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Anthropology short notes

Human Genetics

UPSC Civil Services (Main) Examination • Anthropology GS 1 • Anthropology GS 1 (Paper I)

9.1 Human Genetics: Methods and Application: Methods for study of genetic principles in man-family study (pedigree analysis, twin study, foster child, co-twin method, cytogenetic method, chromosomal and karyo-type analysis), biochemical methods, immunological methods, D.N.A. technology and recombinant technologies.

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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Thinkers

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Study (Kamal K. Misra): >85% of tribal land transfers in AP, MP, Odisha are to non-tribals.

Thinkers

Development-induced displacement (by B.K. Roy Burman) highlighting Eco, Health, Political marginalisation. Titles show caste influence: Singh, Pujari, Rana, Nayak. Radcliffe-Brown: Used genealogies to reconstruct descent groups and social structure in Africa. Malinowski: Used them to understand kinship and land inheritance among the Trobriand Islanders.

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