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Anthropology short notes

Ethno-archaeology in India

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1.3 Ethno-archaeology in India: The concept of ethno-archaeology; Survivals and Parallels among the hunting, foraging, fishing, pastoral and peasant communities including arts and crafts producing communities.

Short notes by official syllabus heading.

Revision notes for the Anthropology optional. Confirm thinkers and examples against standard texts and recent papers.

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Ethno-Archaeology In India

Definition

Lower Paleolithic represents the earliest phase of human culture in India and is associated with early hominins such as Homo erectus and Homo habilis.

Thinkers

Kinship Studies in India - Irawati Karve Ernest Gellner - four steps of national identity: shared formal education; cultural homogenisation; language standardisation; anonymity among members that produces a feeling of sameness. Christophe Jaffrelot - two-step rise of Hindu nationalism: stigmatise an 'other' as a common enemy; then unify Hindus across caste, class and region.

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