (2010)

Example / case study

Not involved in subsistence till certain age

Definition

Playback studies (Cheney, Zuberbühler).

Example / case study

6. Salient Features of Mesolithic Culture (150 words) Technology: Microliths (1-5 cm), geometric/non-geometric, often hafted. Economy: Hunting, fishing, plant-food gathering. Domestication: earliest dog domestication in India (Bagor).

Thinkers

Kinship Studies in India - Irawati Karve

Definition

The Body Politic: Refers to how bodies are regulated, surveilled, and controlled by state and institutional power. Michel **Foucault** described this as the production of "docile bodies" through systems of discipline and surveillance in schools, prisons, and hospitals.

Thinkers

Metabolic Living: **Harris Solomon (2016)** studied obesity and diabetes in India, linking the physical changes in the Indian body to shifting food systems and global capital.

Definition

III. Applications in Anthropological Studies

Thinkers

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Definition

Regionalism = loyalty/identity based on specific geographical region.

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Demographic profile of India**Definition**

2. Demographic profile of India

Definition

Ethnicity is a process/relationship, not just a static category.

Definition

linguistic elements in the Indian population

Example / case study

Haimendorf's teacher training in tribal areas • First linguistic survey by G.A. Grierson (1898-1928)

Definition

1. "**Castes in India: Their Mechanism, Genesis and Development**"

Definition

factors influencing its structure and growth

Thinkers

Clifford Geertz - "Thick description" in Balinese Cockfight.: Quantitative Data.

The structure and nature of traditional Indian social system**Definition**

Population genetics & evolutionary studies.

Example / case study

Islamic banking → interest-free system based on moral-religious principles □ Quick Comparison:
Classical vs. Molecular

Definition

Traditional social order - authentic & scientific account of trad social order.

Definition

Refers to acquisition of resources, wealth, livelihood for family and dignity.

Example / case study

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Drives cycle of suffering until Moksha is attained.

Example / case study

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Refers to pursuit of bodily and emotional desires (love, art, entertainment, intimacy).

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Caste system in India**Definition**

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Thinkers

Kinship Studies in India - Irawati Karve

Definition

Folklore: Oraons linked themselves with Hanuman Ji, their name derived from "O-Ram."

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Kinship Studies in India - Irawati Karve Andre Bêteille - Studies in Agrarian Social Structure

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Shift: From tribal to village studies.

Thinkers

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Definition

Lingayat Rajas (till 1830) replaced by British.

Example / case study

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Sacred Complex and Nature-Man-Spirit Complex.**Definition**

Thus, scientific analysis of the human skeleton serves broader humanitarian objectives such as justice, dignity and identification of victims.

Example / case study

→ Technology reflects lifestyle and ecological adaptation.

Thinkers

Nature-Man-Spirit (NMS) Complex - Vidyarthi Similarly, L.P. Vidyarthi's Nature-Man-Spirit Complex illustrates the interaction of environment, human society and cultural/religious beliefs in understanding tribal life.

Impact of Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and Christianity on Indian society.**Definition**

Prominent nuns: Khema, Dhammadinna Theri.

Definition

Buddha: women's entry → decline of Buddhism in 500 yrs (vs 1000 yrs).

Definition

Pioneer of feminist anthropology in India.

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Christianity on Indian society

Emergence, growth and development of Anthropology in India**Definition**

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Indian Village**Definition**

Higher castes = migrants from Bihar, Jharkhand, MP.

Example / case study

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Agrarian relations in Indian villages

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Impact of globalization on Indian villages

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Linguistic and religious minorities and their social, political and economic status.**Definition**

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Example / case study

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Definition

History studies past events chronologically.

