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Why indentured labour was taken by the British from India to their colonies? have they been able to preserve their cultural identity over there?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · GS I · 15 marks · Modern Indian History

Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present - significant events, personalities, issues.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Slavery Abolition Act, 1833

British statute that ended legal slavery in most colonies and created the planter demand for indenture.

Girmitiya

Name from 'agreement' used for Indian indentured workers, especially in Fiji and related memories.

Mauritius, 1834 onward

Early and large destination for Indian plantation labour after abolition.

Kangani system

Overseer-led recruitment used in some Asian plantation zones, alongside depot indenture.

End of indenture

Indian indenture was wound down around 1917-1920 after nationalist and official criticism.

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