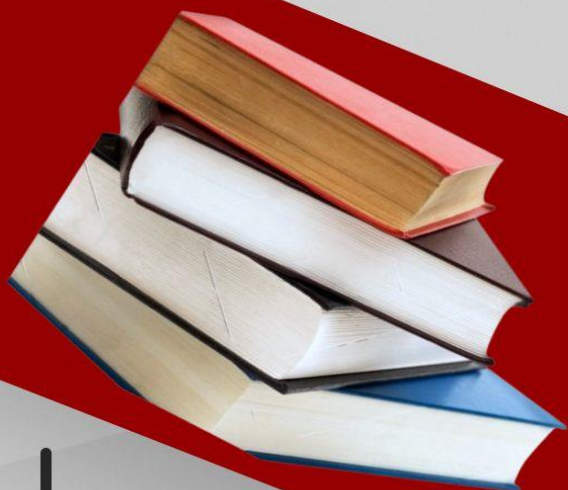




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Foreword

The current issue of “New Arrivals: List of New Additions with Summaries” contains a list of New Books that were processed in the month of October, 2025 and are available for use in the National Social Science Documentation Centre of ICSSR. In the main text, entries are arranged by the title in alphabetical order, followed by bibliographical details and a summary of the document. For easy retrieval, the Author and Keyword Index are also given at the end where the number in front of the Author or Keyword denotes the serial number of the entry in the main list of New Arrivals. Interested readers can consult the listed titles by visiting the library.

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S.No.	Title and Other Details	Acc. No
1	<p>Way to Dream Home: turn your dreams into reality/ Sharma, J. M. - M/s Abhisima Publication LLP, Maharashtra, 2021; xvi, 308p.</p> <p>The book is for property buyers and investors. It presents helpful information on buying property from the customer's perspective. After reading this book series, property customers can expect a positive experience for asset valuation, quality inspection, deals, debt management, registration, and mutation. Book introduces various personalities at the front and operating behind the screen in the building construction sector. Readers will know the broad types and styles of merchants as per their policies and learn different trade tact. Essential topics of map-reading, money transaction, document management are covered in this part. The overall idea of the book is to improve consumer's awareness about deception and fraudsters. This book highlight complication and challenges likely to be faced by first-time homebuyers and give helpful advice.</p>	54690
2	<p>Shrimad Rajchandraji's Atmasiddhi shastra: six spiritual truths of the soul/ Mahetā, Rāyacandabhāi Ravajībhāi - HarperCollins Publishers, Noida, 2021; xlvii, 518p.</p> <p>This profound spiritual poetic composition is renowned by its glorious name 'Atmasiddhi Shastra'. 'Atma' means soul and 'Siddhi' means establishment or accomplishment. In this composition, Shrimadji has established the truth of the soul by describing the six fundamentals through pure strength of logic and reasoning. Upon contemplating and internalising it, the true seeker is certain to attain self-realisation. Hence the word, 'Atmasiddhi'. In the past hundreds of years, several texts with the word 'siddhi' have been written, in Jain and non-Jain traditions, to establish their viewpoints and opinions. Sarvarthsiddhi, Anekantsiddhi, Siddhivinishchay, Sarvajnasiddhi, etc., have been written in the Jain tradition, whereas Brahmasiddhi, Advaitasiddhi, etc., are well-known Vedant texts. This composition has been given the status of a shastra - scripture. In Sanskrit, the word 'shastra' is derived as Shasanat Shastram - that which disciplines is called a shastra. It either inspires one to engage in a pursuit or it directs one to refrain from doing something. This supremely beneficial composition provides guidance, inspiration and impetus for spiritual progress. It propounds and encourages one to tread the sacred path of liberation. Hence, it is rightly called shastra. Thus, the title 'Atmasiddhi Shastra' is perfectly apt.</p>	54691
3	<p>Tribal and Indigenous Languages of India/ Gaur, Ramesh C. - Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, 2022; xiv, 214p.</p> <p>This report marks the commencement of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages-IDIL (2022-2032) and has been prepared by the Kala Nidhi Division of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), with the support of UNESCO. The aim of the report is to evaluate the data available</p>	54692

on tribal and indigenous languages in the country whether in official state records or as found in linguistic surveys conducted over the years. Such data, although there have been attempts to collate in the past, is inadequate. Through this endeavour, all such data available across all probable sources in print or electronic media, have been put together to provide a roadmap to urge everyone into action towards the preservation of these languages. This project emerged through discussions with UNESCO to create a targeted action plan for the IDIL (2022-2032) - on what has been done and what remains to be done, and the steps that need to be taken in order to achieve the desired goals of preservation, promotion, and revitalization of endangered languages. The primary source of information on the languages spoken in the report is the Census Survey of India. A language that has less than 10,000 speakers stopped being registered in the official census survey after 1971 and is put away under the heading 'other'. This gap in the official census makes it difficult to even begin working towards the preservation of endangered languages. According to UNESCO, an endangered language is one that has less than 10,000 speakers and needs urgent intervention because of the threat of extinction, and those are the very languages that get excluded from all our official records. The Indian Constitution officially recognizes 22 scheduled languages; 97 per cent of the Indian population speaks one of these languages. There are an additional 99 non-scheduled languages included in the census and according to the 2011 census, around 37.8 million people identify one of these non-scheduled languages as their mother tongue. The native language of 1.2 million people remain unaccounted for due to the decision to not include languages with less than 10,000 speakers in the census.

