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Q1(a)

Highlight the significant features of A.R. Desai's 'Dialectical Perspective' to study Indian Society

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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A. R. Desai

Social Background of Indian Nationalism and Rural Sociology in India apply a Marxist dialectic to Indian structure and change.

Dialectic

Change is explained through contradiction in production and class, not only through values.

Caste as covering

Rank and ritual are treated as a social skin over landlord, tenant, and labourer relations.

Village

Not a self-sufficient republic; a site of rent, credit, and labour control.

Contrast

Stands against functional harmony models and against a purely textual hierarchy.

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