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Village as little republic

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.

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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Charles Metcalfe

Colonial minute (1830) describing Indian village communities as little republics.

Henry Maine

Used village community and custom in legal-historical writing that fed the same isolate picture.

M. N. Srinivas

Rampura work showing dominant caste and external ties, against a sealed republic.

André Bêteille

Tanjore study of land, caste, and class inside a village linked to a wider agrarian system.

73rd Amendment

Constitutionalised Panchayati Raj; local government is elected, not a hereditary little republic.

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