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In the context of changing Indian society, how do you view Andre Beteille's conceptions of harmonic and disharmonic social structures ?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Caste System

Caste System: Perspectives (G.S. Ghurye, M.N. Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille); Features of caste system; Untouchability - forms and perspectives.

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Sripuram

Beteille's Tanjore village study of caste, class, and power in a changing agrarian order.

Harmonic

A structure whose inequalities are morally accepted by the prevailing value system.

Disharmonic

A structure whose values condemn inequality while practice reproduces it.

Dumont contrast

Dumont stressed homo hierarchicus; Beteille stressed the modern value of equality inside the same society.

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