- 4 Towards Naya Bharat: A Study of Infrastructure, Community and Development / Tiwari, Manoj Kumar [ed.] - National Book Trust, India, 2023; xl, 343p. 54693

It is a study of the 'New India Movement 2017-2022' which set forth a visionary roadmap with a focus on rapid and widespread economic growth, formalizing the economy, embracing new technologies and bridging the gap between the public and private sectors. It presents an in-depth analysis of six pivotal themes that played a vital role in driving India's economic growth under the Naya Bharat initiative: PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, Smart Cities, Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) UDAN, Economic Corridor Development, Logistics Efficiency Improvement and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojna (PMKSY). Drawing upon extensive research, data and insights from various sectors, the study assesses the progress made and the challenges that remain. It highlights the transformative impact of massive government investments in infrastructure, such as the Bharatmala Project and RCS-UDAN, which have led to remarkable growth in roadways and airports. Furthermore, the study demonstrates how the implementation of the PMKSY scheme has improved the food processing industry, benefiting millions of farmers and reducing waste. It also celebrates the success of smart cities, which have enhanced the lives of citizens while promoting sustainable urban development. Towards Naya Bharat: A Study of Infrastructure, Development and Growth inspires hope and showcases India's potential to become a 5

trillion economy, exemplifying the success of visionary leadership and effective policy implementation in shaping the destiny of a nation

- 5 How India Sees the World Kautilya to the 21st Century/ Saran, Shyam - 54694
Juggernaut Books, New Delhi, 2018; 336p.

Former Indian Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran has had a ringside view of the most critical events in Indian foreign policy in the new millennium. In this magisterial book, part memoir and part thesis on India's international relations since Independence, Saran discerns the threads that tie together his experiences as a diplomat and takes us behind the closed doors of the world of diplomacy. This book also takes the reader behind the closed doors of the most nail-biting negotiations and top-level interactions from Barack Obama popping by a tense developing country strategy meeting at the Copenhagen climate change summit to the private celebratory dinner thrown by then US President George W. Bush for then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on the success of the nuclear deal.

- 6 Russia-china relation and a changing world order/ Pant, Himani - Indian 54695
Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, 2023; 50p.

The global geopolitical landscape is changing rapidly. Russia-Ukraine conflict and the ensuing economic isolation of Russia have exacerbated the supply chain disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, affecting the entire world. At the same time, the US-China strategic rivalry has intensified, particularly in the economic and technological sphere. Amid this geopolitical flux, Russia-China relations have deepened further despite inherent features of competition and rivalry in their relationship. The bilateral as well as multilateral engagement between the two countries has evolved significantly in the last three decades. The paper examines the drivers for Russia-China partnership with an emphasis on Russia's evolving policy towards China. It traces the evolution of Russia-China relations since the 1990s. It highlights the role of 2014 Ukraine crisis that brought about a major shift in Russia's policy towards China and delves into the developments that have followed in Russia-China relations following the military conflict in Ukraine since February 24, 2022. Finally, this paper also notes that despite the current positive trends in the relationship, there are some limits to their coordination which will continue to restrict the scope of their cooperation in the coming years.

- 7 Security dynamics in India-Sri Lanka relations: post 2009/ Mallempati, 54696
Samatha - Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, 2023; 74p.

Since 2009, India-Sri Lanka relations have undergone significant changes. Geo-political interests, security needs, economic diplomacy, development assistance and post-armed conflict reconciliation are some of the important factors that determined India-Sri Lanka relations. In this context, "India's Neighborhood First Policy" and "Sri Lanka's India First" approach had to encounter a number of composite problems, which eventually shaped present-day relations. The end of nearly three decades of internal armed conflict in Sri Lanka, its focus on economic recovery, and emphasis on Asia-centric foreign

policy, recalibrated India-Sri Lanka bilateral relations. At the regional level, the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) has become a theatre of power play and influence involving regional and extra-regional powers. This has also led to reshaping of relations, based on respective outlook towards IOR, and positions have been taken on issues pertaining to maritime security, peace and stability in the region. Therefore, the paper, discusses the domestic and external factors that are influencing the security dynamics in post-war years, such as ethnic issue, reconciliation, fishermen issue, role of perception, outlook towards the Indian Ocean peace and security, the role of external actors in moulding India-Sri Lanka relations and at the end made observations on post 2009-security dynamics.

- 8 Transforming Systems: why the world needs a new ethical toolkit/ Maira, Arun - Rupa publications, New Delhi, 2019; 248p. 54697

By the turn of the millennium, the dominant idea was that not only should the business of business be only business, but countries, governments and civil society organizations should also be run on principles of business. Soon, the realization that, while economies had been growing, systemic problems of social inequality and environmental unsustainability were becoming intolerable, led to the Sustainable Development Goals, which all countries signed up to achieve. A new toolkit is required to attain these goals that go beyond the precepts of good business management and prevalent best practices in government as well as civil society organizations. In Transforming Systems, Arun Maira stresses that a new toolkit has to be founded on disciplines of systems thinking, ethical reasoning and deep listening. It should focus more on concepts of governance of networks, rather than the management of organizations. Diverse points of view must be heard and valued, not smothered beneath technology-driven quantitative data analysis. Maira brings the wealth of his knowledge and experience to highlight the uncertainty of our future that is bound to change dynamically, and points out how we can cope with the changes. He insists that the most useful life skill for young people is to learn how to be lifelong learners, sensitive to their own evolution within an evolving system.

