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Q4(a)**Write an account on the contribution of Verrier Elwin in developing policies for the tribal populations in post-independent India**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Anthropology GS 2 · 20 marks · The concept of ethnicity

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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.

Tribal Panchsheel

Five foundational principles formulated by **Jawaharlal Nehru** with inputs from Verrier Elwin to guide tribal development without disrupting their culture.

NEFA Administration

Verrier Elwin served as the Adviser on Tribal Affairs for the North-East Frontier Agency during the 1950s.

Key Ethnography

The Baiga (1939) and The Agaria (1942) authored by Verrier Elwin detailing central Indian tribal life.

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