Thinkers

Clifford Geertz (Interpretive Anthropology): Geertz focused on cognition and meaning. Heavily influenced by **Max Weber's** Verstehen and hermeneutics, he argued that humans are suspended in "webs of significance" they have spun themselves. Victor Turner (Symbolic Anthropology): Turner focused on social processes and action. Influenced by Max Gluckman and Arnold van Gennep, he examined how symbols move and work dynamically during crises and transitions.: Symbols as **Vehicles vs. Operators. Geertz** (Vehicles): Symbols are viewed as vehicles of culture that convey established ideas and orientations to decode what a society "tells itself about itself". Turner (Operators): Symbols are operators in social processes. They act as tools to prompt social action, resolve conflict, and guide individuals through status changes. Turner identified specific properties of symbols: Multivocality (many meanings), Condensation (packed meanings), and Polarization (sensory vs. ideological poles).: **Thick Description vs. Social Drama. Geertz** (Methodology): He championed "**Thick Description**," which involves providing a detailed account of behavior within its cultural context to explain not just what happened, but its deep intent and meaning (e.g., distinguishing a blink from a conspiratorial wink).

Definition

Folklore = record of the past, should be studied as social memory.

Example / case study

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F.G. Bailey (OD - Bisipara, Kondhmal region)

Example / case study

Distillers (Boad caste) improved economic status under British rule → acquired land → challenged ritual dominance of warrior castes, earlier they were lower caste.

Indigenous and exogenous processes of socio-cultural change in Indian society**Definition**

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Example / case study

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Definition

Claimed → even tribes are backward Hindus, included in caste.

Example / case study

Lucia Michelutti (The Vernacularisation of Democracy, 2008) → Yadavs of UP link identity to Krishna descent. John Cort (Jains in the World, 2001) → Oswals consider themselves superior to other Jain castes (Shrimals, Porwals). Anuja Agrawal (Chaste Wives and Prostitute Sisters, 2008) → Bedia community narrates their Rajput origin despite prostitution as occupation. Badri Narayan (Fascinating Hindutva, 2009) → Pasi community of Bihar trace descent from Parashuram (pa+asi = grip + sword), reinterpret pig-rearing as heroic defense of women during Mughal invasions.

Definition

Term by Prof. Shyamlal (field study in Rajasthan- 13 dists).

Thinkers

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Inter-play of little and great traditions

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Panchayati Raj and social change

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Anthropology cannot be understood without history.

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Tribal situation in India**Definition**

Refers to an individual's market situation.

Thinkers

Kinship Studies in India - Irawati Karve

Definition

Unlike other disciplines, anthropology studies both primitive and modern societies.

Example / case study

Information is reconstructed almost entirely through archaeological evidence. Together they explain humans from biological, cultural, linguistic and historical perspectives.

Problems of the tribal Communities

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Example / case study

Land alienation narratives in tribal communities.

Thinkers

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Definition

Tradition: Pradhan Gonds = chroniclers, preserve myths & genealogies.

Example / case study

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Thinkers

Leaders: Bholanath Sahay, Ganga Narain Singh.

Definition

Anthropometric Methods: This involves quantitative measurements to evaluate undernutrition, growth, and obesity. Common indicators include Height, Weight, Body Mass Index (BMI), mid-upper arm circumference, and skinfold thickness. Standardized techniques were systematized by [John Weiner and J.A. Lourie \(1969\)](#). Studies of Indian tribal communities often use these to show Chronic Energy Deficiency (CED).

Example / case study

in Indian Tribes: [ICMR \(2009\)](#) studies utilized these techniques to identify widespread Chronic Energy Deficiency (CED) among Indian tribal communities, using Body Mass Index (BMI) and mid-upper arm circumference as primary indicators of health status. Paul Farmer's research in Haiti and Rwanda demonstrated that diseases like HIV and tuberculosis are not just biological accidents but are "socially produced" through colonial exploitation and economic dependency. Similarly, Nancy Scheper-Hughes observed that "emotional detachment" from weak infants among impoverished Brazilian mothers was an embodied response to extreme scarcity-a "political economy of the body".

1: Lactose Tolerance: This biological trait evolved in specific pastoralist cultures with a history of milk-drinking (cultural economy), showing how a cultural adaptation changed the biological capacity of a population to thrive in their ecological setting.

2: High-Altitude Adaptation: In high-altitude regions like Tibet or the Andes, the ecological stress is hypoxia (low oxygen). Human adaptability here is integrated: it involves biological changes like increased lung capacity and the EPAS1 gene, as well as cultural adjustments like transhumance (seasonal migration) and iron-rich diets.

