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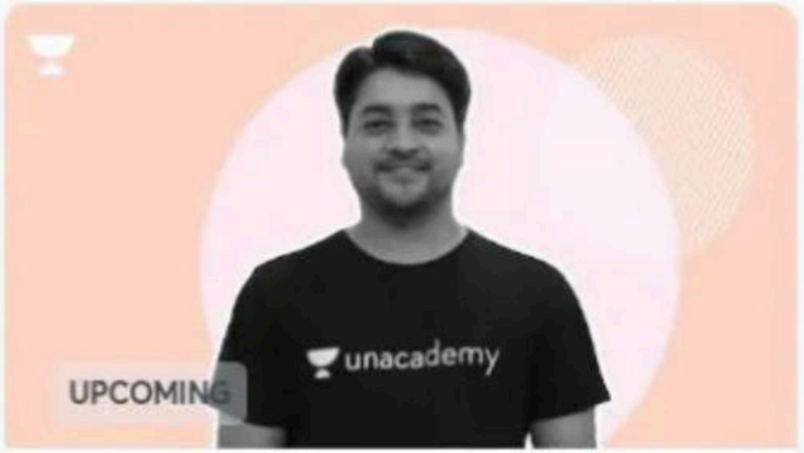
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Syllabus (Unit–VII) NTA UGC NET/SET: Cultural, Social and Political Geography

1. Cultural and Social Geography

- Concept of Culture, Cultural Complexes, Areas and Region, Cultural Heritage, Cultural Ecology. Cultural Convergence, Social Structure and Processes, Social Well-being and Quality of Life, Social Exclusion, Spatial distribution of social groups in India (Tribe, Caste, Religion and Language), Environment and Human Health, Diseases Ecology, Nutritional Status (etiological conditions, classification and spatial and seasonal distributional patterns with special reference to India) Health Care Planning and Policies in India, Medical Tourism in India.

2. Political Geography

- Boundaries and Frontiers (with special reference to India), Heartland and Rimland Theories. Trends and Developments in Political Geography, Geography of Federalism, Electoral Reforms in India, Determinants of Electoral Behaviour, Geopolitics of Climate Change, Geopolitics of World Resources, Geo-politics of India Ocean, Regional Organisations of Cooperation (SAARC, ASEAN, OPEC, EU). Neopolitics of World Natural Resources.

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Course Structure 07	The Master Course on Cultural, Social and Political Geography: Unit - VII
	Cultural & Social Geography: Concept of Culture, Cultural Complexes, Areas and Region, Cultural Heritage
	Cultural Convergence, Social Structure and Processes
	Social Well-being and Quality of Life
	Diseases Ecology, Nutritional Status
	Doubts Clearing Session
	Health Care Planning and Policies in India
	Medical Tourism in India
	Concept of Race and Basis of Classification
	Major Cultural Realms of World
	Doubts Clearing Session
	Major Language Family of the World
	Major Religions of the World
	Major Tribes of the World
	Political Geography: Boundaries and Frontiers with special reference to India
	Doubts Clearing Session
	Electoral Reforms in India, Determinants of Electoral Behaviour
	Geopolitics of Climate Change, Geopolitics of World Resources
	Geo-politics of India Ocean, Neopolitics of World Natural Resources.
	Regional Organisations of Cooperation (SAARC, ASEAN, OPEC, EU)
No. of Classes: 20	**Doubts Clearing Session**
Number of Topic will be Covered: 30	



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Defining Cultural Realm

- A cultural realm is a geographical region where cultural traits maintain homogeneity.
- **Realm –** It is the largest possible area of cultural influence. It is a wider concept and includes overlaps and transitional areas. It can be discontinuous. e.g. Islam realm. The cultural traits are supposed to be the product of regional geographical circumstances
- It is, thus, regional geography that has become the basis of the delineation of cultural realms in the world.

