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What is patriarchy? How does it affect the child socialization pattern in India?

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Systems of Kinship in India: Lineage and descent in India; Types of kinship systems; Family and marriage in India; Household dimensions of the family; Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.

Core demand of the question

- What is patriarchy? How does it affect the child socialization pattern in India?
- Link kinship ideology to family, school, and play

Revision summary

Patriarchy is organised male privilege in line, property, and honour.

Indian child socialization teaches boys the lineage and girls the transfer.

Dube and Chakravarti show kinship and caste as the teaching machine.

School and law add equality as a second, weaker lesson.

Class and region modify, they do not abolish, the pattern.

Introduction

Patriarchy is a system that privileges men in descent, property, and public voice, and organises women as dependents. In India it works through caste kinship, so children learn rank and gender together.

Body

Patriarchy named

- It is not only male cruelty. It is rules of line, honour, and labour. Leela Dube's *Seed and Earth* makes the boy the seed and the girl the field.
- Sylvia Walby's structures (household, paid work, state, violence, culture) help, but Indian patriarchy is also jati endogamy.

Socialization of the child

- The boy is trained for the line, outdoor licence, and often better food and school. The girl is trained for transfer at marriage, care, and shame.
- Toys, language, and ritual (brother's day versus daughter as guest) repeat the map. Uma Chakravarti's *Brahmanical patriarchy* shows caste-honour as the curriculum.
- School texts and *hidden curriculum* can echo the home, though law and urban schooling introduce Beteille's disharmonic equality.

Variation

- Class, Muslim and Christian personal worlds, and some tribal and matrilineal pockets alter the mix. They do not erase gendered childhood everywhere.

Flow diagram

Patriarchy -> Seed boy line
Patriarchy -> Girl as transferable field
Home school ritual -> Patriarchy

Conclusion

Patriarchy in India socialises children into a ranked gender of seed and field, folded into caste. Equality in the Constitution arrives as a rival lesson, not as the first language of the home.

Facts & figures

Seed and Earth

Dube's metaphor that orients son preference in early childhood.

Brahmanical patriarchy

Uma Chakravarti's term for caste-honour control of women's sexuality.

Son preference

A socialization and demographic outcome of patrilineal property and ritual.

Hidden curriculum

School practices that still sort tasks and ambition by gender.

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