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Analyze the salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion.

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Sampradaya / panth

Indian terms for a sectarian path with guru, mark, and canon.

Lingayat / Virashaiva

Karnataka-centred Shaiva tradition that has claimed a status beside, not only inside, Hindu caste society.

Varkari

Maharashtra bhakti panth of Vitthala that mixes castes on pilgrimage while marriage stays largely jati-bound.

Shia and Sunni

Major Islamic sectarian division that is socially live in Indian towns and law debates.

Khalsa

Sikh initiated order that can stand as sect and as the public face of a religion.

Syrian Christians

Kerala Christian grouping in which denomination, region, and status rank intertwine.

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