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Comment on the increasing significance of caste in politics.

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Perspectives on the study of Indian society: Indology (G.S. Ghurye); Structural functionalism (M.N. Srinivas); Marxist sociology (A.R. Desai).

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Politicisation of caste

Kothari's thesis that modern politics uses and remakes caste.

Mandal

The moment OBC caste became a national bargaining language.

Dominant caste

Srinivas's local power that scales into party machines.

Ambedkarite parties

Political form of Dalit identity beyond Congress tutelage.

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