- 9 Geopolitics of the Northwest Indian ocean: exploring the strategic presence of West Asian states/ Gurjar, Sankalp - Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, 2022; 72p. 54698

In the last few years, West Asian states such as Qatar, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Israel and United Arab Emirates (UAE) have emerged as key players in the geopolitics of the Northwest Indian Ocean (NWIO). The region is located in proximity to the energy-rich West Asia and resource-rich East and Central Africa and is home to key maritime chokepoints like Bab-el-Mandeb and the Suez Canal. The presence and activities of West Asian states in the Red Sea region have intensified in the wake of the Arab Spring of 2010-11 and the war in Yemen (2015 onwards). These states are engaging with the region through economic, political and military instruments and seek to expand their influence. In the process, the geopolitics of the NWIO is being reshaped. The paper attempts to analyze and map the growing presence of West Asian states

in the NWIO. The paper begins by defining the NWIO region and explaining the strategic importance of the NWIO. It explains the presence of major global powers in the region. In particular, India's stakes in the NWIO are considered. The paper identifies four key drivers that are driving the engagement of the West Asian states with the NWIO: the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran, political Islam, power projection in the Red Sea, and food and maritime security. The paper focuses on the engagements of six West Asian players (Qatar, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Israel) in the NWIO. The engagement of these players with the NWIO is most visible and intense. The paper takes into account two major fault lines in West Asia: first, between Qatar and Turkey against Saudi Arabia and UAE; second, the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran. These fault lines have been played out in the NWIO as well and are reflected in the paper. Overall, the growing role of West Asian players in the NWIO is an important development in the evolving geopolitics of the Indian Ocean. It is reshaping the strategic milieu of the Horn of Africa as well as the Red Sea region. With the growing military presence of global powers in the region, intensifying regional rivalries add an interesting dimension to the evolving geopolitics.

- 10 Democracy in southeast Asia: emerging trends and factors shaping the transitions/ Ao, Temjenmeren - Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, 2022; 81p. 54699

The paper is a study on the nature and progress of democratic reforms in Southeast Asian countries since the mid-1980s. While successful democratic transition is being witnessed in some of these countries, there has also been democratic backsliding and the return of strongman politics in some others. The paper examines the emerging political trends in seven Southeast Asian countries, and how their democratic process is being shaped by key internal and external factors.

- 11 Food Security: a step towards bangaru Telangana/ Indrakant, S. - Paramount Publishing House, Hyderabad, 2017; xx, 195p. 54700

Food is an essential item for the survival of human beings and has therefore always received the top most attention of mankind in the past. It is going to be so in future too. No Government can claim itself as a Welfare Government unless it provides access to food, clothing and shelter to all its citizens, in general and to the vulnerable sections of the society, in particular. Further, the Government is also supposed to provide essential services like safe-drinking water, education and health. No doubt, among all these items, the provision of food is bound to be on the top of the agenda. Emergence of Telangana on June 2, 2014 as 29th State of Indian Union has paved the way for the realization of 'Bangaru Telangana', a long-cherished dream of the people of Telangana. However, many challenges have to be encountered on the path to the attainment of the Goal. One of them is provision of a sustainable food security to one and all. In other words provision of food security to all the people is a step towards attainment of 'Bangaru Telangana'.

- 12 India and Africa looking ahead: contemporary realities and emerging prospects/ Ray, Nivedita [ed.]; Gurjar, Sankalp [ed.] - Macmillan Education India Private Limited, Chennai, 2023; xii, 204p. 54701
- This edited volume is an outcome of the online Fourth ICWA India - Africa Conference organized by ICWA under the Third India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-III) on the theme "India and Africa Looking Ahead: Contemporary Realities and Emerging Prospects", on 24-25 November 2020. The conference had generated a meaningful and engaging debate among the scholars and analysts from India and Africa and range of views were expressed on issues related to global affairs, trade and investment linkages, development partnership, energy, food and environment security challenges, and people-to-people ties between India and Africa. This book shares the perspectives and opinions expressed by a cross section of Indian and African scholars, practitioners and experts on emerging areas of India-Africa cooperation in different sectors and future prospects.
- 13 China's BRI in Different Regions of the World: cooperation, contradictions and concerns/ Kumar, Sanjeev [ed.] - KW Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2022; xxviii, 359p. 54702
- China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is completing a decade. There have been varied responses to the Initiative from countries and regions besides the emergence of alternative initiatives and narratives. This sets the stage for evaluating the robustness of the Initiative, its implementation as well as its implications from the perspective of individual countries and regions across the globe. The book contextualises domestic discourses on the subject; identifies and highlights a number of broad trends from different regions and countries; and provides valuable insights in terms of the BRI and the emerging perceptions, contradictions and concerns in participating countries, although cooperation has been the main official agenda from the Chinese side. The book begins by examining China's domestic, economic, maritime and strategic interests as drivers for the Initiative. BRI has been analysed in country-specific, regional and continental contexts. It brings out the experiences and responses from South Asia, Eurasia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, the Arab world, Latin America, the Caribbean as well as from Europe and Africa. Further, BRI has been studied in the larger context of the US-China competition. The final section explores BRI in the context of the twin challenges of recent times, i.e., the pandemic and Russia-Ukraine conflict. The book concludes with an epilogue which outlines the broad trends related to BRI that have emerged from this study of ICWA.
- 14 An assessment of the prospective FTA between India-Australia/ Choudhury, Rahul Nath - Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, 2023; 64p. 54703
- This report evaluates the economic and strategic implications of the proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and Australia, building upon the interim India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (Ind-Aus ECTA). It highlights the mutual benefits of tariff reductions, increased market access, and enhanced cooperation in sectors like education, minerals,

and services. The report also addresses key challenges such as regulatory differences and agricultural sensitivities, while emphasizing the FTA's role in strengthening Indo-Pacific economic integration and geopolitical alignment.

