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ABSTRACT

India has two key social formations, the castes, and the tribes. Both groups can be studied from the perspective of society and culture. However, studies on castes largely deal with social structure and less on culture, while studies on tribes focus more on culture than on social structure. What has resulted from this bias is a general misunderstanding that tribes have a rich culture but lack social structure. In this background, the present panel will discuss the social structure of tribal society of India.

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