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Q8(b)

Critically evaluate the contributions of S.C. Roy to Indian anthropology.

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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.

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The Mundas and Their Country 1912

Roy's first major monograph on Munda land, clan, and colonial pressure.

Man in India

Journal founded by Roy in 1921, still a marker of professional Indian anthropology.

The Birhors 1925

Monograph on a foraging group later listed as a PVTG, unusual for its time.

Khuntkatti

Lineage village-land institution that Roy placed at the centre of Munda political economy.

Oraon Religion and Customs 1928

Detailed account of Oraon ritual, later used in debates on Hinduisation and sarna.

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