- 15 China and the South Pacific: unfolding geopolitical shifts in the region / Pandey, Pragya - Indian Council World Affairs, New Delhi, 2023; 80p. 54704

The South Pacific sub-region of the Indo-Pacific has been witnessing many significant developments in recent years. The region consisting of small Pacific Island Countries (PICs) is a part of the larger Indo-Pacific region. Increasing salience of the Indo-Pacific construct in the regional and global discourse has been a major factor resulting in bringing attention to the South Pacific sub-region. The region which has largely been dormant is experiencing increasing engagement from major global powers. China's profile in the South Pacific has been rapidly rising given the significance of the Pacific Islands in China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and increasing Chinese aid and assistance to small island nations in the region. China's active pursuance of island strategy in the South Pacific may alter the regional balance of power in the long run. This paper attempts to examine these issues in detail. It aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of increasing clout of China in the region and Beijing's conscious effort to increase its diplomatic, economic and strategic footprints in the region, which is unnerving the traditional players and causing a palpable shift in the geopolitics of the region.

- 16 Changing foreign policy of smaller gulf states/ Priya, Lakshmi - Indian Council World Affairs, New Delhi, 2023; 76p . 54705

The UAE is a small and relatively newly formed state, but the dynamism of its regional and foreign policy makes it an eminent player in the Middle East. This paper begins with identifying the major determinants of the foreign policy of the UAE. Later, it discusses the evolution of the UAE foreign policy over the last five decades. Geography, social composition, political system, public opinion and personality traits of the leaders are some of the factors that have played an important role in foreign policy formation in the UAE. Availability of immense economic resources too has a key role in moulding the external behaviour of the UAE. Despite being a small state, the UAE is expanding its reach in the region. Under the strong leadership of Mohamed bin Zayed, it strives to realise its foreign policy ambitions. The UAE has come a long way from consolidating the federation and playing an eminent role in the GCC to expanding its reach in the neighborhood and beyond.

- 17 The crisis in Afghanistan and the Taliban regime/ Ghosh, Anwesha - Indian Council World Affairs, New Delhi, 2023; 72p. 54706

Afghanistan's recent history has been punctuated with several instances of regime change; and such incidents have caused political 'crisis' in the country, time and again. The immediate aftermath of the dissolution of the Afghan Republic in 2021, witnessed a repeat of the same. After waging a twenty year insurgency, the Taliban returned to power in Afghanistan on August 15, 2021. The developments that followed, paved the way for a severe, multi-faceted and interlocking humanitarian, economic and political crises in Afghanistan.

In view of the most recent regime change and crises in Afghanistan, this Sapru House Paper looks at the earlier attempts at state formation in Afghanistan and in the process identifies the major forces that have tried to influence the earlier regime changes in the country over the past century. The paper then turns its focus to the post2001 United States (US) led era in Afghanistan and engages with the major political developments that led to the disintegration of the Afghan Republic in August 2021. The third and fourth segments focus on the present Taliban regime and the immediate challenges faced by Afghanistan respectively. The paper then looks into history to consider how secure the Taliban's second stint in power might be. It ends by discussing three plausible medium-to long term scenarios for Afghanistan, which may have a concurrent presence over the next few years.

- 18 China and the Arab world: past and present/ Siddiqui, Fazzur Rehman - Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, 2022; 102p. 54707

The China-Arab relationship has endured for centuries. Past relationship was primarily anchored in economic spheres on the legendary Silk Road and once again is prospering in the economic sphere. The burgeoning economic relationship of the past had lost its track after the discovery of the Sea route when Europeans replaced the Arabs as a major trading partner. But the relationship founded through trade and travelling continued later also and a new phase of cultural and intellectual exchange in the nineteenth and the early twentieth century provided a new impetus to the bilateral relationship. The visit of a series of Chinese academic delegations and individual scholars to Egypt and other parts of the Arab World and the subsequent translation of various Chinese and Arabic texts into Arabic and Chinese languages brought both sides close to each other.

- 19 Essential writings of Dharampal/ Dharampal, Gita [ed.] - Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, New Delhi, 2015; viii, 396p. 54708

This Book is a significant collection of essays by the Indian scholar Dharampal, focusing on pre-colonial Indian society, polity, science, education (like The Beautiful Tree), and his critique of colonial narratives, drawing heavily from British archival records to present a different picture of India's past. Published by the Publication Division in 2015, it includes key works like Indian Science and Technology in the Eighteenth Century, Civil Disobedience and Indian Tradition, and The Madras Panchayat System, making complex historical findings accessible.

- 20 Renewable Energy Generation/ Jindal, Rajeev [ed.]; Garg, Ashish [ed.] - National Book Trust, New Delhi, 2023; xxii, 93p. 54709

Energy plays a significant role in the economic development of a country as it is one of the essential components in the growth of industries and other sectors like agriculture, transportation, etc. With development, the energy demand has been rising in recent years. It has also brought several challenges along with it like pollution, global warming and climate change. To overcome the energy demand and cut carbon emissions, India has been increasing its

capacity to generate renewable energy and reducing its dependency on conventional energy sources like fossil fuels. The present study gives a glimpse into the numerous programs and policies being implemented in India to promote the production and use of renewable energy sources including wind and solar energy. It also gives an overview of various energy efficiency initiatives being taken to reduce energy consumption, improve energy security and support sustainable economic growth.

- 21 The joys of crisis/ Mitra, Aarnab - Rupa Publication, Delhi, 2023; 234p. 54710

The phenomenal successes and achievements of IFFCO, the world's largest farm and fertilizer cooperative, are attributable to two factors-one, its ability to stay way ahead of both its competitors as well as the market, and two, its managing director Uday Shanker Awasthi. Conceived in 1967 to streamline the fertilizer industry, IFFCO's cooperative movement has empowered Indian farmers and made the country self-reliant in food grain production. From establishing state-of-the-art fertilizer plants to creating numerous revolutionary nano-technology-based products, IFFCO has constantly nurtured India's farm sector. Its recent nano innovations are bound to not only change the face of agriculture throughout the world but also mitigate climate changes and soil damage. IFFCO's nano products were the brainchild of Awasthi, who has led IFFCO for three decades. It is this continuity that has helped him plan ahead and ensure the company's rapid growth and diversification. Turning every crisis into a joyous experience has been his motto throughout his professional life. Even though he served under nine different prime ministers and thirty-six ministers-much of this over a period when IFFCO was, for all practical purposes, a government-owned organization-he never allowed the cross-currents of India's politics to dent his abiding love for the nation, unwavering loyalty to Indian farmers and unwavering loyalty to IFFCO and the men and women who are associated with it.

