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Dravidian language and their subgroups

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · 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.

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Robert Caldwell

Nineteenth-century scholar who established Dravidian as a family distinct from Indo-Aryan.

Brahui

North Dravidian language of Balochistan, an outlier far from the southern literary core.

Kurukh

North Dravidian language of the Oraon (Kurukh) people in Jharkhand and neighbouring states.

Gondi

South-Central Dravidian language cluster of Gond regions in central India.

Tolkappiyam

Early Tamil grammatical text showing a long literary history inside South Dravidian.

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