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Q7(b)

Caste remains a vital axis for political mobilisation in India. How would the caste census address the aspirations of people? Discuss

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · PSIR GS 1 · 20 marks · Indian Nationalism

Indian Nationalism: Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle; Perspectives on Indian National Movement; Gandhi, Tagore, Nehru, Ambedkar, and the socialists.

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Census 1931

The last comprehensive all-India caste enumeration in the colonial **Census**; later Censuses counted SC and ST but not the full jati table.

SECC 2011

Collected caste data that were not released as an official, usable national caste census for policy.

Indra Sawhney, 1992

The Supreme Court's Mandal judgment structured OBC reservation and a 50 per cent ceiling debate that census advocates say needs fresh social data.

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