- 22 Testing global interdependence/ Aryeetey, Ernest [ed.]; Dinello, Natalia [ed.] - Edward Elgar publishing Limited, UK, 2007; xxix, 231p. 54711

While many countries may embrace globalization at the conceptual level, the specifics of implementation vary greatly from country to country. Testing Global Interdependence poses such questions as: How is openness exercised? How does a country join the international globalization trend? What mechanisms are available to help societies adjust to globalization? The book draws upon the diverse experiences of multiple countries as they react to the practicalities of globalization and succeeds in discovering the gains resulting from particular trade policies, anti-poverty measures, migration patterns and foreign aid packages. The diverse narratives contained within the book ultimately suggest how to limit globalization's negative aspects and ensure constructive engagement in the global community. This, the first book in the Global Development Network series, brings together the views of researchers from the developing and developed world and provides models of successful research conducted in developing and transition countries. This study will appeal to academics and researchers in political economy, development

studies, international economics, migration and globalization as well as public policy. In addressing policy implications, the work will also be of great value to policy-oriented researchers, policymakers and development agencies worldwide.

- 23 Mapping of the archives in India/ Gaur, Ramesh C. - Fortune Print Services, New Delhi, 2023; xi, 248p. 54712

The study of Mapping of the Archives in India was jointly conducted by UNESCO and IGNCA. Its mandate was to create a Directory of Archives in India that can offer researchers and academics across the board a near encyclopedic picture of active archives and their collections. In keeping with this objective, the two organizations initiated the primary liaison with each other. Various rounds of discussions led to a joint work contract to meet this need. The formal contract was signed in March 2018 and, the work started immediately after that. IGNCA started mobilizing resources to effectuate a punctual, systematic, and conscientious accomplishment of the assignment. IGNCA's research team identified three major thrust areas of the study: creating a state-wise directory of the archives, a brief sketch of the major active archives, and most importantly, collecting primary data on the archives and analyzing it to build an overview of the situation of the archives in India. Finally, it deliberated on possible prescriptions for improving the existing situation.

- 24 Rural elderly and their quest for health/ Jadhav, Abhijeet [ed.] - AuthorsUpFront publishing services private limited, Uttar Pradesh, 2021; 272p. 54713

Rural Elderly and Their Quest for Health is an effort to create starting material that will provide a comprehensive idea of the current status of various aspects of the health of India's rural elderly. It is a compilation of twelve chapters, each focusing on a specific dimension of elderly health. The book provides extensive details of macro-level phenomena like demographic transition and increasing number of the elderly, epidemiological transition and age-related diseases. Explanation of such phenomena helps understand future population trends and health challenges. The book also discusses some conceptual aspects of ageing and rights of the elderly. Some of the chapters throw light on various welfare and health programmes. It helps in knowing how effective public programmes are, how they function, their current status, the hurdles in serving rural elderly, coverage of health insurance, enrolment in some social support schemes. Elsewhere in the book, sector-wise future needs are discussed and how the country can prepare to serve the increasing number of the elderly meeting future human resource needs for geriatric health and palliative care. Investing in elderly health and welfare is going to help each and every family at some stage. Timely steps will make this arduous task relatively simpler. This decade, 2021-30, is dedicated to Healthy Ageing by the UN and at its very start, this book will serve its intent. This book is compiled with the hope that beyond being a knowledge resource, it will spur positive action.

- 25 Performance of MGNREGS in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana/ Indrakant, S. 54714
- Paramount publishing house, New Delhi, 2015; xxi, 184p.

There are many economic issues which need the urgent attention of economists and policy-makers. One such issue is - how to make growth-process a broad-based. In their eagerness to catch up with the Developed Countries, the Indian Planners concentrated on achieving a high economic growth rate and lost sight of an important aspect of growth process, i.e. involvement of all the sections of the society. As a result, in spite of realization of reasonably a good economic growth rate, a large segment of population has remained outside the growth process. To overcome this deficiency, the policy-makers in India have taken up various programmes to improve the entitlement of vulnerable sections of the population and to enhance their productive capacity. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is one among them. It seeks to provide a specified number of days of employment at a specified wage rate to the interested rural households. Further, the Scheme ensures same wage rate for both men and women. The wage-seekers are likely to benefit directly and indirectly from the Scheme. The direct benefit is the assured number of days of work at a specified wage rate which enhances their purchasing power. The Scheme is likely to push up the rural market wage rate which is likely to indirectly benefit the wage-seekers. Further, some of the works taken up under MGNREGS are likely to improve the infrastructure at community and individual level (mostly of small and marginal farmers). This is expected to improve the farm-income levels of the poor.

- 26 The Akita Ranga school and the cultural context in Edo Japan/ Riko, Imahashi 54715
- International House of Japan Inc., Japan, 2016; xv, 425p.

The Akita Ranga school represents a significant movement in Edo Japan's art scene, integrating various aesthetic principles and influences. This research delves into the cultural context surrounding Akita Ranga artists, specifically focusing on the works such as "Shinobazu Pond" and the influences of Chinese artistic traditions. Through an analysis of artistic techniques and their implications, including the notion of avant-gardism, this study reveals the innovative approaches adopted by Akita Ranga artists, challenging the traditional boundaries of Japanese art.

