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Q4(b)

Explain the implications and the impact of globalization in situating the changing agrarian class structure in India

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · Sociology GS 2 · 20 marks · Social Classes in India

Social Classes in India: Agrarian class structure; Industrial class structure; Middle classes in India.

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Desai

Agrarian India as class structure, not a harmonious peasant community.

Thorner

Malik, kisan and mazdoor type distinctions widely used in Indian agrarian sociology.

1991 reforms

Trade and investment opening that recast input, output and land markets.

Contract farming

Firm-controlled growing that can freeze growers as price-takers.

Circular labour

Village class now includes households whose main wage is urban-rural sojourning.

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