Broek & Webb's classification

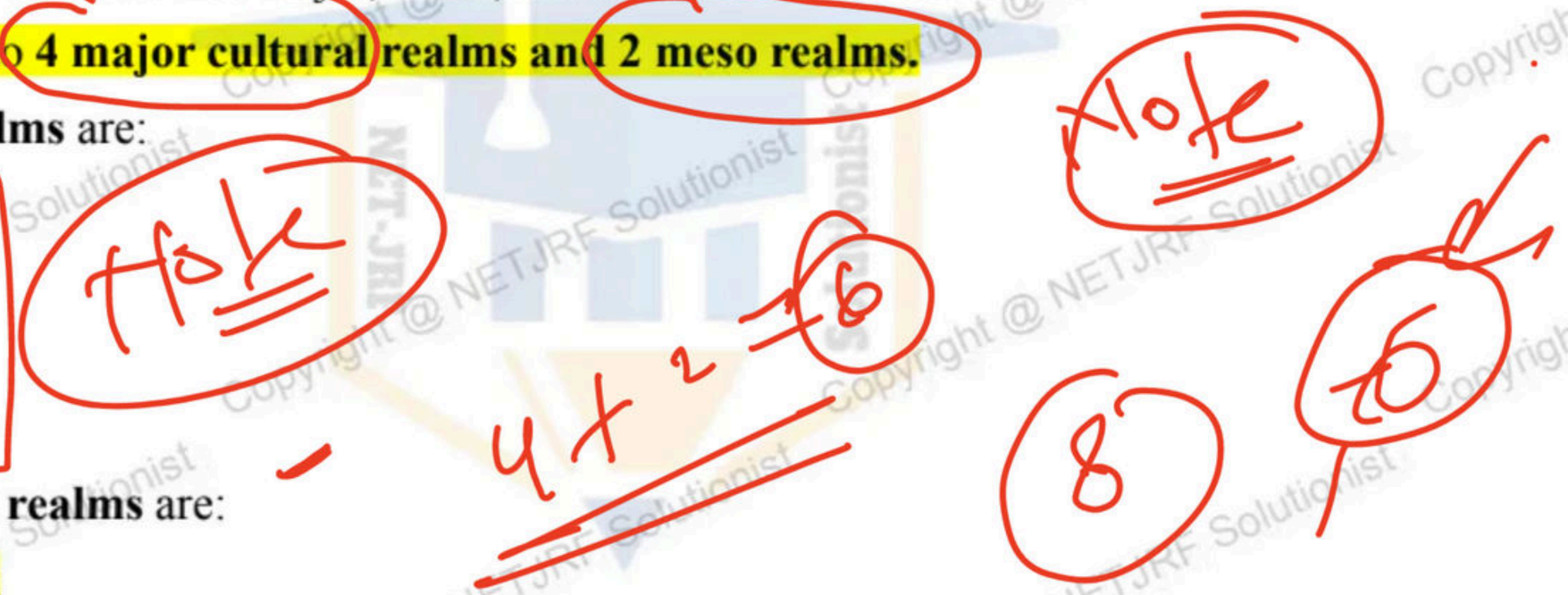
- They tried to establish the dominance of a particular phenomenon over the evolution of the cultural landscape
- They found that the impact of religious values is tremendous over the entire cultural system
- A cultural-religious investigation reveals that the culture of a particular region becomes ineffective once the religious impact is withdrawn
- They have used 8 variables for cultural regionalization of the world
  1. Race
  2. Religion
  3. Language
  4. Economic Unionism
  5. Folk
  6. Habit or Diet
  7. Dresses
  8. Beliefs orthodox/scientific

- **The emergence of all these variables is based on environmental factors or geographical realities of the regions**, according to Broek, he cited examples like **people living in polar areas will not go for cotton cloth**.
- **Broek** further wrote that of all these 8 variables, **society has the maximum bearing of religion.** It is the religion which compels to adopt certain kind of economies, dresses, food habits, and beliefs. It also brings temptations to learn certain languages. **It is the religion that provides some restrictions at the time of cultural mingling.**
- All other variables are directly or indirectly controlled by religion. However, giving due emphasis to all these factors, he had divided the world into major, meso, and micro cultural realms.
- He divided the world into **4 major cultural realms and 2 meso realms.**
- The **major cultural realms** are:

1. Occidental Realm
2. Islamic Realm
3. Indian Realm
4. East Indian Realm

- And the **minor cultural realms** are:

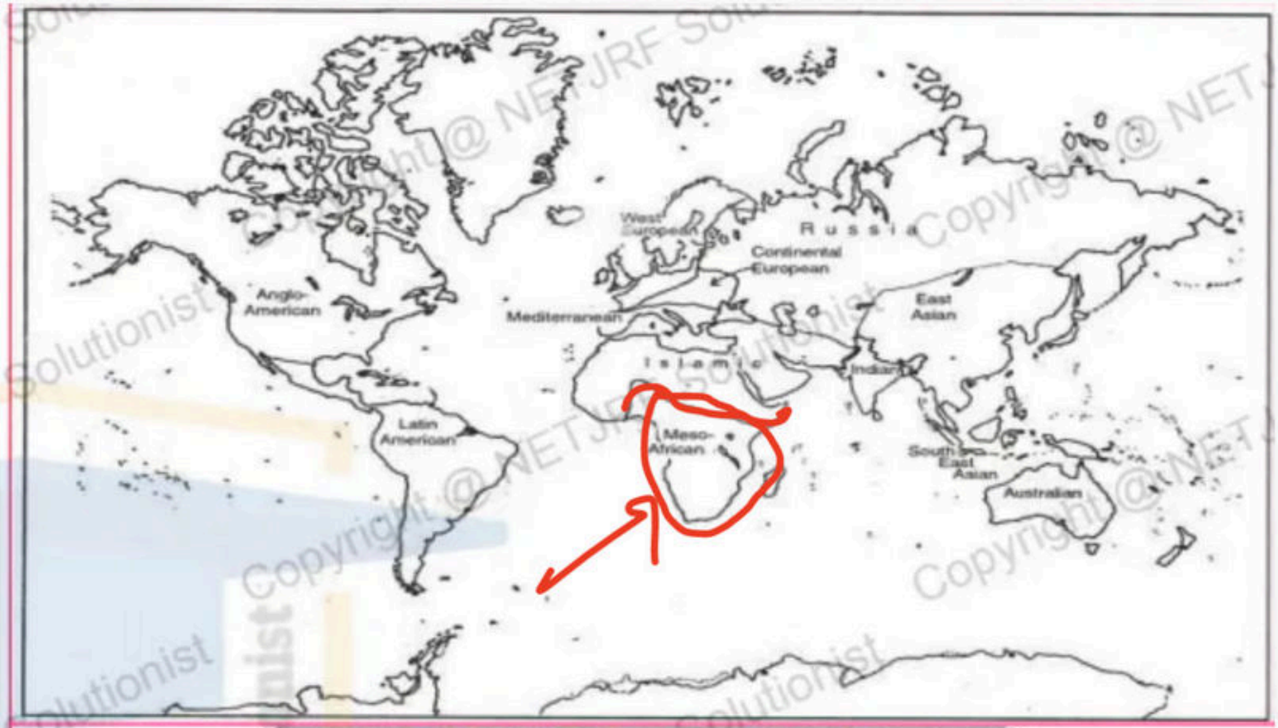
1. South-East Asian Realm
2. Meso-African or Negro African Realm.