- 27 Policies for the poor and marginals/ Narayan, Badri [ed.]; Kumar, Manik [ed.] 54716
- National Book Trust, New Delhi, 2023; x, 216p.

Policies for the Poor and Marginals: A Study of Garib Kalyan Schemes in India is an attempt to understand and document how various policies of the Garib Kalyan Schemes introduced and implemented in our society have impacted the life of poor and marginal communities. The study focuses on the flag- ship scheme called 'Carib Kalyan Yojana' which comprises of the following schemes- Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna Gramin (PMAY-C), a central government scheme introduced in April 2016 to address the gap in rural housing to provide "Housing for All"; Pradhan Mantri Carib Kalyan Anna Yojna rolled out in March 2020 for free distribution of foodgrain to

marginalised section of society during COVID-19 with special reference to Uttar Pradesh; Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojna, a flagship scheme to provide clean source of energy to deprived house- holds; Deendayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojna, a scheme for rural electrification of the entire households in the country; Jan Dhan Yojna scheme aims for financial inclusion by presenting solutions to the current economic problems faced by the common people; Swachh Bharat Mission, a flagship program and an initiative by the Government of India.

- 28 Development of Small and Medium Enterprises in Indonesia from the Asia-Pacific Perspective/ Tambunan, Tulus Tahi Hamonangan – LPFE - University of Trisakti, Jakarta, 2006; xiv, 310p. 54717

The "Development of Small & Medium Enterprises in Indonesia from the Asia-Pacific Perspective" book likely focuses on the significant role of SMEs in Indonesia's economy, highlighting their contributions to employment, income generation, and overall economic growth, especially in the context of the broader Asia-Pacific region. The book likely explores the constraints faced by Indonesian SMEs, such as access to finance, marketing difficulties, and challenges in innovation, while also examining the impact of women entrepreneurs on SME development.

- 29 Quality Aspects/ Sharma, J. M. - Abhisima publication LLP, Maharashtra, 2021; xiv, 110p. 54718

The purpose of this book series is to keep customer interest paramount. A helpful book series for a conscious non-technical customer has been formulated. The complex subject matter is meticulously explained in the most simplistic words. Some chapters of this book basic provide information about the production and quality check of house building materials based on the minimum acceptable parameters. This book presents nine such lessons, which can help identify building quality by inspection, in two sub-sections. 1. Electricity Related (All About Quality and Safety):- Issues related to electrical work, electrical earthing, and safety. 2. House Building Materials and Civil Works: Quality:-House Building Material Quality, RCC Roofing: Important Points, Possibility of Value Adding Work, etc. Information and helpful tips about selecting different types of construction raw materials available in the market have been included in this concise book. This book will also benefit people planning to build RCC houses in remote areas with the general non-expert workforce under self-guidance.

- 30 Consumer behaviour in digital markets/ Tandon, Abhishek - Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, 2023; xi, 95p. 54719

With the emergence of digital markets, businesses are losing geographical boundaries by connecting with customers at a global level. Digitalisation has enabled the exchange of information, products or services across borders with minimal restrictions on time and competitive prices. This book discusses the impact of digitalisation of markets on customer attitude, their buying behaviour, expectations and experience levels. This work also explores the role of electronic word-of-mouth (EWOM) in understanding customer

behaviour, their satisfaction levels and in designing marketing strategies for ranking and selection purposes.

- 31 Satyarth Prakash/ Beegoo, Satya Prakash Ji [ed.] - Arsh Sahitya Prachar Trust, Delhi, 2022; 806p. 54720

Satyarth Prakash' (Light of Truth) is the Magnum opus of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, the living embodiment of Vedic life and thought and the illustrious son of India who founded the Arya Samaj movement. It occupies a prominent place in the Classical, Religious and Philosophical literature of the world. Its main objective is to depict the true face of Hinduism and to set an agenda for reformation of world religions in the larger of interest of humanity. The present English translation is conspicuous for its richness of thought and plucking out the actual and factual intention of the original author in the most modern English terms. This edition is beneficial to both learned and laity, as it brings home the main the me in a very simple and lucid language and all technical aspects dealing with grammar and etymology have been cited under footnotes to serve the purpose of reference to the scholars.

- 32 Beyond Boundaries/ Narayan, Badri [ed.]; Kumar, Subhash [ed.] - National Book Trust, New Delhi, 2023; xxv, 193p. 54721

This book is based on the honorable Prime Minister's radio program "Mann Ki Baat" in which he addresses the nation on All India Radio. It is being broadcast on DD News and DD National, PMO India, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and many other social media platforms. The process of addressing the people through "Mann Ki Baat" was the first broadcast on 3rd October 2014 to create a dialogue which was the first experiment of its kind. Since then, it has been broadcasted continuously and marked the 102nd edition which was aired on 25th December 2022. All India Radio (AIR), which has been broadcasting "Mann Ki Baat," is the national broadcaster of India. Radio as a medium of communication has a wider reach to its audience. This book is an outcome of an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India under the theme of "Creating Intellectual Heritage: Development, Knowledge Resource and making New India" a dialogue, documentation, and research program. It is a development and governance-related knowledge program. This book is titled "Beyond Boundaries: A Study of Social Impact of Mann ki Baat". It has tried to capture the impact of "Mann Ki Baat" on common people, society, the economy, education, etc. through the lens of an academic perspective. It has been a great success over the years in terms of linking development with communication. It has created a space for a common citizen to connect, be addressed, and participate in governance through two-way communication between the Prime Minister and the citizen.

