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Q4(a)

What are the different types of caste mobility in India? Highlight the various factors responsible for it

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Anthropology GS 2 · 20 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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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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Sanskritisation

Srinivas's term for a caste raising local rank by adopting higher-caste ritual, diet and origin stories.

Indra Sawhney 1992

Upheld OBC reservation, creamy layer and a general 50 percent ceiling, shaping legal mobility through lists.

Jaishri Laxmanrao Patil 2021

Struck down Maharashtra's extra Maratha quota as exceeding the ceiling without an exceptional case, showing the Court as a gate on corporate caste claims.

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