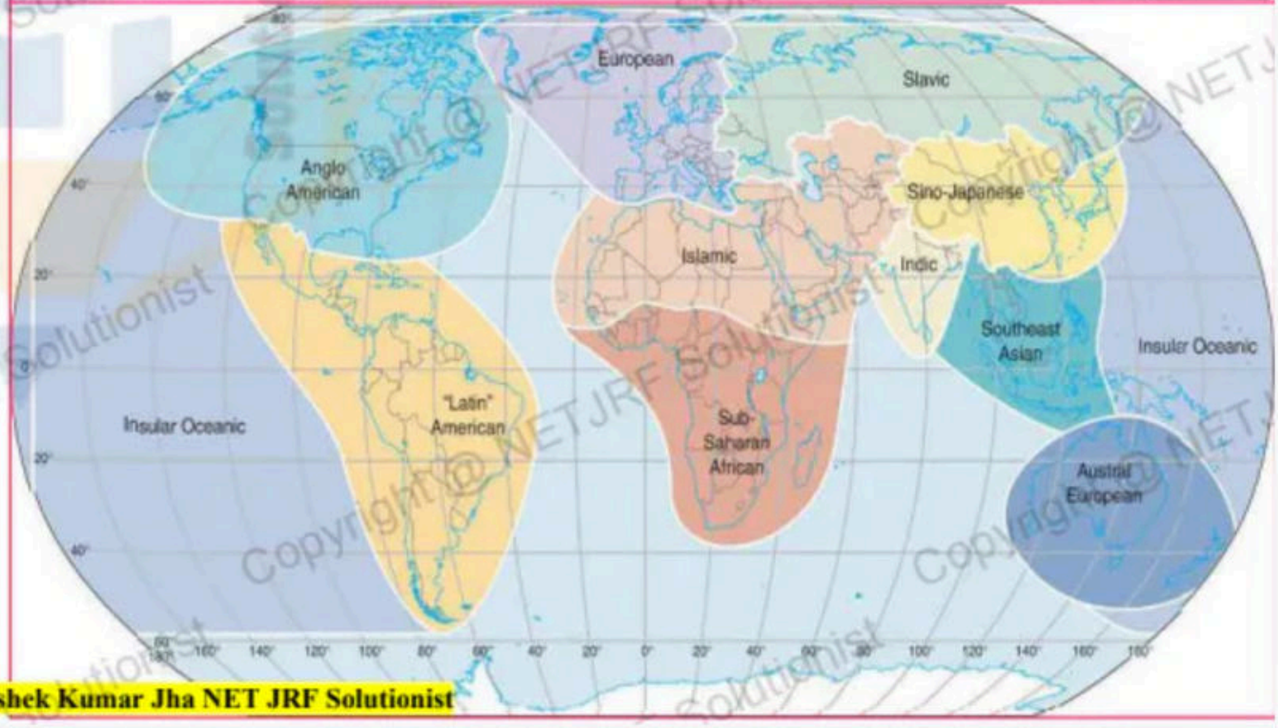


Cultural Realm of World

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5. South-East Asian Realm
6. Meso-African or Negro African Realm.





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1. Occidental Realm

- Occidental culture is the culture of the **European society.** It is influenced to a great extent by Christianity.
- It has regional modifications on the basis of varying levels of industrialisation, political and economic thought, colonisation, commercialisation, urbanisation, and development of transport system, land development of social, political and economic institutions.
- In many parts of the occidental culture, the impact of non-religious factors, particularly the effect of modernisation, is so great that the religious values are sidelined.
- Post-industrial Europe is fast emerging as a society where traditional values are nearly abandoned. The occidental culture covers a vast area. It is further divided into 6 sub-regions considering the impact of regional environment.
- **i. West European** is the most industrialised and urbanised culture. England, France, Ireland etc.
- **ii. Continental European** culture is influenced by different political and economic thoughts, while Christianity remains an important influence.
- **iii. Mediterranean Europe** includes countries lying to the south of the Alps. It is the region of dominance of Christianity. The deep-rooted traditional social system is the principal cause of limited economic development in countries like Spain, Portugal and southern Italy, compared to countries which adopted necessary changes in their social systems.