- 33 Development, knowledge resource and making new India/ Tiwari, Ved Mani [ed.] - National Book Trust, New Delhi, 2023; 169p. 54722

Skill India is a scheme launched by the Government of India in 2015. Under this scheme many skilling schemes and programmes have been launched to give vocational and entrepreneurial training to youth of India. The objective

of this scheme is to empower the youth with specialised job-oriented skills that will enhance their talent and create new employment opportunities for them. To move ahead in the mission the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was formed in 2014 which laid the foundation of various councils, bodies and institutions to cater to the need of changing demands and technologies of the marketplace. This report has been prepared by National Skill Development Corporation.

- 34 Kokang and Kachin in the Shan State (1945-1960) / Mong, Sai Kham - Institute of Asian Studies Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, 2005; 193p. 54724

This is a significant academic work exploring the complex political dynamics and emergence of localized power structures in Northern Shan State, focusing on the Chinese-descended Kokang and the Kachin peoples during the early post-colonial period. The book details how Cold War politics, the Chinese Communist Revolution, and the intrusion of Kuomintang (KMT) forces transformed this remote region into a battlefield, fostering powerful local militias funded by opium, and challenging central state authority through figures known as "local strongmen".

- 35 Facets for quality in Higher Education/ Sahay, Mridula [ed.]; Mishra, R K [ed.] - Macmillan Publishers India Ltd., New Delhi, 2011; xii, 350p. 54725

The quality of higher education is built on firm foundations of quality in learning at all stages of education Achievement of excellence in education is a function of both what has been acquired in the previous stages of education, and how well higher education has been provided. The book focuses on a number of critical issues and on areas relevant to achieve excellence in higher education such as: Quality Perspectives; Issues Related to Technical Education: Application of Information Technology, Public Private Participation, and some Recent Issues in Higher Education. The book provides thought provoking issues and materials related to concepts, needs, problems, and the present status of the higher education system in India, implementation process of quality tools and techniques, financial crunch in higher education, etc. It also makes suggestions and provides solutions to overcome the impediments. The book will be useful for universities/institutions/industry, faculty, research scholars, and students.

- 36 Changing connectivity dynamic in central Asia and India's growing engagement/ Gaur, Punit - Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, 2023; 84p . 54726

Central Asia is strategically located at the heart of the Eurasian landmass and serves as a land bridge between Asia and Europe. In ancient times, the Silk Road, a vast network connecting Eurasia to North Africa, provided for the movement of goods across continents. Since the beginning of the 21st century, a geopolitical transformation has been underway in Eurasia, and the region is becoming a hub of significant economic and political developments. Close trade and cultural connections between India and Central Asia can be traced back to the Indus Valley civilisation. Goods, people, and ideas flowed along

the ancient Silk Road between the two sides. Later on, the waning of the Silk Road, the beginning of the European Age of Discovery, and colonialism were reasons behind the declining ties between India and the region. In the contemporary period, connectivity between India and Central Asia has been constrained due to the lack of a direct land route. Central Asia is landlocked, and connectivity continues to challenge closer cooperation, particularly given India's renewed interest in the region. The reestablishment of India's connectivity with the Central Asian countries remains a key priority. Central Asia is the focal point of various connectivity initiatives recently launched by different countries. In this context, by examining the changing dynamics of Central Asia connectivity, the paper attempts to understand how these initiatives can further strengthen the relationship between India and Central Asia.

- 37 India and Latin America relations/ Banerjee, Stuti - Indian Council of Worlds Affairs, New Delhi, 2023; 76p. 54727

Most countries in Latin America are experiencing the longest uninterrupted period of democracy in their respective histories. The political landscape of the region faced a collective challenge of the rise of new leaders, a polarised citizenry coupled with the economic slowdown and growing social and economic inequalities and a fast-changing international environment. Developments in Latin America have a significant impact on its neighborhood, especially relations with the United States (US). In looking beyond the neighbourhood, these countries are turning to Asia in an effort to not only diversify trade and economic partnerships but also diplomatic relations. Reciprocally, China and India are deepening relations through political, economic and defence engagements. As India begins to extend its approach beyond the conventional Latin American partners in the region; the economic and strategic potential of the Central American States has gained prominence among Indian policymakers. Within the region the Central American Integration System (SICA) remains critical for India to enhance its economic ties to Central America as the strategically important bridge between North and South America and between the two oceans - the Atlantic and the Pacific. The SICA was set up in 1991 as the revived institutional framework for Regional Integration in Central America. As both India and SICA nations look to strengthen their relations, it becomes imperative to explore their respective strengths vis-a-vis the requirements that each has and identify areas of cooperation that will propel the relationship in the future.

- 38 Shinzo Abe and Japan-China security relations/ Kumar, Sudeep - Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, 2023; 46p. 54728

The paper examines Japan-China security relations during the second administration of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe from 2012. This was also the year when Chinese President Xi Jinping came into power. For the Abe-Xi Era (2012-20), no comprehensive assessment is available regarding the evolving Chinese grand strategy and Japan's strategic responses within the larger policy framework of Trump's East Asia policy. The rise of these two strong Asian political leaders of world's second and third largest

economies initiated a series of backchannel efforts to normalise their contemporary bilateral relations. As a result, at the 2014 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in Beijing, their 'quiet diplomacy' facilitated the brief meeting of both leaders. On Xi's official invitation, Abe visited Beijing again in 2018 in pursuit of a major breakthrough in bilateral relations. This period saw Abe proactively involved in diplomatic maneuvering's to safeguard major bilateral and regional issues such as the 'bilateral history problem', 'core contentious issues', 'rise of China', and 'nuclear-capable North Korean missile program' and so on. On the other hand, China's rising economic and military power emboldened Xi to decide the future direction of bilateral relations vis-à-vis Japan and the United States. This period was also to see American President Donald Trump (2017-2021) and his transactional policies further complicating the multilayered Japan-China security relationship. The strategic competition between China and the United States led to a paradigm shift where Japan, as the defence ally of the United States, was adapting to the evolving Chinese grand strategy in the multi-polar Indo-Pacific. Japan wanted to remain a 'tier-1' power and planned hike in the defence budget, rapid military modernisation, and increasing joint military training in the region. It seems that Japan's strategic response to the rise of China during this period faced a crucial question, i.e. whether to kowtow to Xi's building a community of common destiny. In this backdrop, this paper analyses the continuity and changes in Abe's security policy towards Xi-led China and possible implications for peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

