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Q8(b)

Critically examine the concept of tribe-caste continuum and its relevance in contemporary India

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Anthropology GS 2 · 15 marks · Caste system in India

3.2 Caste system in India-Structure and characteristics, Varna and caste, Theories of origin of caste system, Dominant caste, Caste mobility, Future of caste system, Jajmani system. Tribe-caste continuum.

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G. S. Ghurye

Classic source for tribes as backward Hindus on the way into caste.

F. G. Bailey

Field models of tribe and caste as connected political economies.

N. K. Bose

Civilisational absorption of tribes into the Hindu social web.

FRA 2006

Law that treats forest dwellers as rights-holders, not as incomplete castes.

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