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Q2(c)

Broadly compare the kinship system of North and South India.

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Irawati Karve

Classic regional typology of Indian kinship zones.

Gotra exogamy

North Indian rule that pushes marriage outside a named descent group and often the village.

Cross-cousin marriage

Preferred in many southern Dravidian systems, knitting affines back into kin.

Kanyadan

Gift of the virgin daughter that marks a sharper break in much of the North.

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