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Approaches to study Caste – Varna

Book View : GS Ghurye Field View : MN Srinivas.

- In book view the Varna is 4 parts and present in all societies. The reality of field view suggest there are many caste.
- In book view the varna is Pan-India feature of hierarchy. In field view the caste hierarchy has also local levels.
- In book view the varna system is 4 levels and clearly defines. But in field view it is complex.

  Example - Okkalingas of Mysore claim to be above Kshatriyas and below Brahmins.

- In book view the caste varna system is imitable but in reality it differs.

Thus MN Srinivas new approach helps to identify how society is conceptualized and how it is organized. Both help in study of society holistically.

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