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Q4(c)**Compare G. S. Ghurye's and A. R. Desai's approaches used in understanding Indian society**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

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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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G. S. Ghurye

Regarded as the father of Indian sociology, he established the Department of Sociology at the University of Bombay and authored Caste and Race in **India (1932)**.

A. R. Desai

A prominent Marxist sociologist and author of **Social Background of Indian Nationalism (1948)**, which applied historical materialism to India's anti-colonial struggle.

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