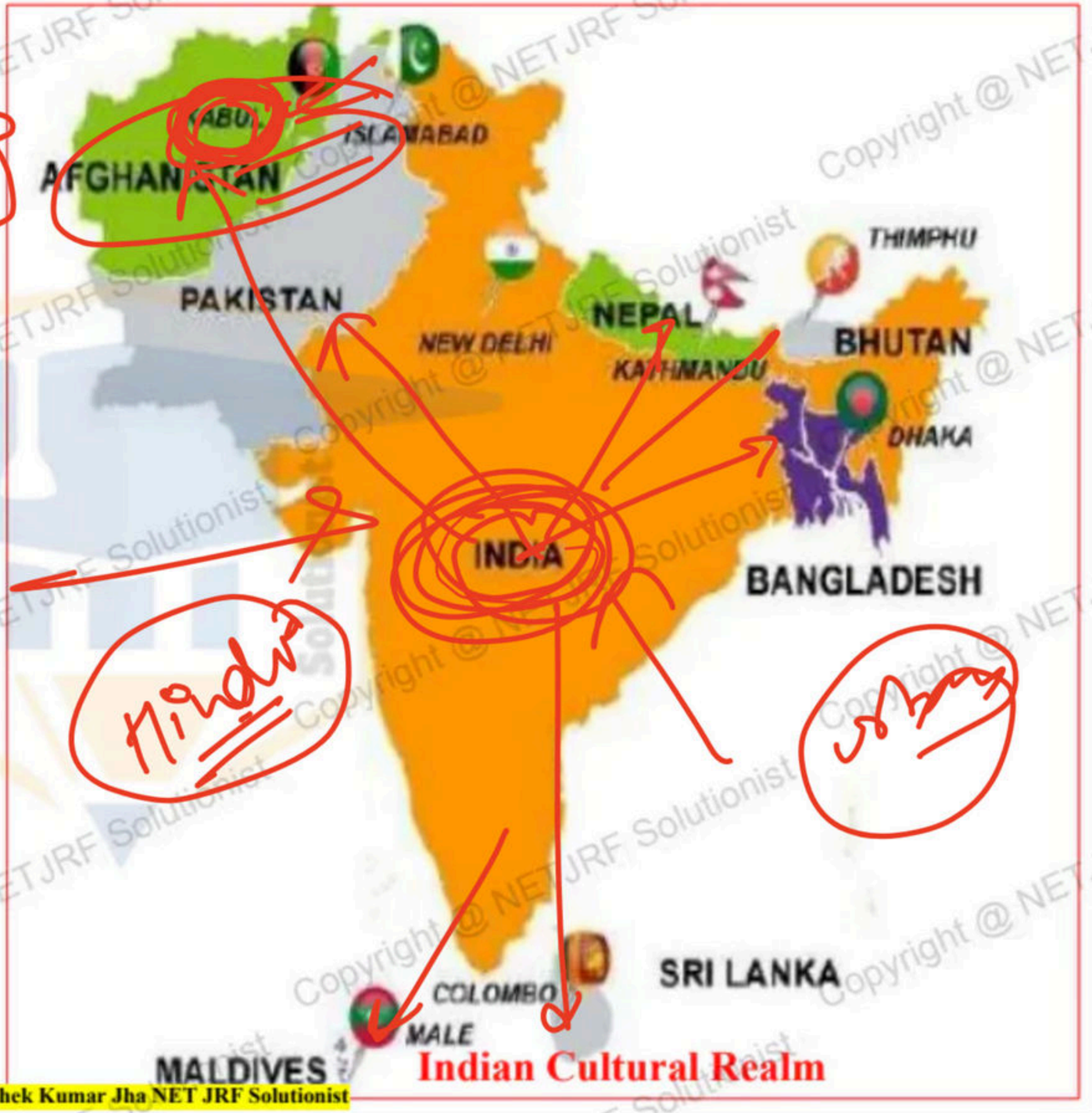
- **iv. Anglo-American Anglo-America**, cultural entity of North America whose common spoken language is English and whose folkways and customs historically have been those of northern Europe. It comprises most of the United States and Canada, with French-speaking Canada a notable exception. The expression Anglo has come to signify a white, English-speaking North American as distinct from one of Latin-American descent.
- **v. Latin American culture** is very similar to the Mediterranean culture. It is the only region of occidental culture which lies in the tropics and is underdeveloped. It became a part of the occidental culture as a result of conversion of tribes into Christianity.
- The colonial languages, Spanish and Portuguese, have become the state languages. Regional architecture has been influenced by the Spanish and Portuguese styles. Practically all countries maintain economic, cultural and social ties with the Mediterranean countries.
- **vi. Australian cultural realms** are practically the offspring's of west European culture. Both are inhabited by migrants from west Europe. There are only some regional differences. It includes Oceanian countries.

2. Islamic Cultural Realm

- The culture here is influenced by Islamic values. It covers a vast geographical area from Morocco in the west to Pakistan in the east. The population is sparsely distributed due to inhospitable environment. The coasts, river basins and oases have been the cradles of Arabian culture in this realm.
- This cultural realm lies between the traditional Indian culture in the east and the modernised European culture in the west.
- Islamic culture is highly orthodox and based on traditional beliefs, the impact of which can be seen in high female illiteracy rates. These countries have very high per capita incomes, but the level of modernisation is very low.

3. Indian Cultural Realm

- This is the culture of the Indian subcontinent. **Baker called it a sub - continental culture, while D. Stamp used the term paddy culture.**
- This cultural realm is well-defined; it lies between Himalayas in the north, Indian Ocean in the south and Hindukush Mountains in the west.
- This cultural realm is characterized by joint family, village community, caste system, subsistence agriculture, paddy farming, seasonal climate changes and agricultural season coming at the same time all over the region.
- The culture of this region is greatly influenced by Vedic values.
- Though the region is inhabited by various communities, the social system has the hidden impact of Vedic cultural values.



