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Caste and social capital

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Anthropology GS 2 · 10 marks · Indian Village

5.1 Indian Village-Significance of village study in India; Indian village as a social system; Traditional and changing patterns of settlement and inter-caste relations; Agrarian relations in Indian villages; Impact of globalization on Indian villages.

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Bonding capital

Dense in-group trust; in India often the jati and kin cluster.

Bridging capital

Cross-group ties that caste ranking typically withholds.

Article 16

Equality of public employment, a state attempt to offset caste networks in jobs.

Caste association

Urban jati body that pools funds, hostels, and votes as organised social capital.

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