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Impact of industrialization on scheduled tribe population of Jharkhand

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · 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 impact of industrialization on scheduled tribe population of Jharkhand
- Keep the note to a 10-mark length of about 150 words

Revision summary

Jharkhand industry is mining and heavy plant on tribal land.

A few ST jobs sit beside mass displacement.

Vidyarathi's forest cosmos is the cultural casualty.

FRA and PESA are late legal brakes.

Elwin's warning fits better than a simple integration story.

Introduction

Industrialisation in Jharkhand is mines, steel, and dams on a **Fifth Schedule** landscape. For Scheduled Tribes the impact is jobs for a few and land loss for many.

Body

Resource shock

- Coal, iron, and uranium cut forest and village. **Vidyarathi's** nature-man-spirit complex cracks when the grove becomes a pit.
- Displacement from Jamshedpur's hinterland to later projects repeats the same unpaid social bill.
- **FRA** and PESA arrived late against a century of leases.

Social change

- A small ST workforce and contractor class appears. Most become casual labour or migrants.
- **Ghurye** might call this integration. **Elwin** would call it dispossession with a wage.
- Unrest, including support milieus for armed groups, tracks the same industrial map.

Flow diagram

Mines steel -> Land forest loss
Mines steel -> Casual ST labour
FRA PESA -> Late counter

Conclusion

Jharkhand's industry incorporated some tribals as labour and excluded many from land. The impact is stratification plus resource loss, not even development.

Facts & figures

Fifth Schedule Jharkhand

Legal landscape that industry often treated as a mineral map.

FRA 2006

Forest titles meant to survive industrial take; implementation is uneven.

L. P. Vidyarthi

Chotanagpur anthropologist whose complex names what mines erase.

Jamshedpur hinterland

Early industrial displacement template for later Jharkhand projects.