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Q8(a)**Make a critical appraisal of Surajit Sinha's line of argument that tribes and castes may not be isolated social categories, but are a part of the great Indian civilization**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Anthropology GS 2 · 20 marks · Indigenous and exogenous processes of socio-cultural change in Indian society

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5.3 Indigenous and exogenous processes of socio-cultural change in Indian society: Sanskritization, Westernization, Modernization; Inter-play of little and great traditions; Panchayati Raj and social change; Media and Social change.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Surajit Sinha (1962)

Proposed the conceptual framework of the tribe-caste and tribe-peasant continuum in central India.

State Formation and Rajputization

Described how tribal chiefs in middle India acquired Kshatriya status through political consolidation.

Nirmal Kumar Bose

Collaborated and shared parallel views on the Hindu method of tribal absorption into the caste system.

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