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Q1(d)

How did Colonial Policies for the tribes affected their socio-economic conditions in India? Discuss.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Tribal communities in India

Tribal communities in India: Definitional problems; Geographical spread; Colonial policies and tribes; Issues of integration and autonomy.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Forest Act 1927

Consolidated colonial control over reserved and protected forests, restricting customary use.

Criminal Tribes Act 1871

Notified communities as hereditary criminals; its afterlife is the denotified and nomadic groups question.

Ghurye vs Elwin

Assimilation of tribes as backward Hindus versus protection of distinct tribal culture and livelihood.

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