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Why is caste identity in India both fluid and static?

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Sanskritization

Srinivas's term for collective ritual mobility of a jati toward a locally higher model.

Mandal, 1990

Implementation of OBC reservation that politicised caste lists at the national centre.

SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989

Criminal law against caste atrocity, evidence that rank is still enforced by violence.

Article 17

Abolition of untouchability in the Constitution.

Endogamy

Marriage inside the jati, the main social machine that makes caste static across generations.

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