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Q6(a)**Differentiate between protests and movements. Discuss some of those movements which changed the fabric of Indian agrarian society during the colonial period**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 2 · 20 marks · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

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Impact of colonial rule on Indian society: Social background of Indian nationalism; Modernization of Indian tradition; Protests and movements during the colonial period; Social reforms.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Santhal Hul (1855-56)

An armed tribal uprising in Damin-i-Koh against oppressive moneylenders and colonial administration, resulting in the [Santal Pargana Tenancy Act](#).

Indigo Revolt (1859-60)

A widespread peasant strike in Bengal against coercive indigo cultivation, leading to the establishment of the [Indigo Commission](#).

Deccan Riots (1875)

Agrarian unrest in Poona and Ahmednagar districts targeting moneylender account books, culminating in the [Deccan Agriculturists Relief Act, 1879](#).

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