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Q7(a)**Assess the contribution of colonial scholars in studying the tribal populations of North-East India**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Anthropology GS 2 · 20 marks · Tribal situation in India

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6.1 Tribal situation in India-Bio-genetic variability, linguistic and socio-economic characteristics of the tribal populations and their distribution.

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J.H. Hutton

Author of seminal monographs on the Angami Naga and Sema Naga, serving as **Census Commissioner** for India in 1931.

T.C. Hodson

Authored foundational ethnographies including *The Naga Tribes of Manipur* (1911).

George Abraham Grierson

Director of the Linguistic Survey of India, systematically classifying Tibeto-Burman languages of the North-East.

Verrier Elwin

British anthropologist whose extensive fieldwork in NEFA shaped post-independence tribal policy and the Tribal Panchsheel.

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