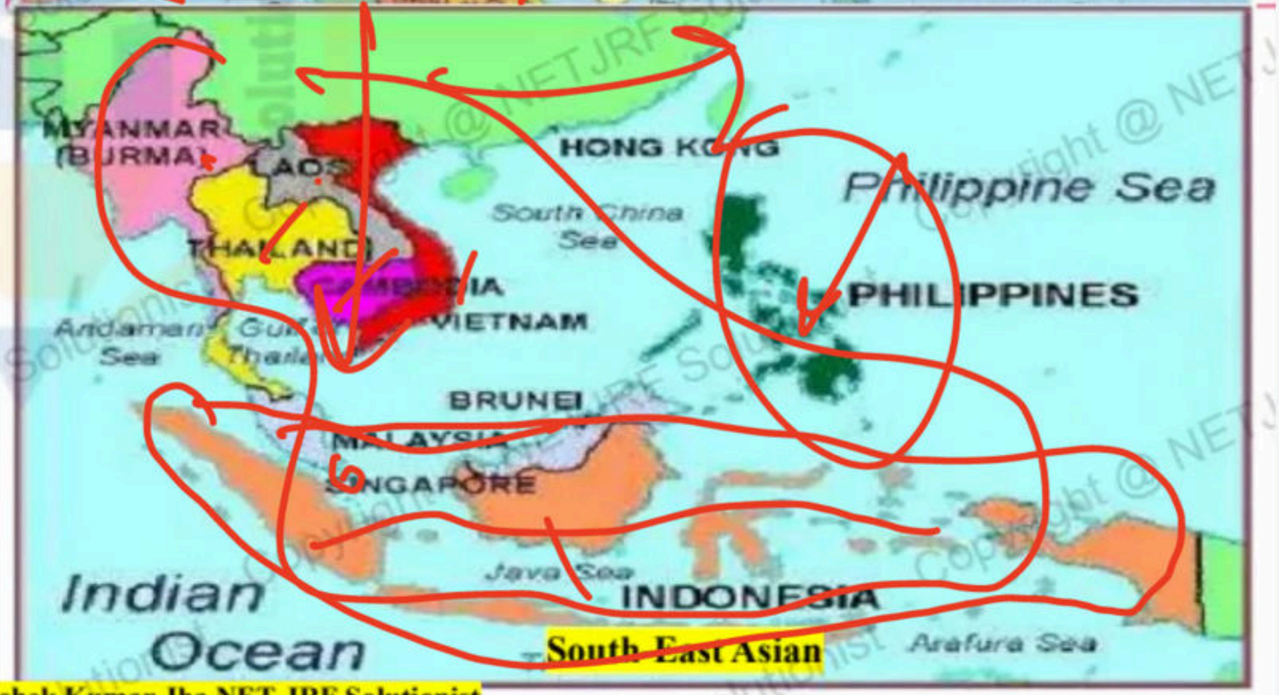
4. East Asian Culture:

- This culture is basically a Buddhist culture with regional modifications. True Buddhist culture can be seen in South Korea and Japan. Even these two countries have felt the impact of industrialisation, urbanisation and modernisation. **The culture of mainland China has modified the Buddhist system.** This culture was adopted after the Second World War.

5. South-East Asian Culture

- South-East Asian Culture is a transitional culture lying at a place where different cultures have intermingled. Dominance of Buddhism can be seen in Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Influence of Christianity can be seen in the Philippines and culture over islands of Indonesia. The Islamic influence is evident in Malaysia and the Indonesian islands. No other region has such peculiarities.

