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Anthropology short notes

Tribe and nation state

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

8.2 Tribe and nation state-a comparative study of tribal communities in India and other countries.

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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Tribe And Nation State

Definition

Tribes often became part of nation-states without their consent (esp. border/buffer zones).

Thinkers

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.

Definition

Studies one culture deeply | Compares many cultures

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