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Anthropology short notes

Indian Village

UPSC Civil Services (Main) Examination · Anthropology GS 2 · Anthropology GS 2 (Paper II)

Indian Village-Significance of village study in India

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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Indian Village

Definition

Higher castes = migrants from Bihar, Jharkhand, MP.

Example / case study

Brahmins (Saryupari, Kanyakubja, etc.) not politically united; factions hostile to each other.

Thinkers

Yogendra Singh - Sanskritization = cultural camouflage for caste conflict. 3. S.C. Dube - Madhya Pradesh (Surajpur & other villages) 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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