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Q2(c)

Deconstruct the colonial history of Indian Anthropology highlighting the critical role played by the Indian Anthropologists in sustaining its autonomy.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · Anthropology GS 2 · 15 marks · Emergence, growth and development of Anthropology in India

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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S. C. Roy

Munda ethnography and Man in **India (1921)**; a professional Indian anthropology outside the district gazetteer.

Ghurye-Elwin debate

Ghurye: tribes as backward Hindus to be assimilated. Elwin: protection of aboriginal culture, especially in NEFA.

Criminal Tribes Act 1871

Colonial law that stigmatised communities as born criminals; denotified after Independence, with Bhowmick's Lodha work as a later anthropological intervention.

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