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Where would you locate the tribal community in the Varna system of India? Discuss

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Tribal communities in India

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

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Scheduled Tribes (Article 342)

Provides the constitutional basis for identifying and protecting distinct tribal communities outside the traditional Varna framework.

G.S. Ghurye

Renowned sociologist who characterised tribes as 'backward Hindus' undergoing varying degrees of integration into caste society.

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