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Q4(a)

**Who is said to be the pioneer of village studies in India?
Illustratively describe contributions of some Indian sociologists
on village studies. How their approaches are distinct from each
other?**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 2 · 20 marks · Rural and Agrarian Social Structure

Rural and Agrarian Social Structure: The idea of Indian village and village studies; Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.

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Rampura

Mysore village of Srinivas's ethnography; source of dominant caste and much of his empirical vocabulary.

Sripuram

Tanjore village of Bêteille's Caste, Class and Power, showing diverging axes of stratification.

For a Sociology of India

Dumont and Pocock's 1957 programme: Indian sociology must use Indian ideological categories, not only imported community study.

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