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Despite comprehensive policies for equity and social justice, underprivileged sections are not yet getting the full benefits of affirmative action envisaged by the Constitution. Comment.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · GS I · 15 marks · Indian Society and Diversity

Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.

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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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Articles 15(4) and 16(4)

Enable special provision in education and public employment for backward classes, the core of reservation policy.

Indra Sawhney (1992)

Upheld OBC reservations in public employment and articulated the creamy-layer principle for OBCs.

PoA Act, 1989

The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act criminalises caste violence and humiliation; enforcement remains uneven.

Articles 338 and 338A

Constitutional commissions for SCs and STs to monitor safeguards.

Rohini Commission

Examined sub-categorisation among OBCs to address unequal benefit inside the list.

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