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Relevance of caste in contemporary Indian politics

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · Anthropology GS 2 · 10 marks · Emergence, growth and development of Anthropology in India

4. Emergence, growth and development of Anthropology in India-Contributions of the 18th, 19th and early 20th Century scholar-administrators. Contributions of Indian anthropologists to tribal and caste studies.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Dominant caste

Srinivas's locally powerful jati that still weighs in panchayat and assembly.

OBC politics

Post-Mandal caste blocs that reshaped state parties.

F. G. Bailey

Showed caste factions as the practical political system of the village.

73rd Amendment

Reserved panchayat seats that made caste arithmetic more visible, not less.

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