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Q1(a)

Relevance of tribal Panchsheel today

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Anthropology GS 2 · 10 marks · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

1.1 Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization-Prehistoric (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Neolithic-Chalcolithic), Protohistoric (Indus Civilization). Pre-Harappan, Harappan and post-Harappan cultures. Contributions of the tribal cultures to Indian civilization.

Core demand of the question

- Write a note on relevance of tribal Panchsheel today
- Keep the note to a 10-mark length of about 150 words

Revision summary

Panchsheel is **Nehru's** five-point tribal ethic, shaped with Elwin.

It protects genius, land-forest rights, local cadres, and human results.

Ghurye's assimilation was the rival line.

PESA and FRA try to statute the same ethic.

Mining and dams still test it in **Fifth Schedule** belts.

Introduction

Tribal Panchsheel is **Jawaharlal Nehru's** five-point ethic for Adivasi policy. It still tests whether the state develops with tribes or over them.

Body**The five points**

- **Nehru** asked that people develop along their own genius, that tribal rights in land and forest be respected, that teams of their own people be trained, that over-administration be avoided, and that results be judged by human quality, not money spent.
- **Verrier Elwin** helped draft this line against both isolation as a zoo and sudden assimilation.
- **G. S. Ghurye** wanted faster Hindu-national absorption. Panchsheel was the official middle path after Independence.

Why it still matters

- Mining, dams, and roads in **Fifth Schedule** belts still break land and forest rights that Panchsheel named first.
- **PESA** and the **Forest Rights Act, 2006** try to turn those ethics into statute, but gram sabha consent is often paper.
- **Relevance today is a checklist:** genius, land, own cadres, light administration, human results.

Flow diagram

Nehru Panchsheel -> Land forest genius

Nehru Panchsheel -> PESA FRA

Ghurye assimilation -> Contrast

Conclusion

Panchsheel remains the moral measure of tribal policy. Laws exist; the gap is still land, forest, and over-administration.

Facts & figures

Nehru Panchsheel

Five principles: own genius, land-forest rights, tribal cadres, no over-administration, human quality of result.

Verrier Elwin

Adviser whose tribal philosophy fed the official Panchsheel line.

G. S. Ghurye

Argued tribes as backward Hindus and favoured quicker absorption.

FRA 2006

Statutory attempt to secure forest rights that Panchsheel named as a first duty.

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