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Anthropology short notes

The concept of ethnicity

UPSC Civil Services (Main) Examination · Anthropology Paper 2 · Anthropology GS 2 (Paper II)

7.3 The concept of ethnicity; Ethnic conflicts and political developments; Unrest among tribal communities; Regionalism and demand for autonomy; Pseudo-tribalism. Social change among the tribes during colonial and post-Independent India.

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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The Concept Of Ethnicity

Definition

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

Thinkers

Scholar: Clifford Geertz (Old Societies and New States, 1963).

Ethnic Conflicts And Political Developments

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Unrest Among Tribal Communities

Definition

A key feature distinguishing tribes from bands is the presence of pan-tribal sodality (associational organisation).

Example / case study

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

Thinkers

Scholar: Clifford Geertz (Old Societies and New States, 1963).

Regionalism And Demand For Autonomy

Definition

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

Example / case study

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

Thinkers

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Pseudo-Tribalism. Social Change Among The Tribes During Colonial And Post-Indepe

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Thinkers

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

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