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Q8

Describe any four cultural elements of diversity in India and rate their relative significance in building a national identity.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS I · 12 marks · Indian Society and Diversity

Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Linguistic states, 1956

Reorganisation that turned language diversity into a federal map and reduced a major secession fear.

Eighth Schedule

Constitutional list of recognised languages that signals official respect for linguistic plurality.

Constitutional secularism

No state religion and freedom of religion as the legal frame for religious diversity.

Anti-Hindi agitations

South Indian resistance that showed language imposition can strain national identity.

Article 17 and reservations

National legal answer to caste diversity through abolition of untouchability and affirmative action.

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