Definition

Absence of dominant caste group.

Definition

Pre-agricultural level of existence (Stone-age type life)

Example / case study

Land alienation narratives in tribal communities.

Definition

KISS (Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Odisha) → educates 30,000 tribal students; claims to prevent Maoism, but criticized for "brainwashing" & loss of tribal culture.

Example / case study

Haimendorf's teacher training in tribal areas
ST Health Card for tribals outside their native place.
Publish "**Tribal Health Index**" every 3 years.

Definition

Land alienation & displacement.

Example / case study

Land alienation narratives in tribal communities.

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Article 366(25): ST means tribes or tribal communities deemed under **Art. 342**.

Example / case study

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Definition

Training in traditions, values, discipline.

Thinkers

Philosophy for NEFA (1957) - Verrier Elwin Approach: Vidyarthi's + K.N. Sahay's model (forces of change).

Definition

Single window, **Census** & baseline survey.

Example / case study

Banjara Packers and Movers of Mughals (lost jobs after Mughal decline). Gadi Lohar (royal blacksmiths of Maharashtra after Mughal arrival). British suspicion → feared nomads as threat to empire. Racism & understanding of caste → communities to be criminal by birth

Developmental projects and their impact on tribal displacement and problems of rehabilitation. Development of forest pol

Definition

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Example / case study

Maasai cattle raids as part of political and economic strategy Mythological justification: cattle believed to be divinely granted (by god Ngai). Negative attitude of settled agricultural populations

Problems of exploitation and deprivation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes. Constitutiona

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Social change and contemporary tribal societies

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Definition

Use field studies and empirical data.

Example / case study

Pathalgadi movement (Jharkhand), Naga urban local body election issue (2004-2024, women's reservation opposed). Gonds - Panchayats implement schemes, but customary panchayats oversee traditions.

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Example / case study

Leader may select camp location but lacks coercive power The concept of tribe was elaborated by Elman Service.

Thinkers

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Definition

Consumption is the utilisation of final goods and services by society.

Example / case study

Potlatch (North-West Coast)- Kwakiutl by F. Boas

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Thinkers

Identified by K.S. Singh - "tribalism without tribes". Scholar: Clifford Geertz (Old Societies and New States, 1963).

Impact of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and other religions on tribal societies.**Definition**

Broken Men = defeated tribes, displaced, lived outside villages → later service castes (Antyajias/Antyavasin).

Thinkers

Applied Anthro- Birhor Action Research Project - L.P. Vidyarthi

Definition

Brahmin: Yajna, teaching, meditation.

Definition

Each caste is a mutually exclusive group.

Thinkers

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Definition

Pioneer of feminist anthropology in India.

Example / case study

Javanese funeral rituals combining Hinduism and Islam. Trobriand Islanders adopting cricket, but modifying rules, dress, leadership roles, and incorporating erotic dance into the game under colonial influence. A deliberate effort to reform and revive culture in response to large-scale disruption. Arises when people experience anxiety, despair, and cultural disintegration.

Definition

Holistic approach | Specialized approach

Example / case study

Provided incentives to abandon shifting cultivation

Tribe and nation state**Definition**

Tribes often became part of nation-states without their consent (esp. border/buffer zones).

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Definition

Studies one culture deeply | Compares many cultures

History of administration of tribal areas, tribal policies, plans, programmes of tribal development and their implementa**Definition**

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Example / case study

Haimendorf's teacher training in tribal areas Must submit an annual report to the President on administration of 5th Schedule areas. Issues (5th Schedule)- mainly by Bhuria Committee

Thinkers

B.K. Roy Burman (1922-2012) → Concept of Buffer Zone

Definition

Uses Scheduled Tribes (STs) for welfare.

Example / case study

Andaman & Nicobar → Onge, Sentinelese, Shompens, Great Andamanese

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Joint Forest Management (JFM) under FRA 2006.

Thinkers

Development-induced displacement (by B.K. Roy Burman) highlighting Eco, Health, Political marginalisation.

Contributions of anthropology to the understanding of regionalism, communalism and ethnic and political movements.**Definition**

Psychology studies individual behaviour, while Anthropology studies culture and society.