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Q4(c)

Is caste mobility a recent phenomenon? Discuss in the light of Indological and Empirical context.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · Anthropology GS 2 · 15 marks · Caste system in India

3.2 Caste system in India-Structure and characteristics, Varna and caste, Theories of origin of caste system, Dominant caste, Caste mobility, Future of caste system, Jajmani system. Tribe-caste continuum.

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Sanskritisation

Srinivas's term for group ritual copying to claim higher caste rank; the behaviour has older Indological analogues.

Rajput formation

Historical process of military, marriage, and origin-claim mobility, not a single Vedic census category.

Mandal 1990

Central implementation of OBC reservation in public employment after the **Mandal Commission** report.

Indra Sawhney 1992

Supreme Court judgment that structured OBC reservation, creamy layer, and the ordinary 50 percent ceiling.

F. G. Bailey

Bisipara ethnography of economic and political mobility on a tribe-caste continuum.

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