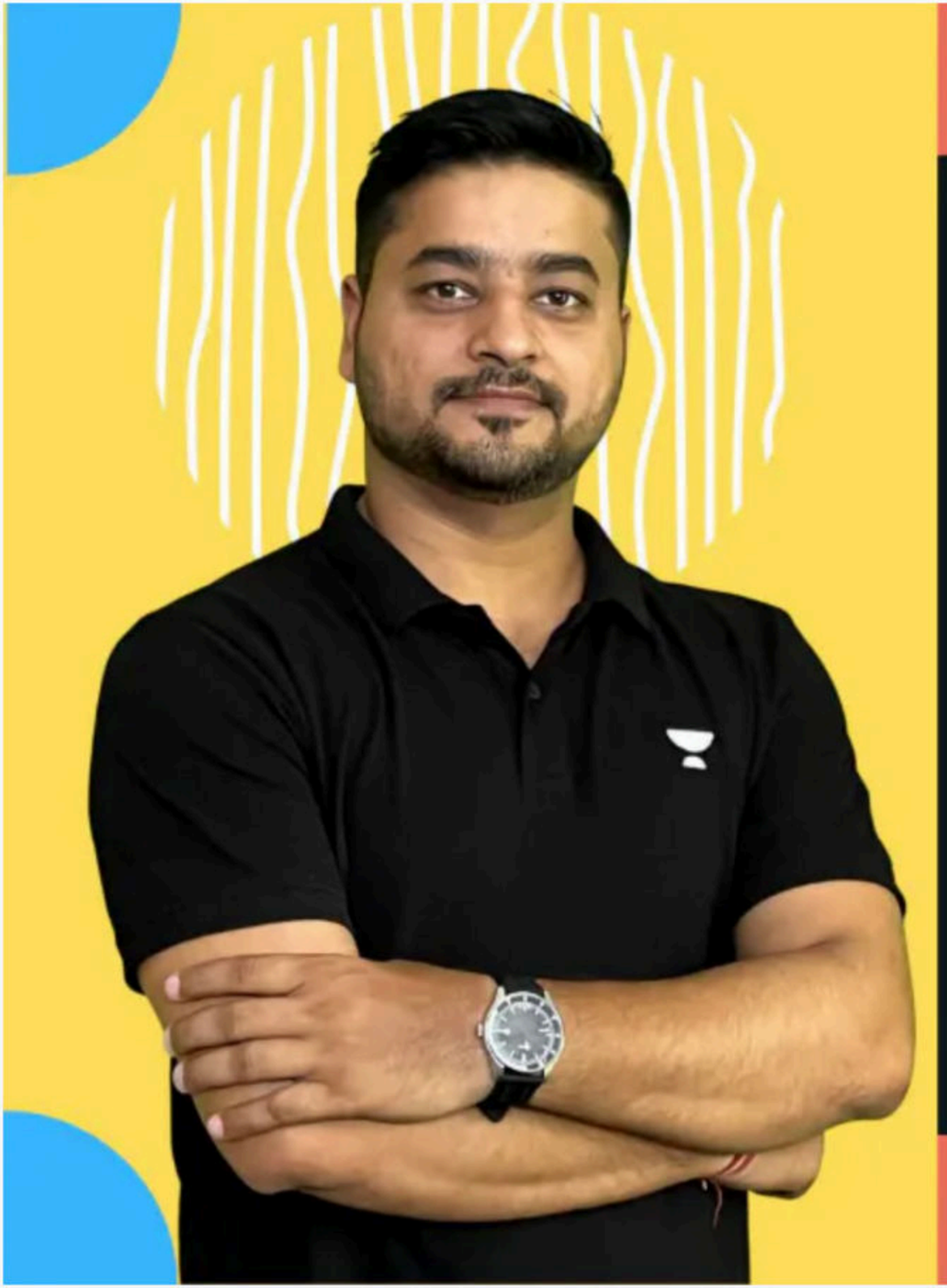




6. Meso-African Culture:

- **It is the culture of African tribes.** This culture is also known as the **Negro culture**. It principally includes tropical Africa. Similar cultural systems can be seen among the American Red Indians, Latin American tribes, Australian aboriginals and several tribes of Asia- Pacific region.
- It is **not being able to develop due to multiple tribes having different cultures.** About 220 isolated cultural pockets within Africa can be found. Most of them have **animist culture, depending on nature and not god** e.g. Natural habitat on trees, etc.
- There is **slow interaction with modern values. The inflow of modernization has begun in this region**
- It principally includes tropical Africa. Similar cultural systems can be seen among the American Red Indians, Latin American tribes, Australian aboriginals, and several tribes of the Asia-Pacific region.
- **Historian Toynbee has used the term 'marginalized culture' for these traditional culture units.** Some geographers even include **Eskimos under this cultural realm.** Thus, it is a widely scattered cultural realm characterized by **marginalized and relatively isolated communities.**





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