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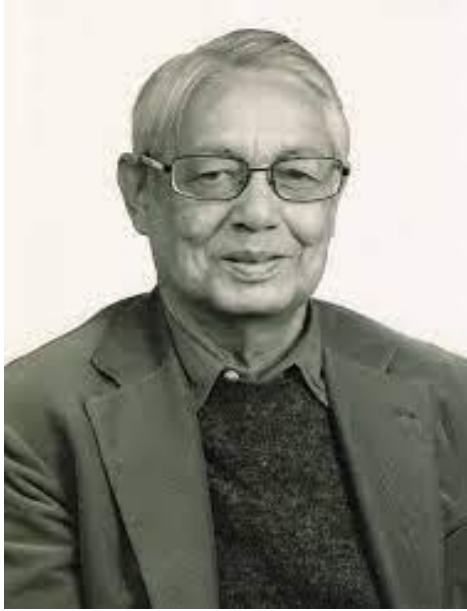
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Andre Beteille (1934-2026)

Eminent Indian Sociologist

Andre Beteille (born 30 September 1934) is an Indian sociologist and social anthropologist renowned for his empirical analyses of caste, class, and social stratification in India. He is one of the best sociologists we have with a liberal approach. His work emphasizes in the minds of the people regarding the castes and the classes, rich and the poor, conservatives and the modern people. Beteille His contributions to sociology include several books on theories and methods, caste, class and power, affirmative action, social inequality, ideologies, and intellectuals. He held administrative positions, including Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, Chancellor of North Eastern Hill University, and Chairman of the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata.

Early life and education

Andre Beteille was born in September 1934 in the town of Chandannagore, in a mixed parentage and this heterogenic matrimony of his parents broadened his perspective which can be observed in his writings. He received his early education from Patna, later in Calcutta, He started his studies as a student of physics but halfway switched to anthropology, inspired in part by N.K. Bose, who later became his first intellectual mentor. and finally in Delhi where he pursued his P.hD.

Professional Journey of Andre Beteille

Andre Beteille is a Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Delhi School of Economics in University of Delhi. In his long and distinguished career, he has taught at Oxford University, Cambridge University, the University of Chicago and the London School of Economics. He has also been Professor Emeritus of Sociology in the University of Cambridge, the London School of Economics, the Erasmus University of Rotterdam, the University of California at Berkeley, and the Institute of Advanced Study, Berlin. At an early age, Andre Beteille received numerous awards and fellowships in India and abroad. He was the first Nehru Fellow. In 1992, he was elected a Fellow of the British Academy, a rare honor for an Indian sociologist. Professor Beteille has worked as Chancellor, North-Eastern Hill University and Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research. In 2005, in recognition of his work in the field of sociology and his distinguished service to the nation, he was awarded the Padma Bhushan by the President of India.

Awards and Recognition

- In 2005, he was given the Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian award in India, for his work in sociology and literature.
- Elected Fellow of the British Academy (FBA) on social sciences.
- Jurist on the Infosys Prize in the Social Sciences group in 2010.

Andre Beteille Legacy Today

- **Redefining Indian Sociology:** Moved beyond the "village studies" model, analyzing caste not as a fixed hierarchy but through its intersection with class and power, particularly in his seminal work, *Caste, Class and Power*.
- **Institutional Builder:** Served as the first Chancellor of Ashoka University and in leadership roles at the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), fostering high academic standards.
- **Public Intellectual:** Maintained a commitment to scholarly, non-partisan, and independent thinking, often emphasizing the "moral architecture" of society and the importance of constitutional values.
- **Interdisciplinary Approach:** Blended sociology with political science, history, and social anthropology to offer a nuanced understanding of democratic India.
- **Mentor and Educator:** Spent over five decades teaching at the Delhi School of Economics, influencing generations of researchers to pursue evidence-based research

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