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Q1(c)

Regionalism and Autonomy

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Anthropology GS 2 · 10 marks · The concept of ethnicity

7.3 The concept of ethnicity; Ethnic conflicts and political developments; Unrest among tribal communities; Regionalism and demand for autonomy; Pseudo-tribalism. Social change among the tribes during colonial and post-Independent India.

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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Bhuria Committee

Recommended tribal self-rule that became the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996.

Sixth Schedule

Autonomous District Councils for specified tribal areas in four North-Eastern states, with law-making on land, forest and local custom.

Samata (1997)

Supreme Court restricted transfer of tribal land in Scheduled Areas to non-tribals, including mining leases, unless law clearly allows it.

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