Class 2

-What is Anthropology?
-Introducing Indian Anthropology
Scheme of things....

1. Indian society- Paper 2, chapters 3,4,5,2,6,7
2. Anthropology thought- Paper 1, chapters 6,8
3. Archeology- Paper 1, 2
4. Social Anthropology- Paper 1, Chapters 2,3,4,7
5. Religion- Paper 1- Chapter 5, Paper 2- Chapter 3,6,8
6. Biological Anthro- P1, Chapters 1, 9.1 to 9.4
7. Demography and growth- Paper 1, Chapters 10, 11
8. Applied Physical Anthropology
9. Ecological studies
10. Nationalism and other topics
Ref

- Indian Society – Institutions and Change - Rajendra K. Sharma
Chapter 3

• Basic tenets of Indian Social System
  Varnashrama
  Purushardha
  Rina
  Rebirth
  Karma
• Caste-Varna
• Theories of origin of Caste
• Caste mobility
• Future of Caste
• Jajmani System
• Impact of other Religions
• N M S Complex
• Sacred Complex
• Tribe-Caste Continuum
BOOKS USED

• Social Inequality in India- Profiles of Caste, Class and Social Mobility- K. L. Sharma
• Indian Society- Institutions and Change
  - R K Sharma
• Race and Caste in India- Ghurye
• Elements of Indian Social Thought
  - R S Bhatt
• Collected Essays-M N Srinivas
• History of Dharmashastras- Kane
• Social Thought of India- NCERT
• Indian Social Thought- P K Dutt
Dr B R Ambedkar

• 1916- Paper at Anthropology Seminar by Alexander Goldenweizer
• Titled- Caste in India- Their mechanism, Genesis and Development
• He dealt with Four thinkers- Senart, Risley, Nesfield, Ketkar
• Caste is not – division of labor
• But….. Division of laboring classes
• About exogamy----
Social Stratification.....
Theories of origin

- Purusha Sukta
- Guna Theory- Satvik, satvik+rajas, rajas+tamas, Tamas
- Karma Theory- jatyutkarsa, jatyupakarsa
- Manu’s theory
- Kane’s theory
Duties

- **Brahmana**- pravachana, yajna, pratigraha
- **Kshatriya**- Sarva Bhuta Rakshnam, Nyaya Dandatvam, Support srotriyas, yagaschavijaya
- **Vaishya**- Krishi, vanijya, pasupalan, kusida
- **Sudra**- Srardhakarma, Paricharya, silpavritti
Characteristics of varna (S A Tyler)

- Spiritual class: devas, asuras
- Social class: dvija, non dvija
- Color: white, red, yellow, black
- Direction: north, east, south, west
- Yuga: kritha, tretha, dwapara, kali
- Sacrificial role:
ASHRAMAS

- V.S. Apte
- Paul Deussen
- Dr. P.M. Modi
Evolution of thought on Ashramas

- Chandyagya Upanishada
  - Brahmacharya
  - Grihasta
  - Vanaprastha and Samnyasa
- Jabala Upanishada
  - First mention of 4 stages
• Apasthamba Dharmashatra
Stage of stay in teacher’s house
Stage of housemaker
Stage of muni
Stage of forest dweller
• Gautama Dharmashastra
Brahmachari
Grihasta
Bhikshu
Vaikhanasa
• Vasumitra Dharmashastra
Brahmachari
Grihastha
Vanaprastha
Parivrajaka
Manu Dharmashastra
Brahmacharya
Grihastha
Vanaprastha
Yati/Samnyasa
Interpretations of Ashramas

• Samucchaya
• Vikalpa
• Badha
Description of Ashramas
Brahmacharya

RULES

- Achamana
- Gurusushrusha
- Vaksamyama
- Agni paricarya
- Bhiksha
- sambhyopasana
DUTIES

• Towards study
• Towards ashrama
• Towards guru
Grihastha

DUTIES

- Performing Panchamahayagnas
- Rina
- Follow purushardha
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