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Critically examine the concept of Sanskritization with suitable illustrations

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

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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Srinivas

Coined Sanskritization from field observation, especially Coorg and later village India.

Reference model

Usually a locally high or dominant lifestyle, not a pan-Indian Brahmana essence.

Caste associations

Modern bodies that press Sanskritizing claims in census and politics.

Westernization

Srinivas's companion process of British-derived lifestyles and education.

Gender cost

Higher rank often meant tighter control of women's movement and diet.

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