- 39 Ten years of Turkey-Egypt relations/ Arshad, - Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, 2023; 68p. 54729

The paper examines Turkey-Egypt relations in the context of the changing Arab World politics since the Arab Spring in 2011. The Arab Spring was the watershed moment for the Arab World's politics in which the Arab states, Tunisia, Libya, Syria, and Egypt either collapsed or descended into civil war. In this context, Turkey became one of the most critical external actors in the region due to the success of the Turkish Model of Democracy, which mixed with Islamic values and economic growth. Turkey's relations with Arab governments, particularly Egypt, became problematic during the Arab Spring. After the removal of President Hosni Mubarak, Turkey aspired to increase its influence in the political transition of Egypt by supporting the Muslim Brotherhood, which threatened the longevity of the ruling government in Egypt. The paper scrutinizes the changing dynamics of Egypt and Turkey relations since the Arab Spring, which witnessed the ideological convergence to confrontation and reconciliation due to domestic and regional factors.

- 40 China and the Indo-Pacific/ Singh, Teshu - Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, 2023; 58p. 54730

There has been a shift in the geopolitics; the new concept of the "Indo-Pacific" has entered the geopolitical discourse by replacing the term, Asia Pacific. The Indo-Pacific refers to a contiguous zone encompassing the Pacific and Indian Oceans. The geographical boundaries of the Indo-Pacific stretch from East

Africa to the west coast of the US and encompass a large number of countries at varying stages of development, with distinct policy agendas and divergent interests. In June 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented India's vision of "Indo-Pacific" in his keynote address at the Shangri-La Dialogue. He described "Indo-Pacific" as a natural region, and concretely as a region "from the shores of Africa to that of the Americas". However, each country has its definition about the stretch of the concept. In recent times, the concept of Indo-Pacific has evolved and has become the primary space for the geostrategic contestations. The paper investigates into the Chinese position on the concept and its responses to the evolving frameworks in the Indo-Pacific region. It brings out four levels of analysis of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Think Tanks, University and the media coverage on the Indo-Pacific region within China. It further makes an attempt to decipher the Chinese postures in the region by analysing the China's Defence White Papers and attempts to comprehend the overall Chinese objectives in the Indo-Pacific region.

- 41 Modernization of Indian Tradition/ Singh, Yogendra - Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 1986; xi, 267p. 54731

This is a comprehensive sociological study of the processes and problems of modernization in contemporary India. It refers to the vast range of changes that are taking place today in the forms and functions of the Indian 'social structure' and 'traditions'. Some questions examined with the help of rich secondary data are: How are the major traditions of Hinduism and Islam responding to the demands of modernization? How are the structures, political, economic and occupational, or social categories such as the elite, professional groups, working classes, etc., undergoing adaptive changes towards modernization? How have the caste, family and village systems responded to the forces of modernization? What could be the future critical issues of modernization in India? This book studies all these topics with a critical review of concepts and theories of social change. The theoretical analysis not only places the existing concepts into their logical and meaningful context, but also offers an alternative conceptual scheme for the study of social change in India.

- 42 Gandhi's views on conflict resolution/ Choodamani, S.V.G. - Prudhvi Publishers, Visakhapatnam, 2023; 230p. 54732

Conflict is an unavoidable in human life; none otherless, man has endeavoured to resolve conflicts from the dawn of time. Conflict can be resolved in one of two ways: through violence or through nonviolent measures. As humans, we are continually faced with the decision of whether to resolve disputes through violence or nonviolent means. Several scholars and individuals have articulated the nonviolent method of resolving conflicts before and after Gandhi, but Gandhi was one of the few people who not only spoke and wrote about it, but also proved it in his thoughts, words, and deeds. Gandhi is praised for his decision to resolve conflicts by nonviolent means, which he called Satyagraha. Gandhi had the firm belief that human beings were basically good and humanity essentially had a nonviolent nature. The underlying origins of

conflict are distrust and friction and hence the Gandhian technique of conflict resolution does not focus on the immediate grievances of the disagreement; it goes beyond that to look at the underlying sources of the conflict as well. Satyagraha essentially is a nonviolent method that touches all three aspects: the attitude, the behaviour and the goal incompatibility and can be applied to smaller as well as larger disputes occurring in different areas of human life.

- 43 My home my style/ Sharma, J. M. - Abhisima Publication LLP, Nashik, Maharashtra, 2022; xiv, 266p. 54733

This book will help the customer plan the property renovation/ refurbishment to get a quality outcome within the best budget. By referring to this book, the homeowner can manage various interior decoration tasks in a new house, redesign an old home, or build a house under self-guidance. The readers can plan their work and budget efficiently while renovating their house by referring to the examples provided. The reader will also get basic information on the maintenance of household items, including other value-added information.

- 44 Advancing reformed multilateralism in the changing world/ Mahawar, Nutan Kapoor [ed.]; Saraswat, Deepika [ed.] - Macmillan, Delhi, 2022; viii, 284p. 54734

Over the last decade, the gradual but steady rise of multilateralism since the end of World War II has been seriously called into question by the rising trend of geopolitical rivalries among major powers and their growing preference for unilateralism. The geopolitical realities that underpinned the post-war multilateral system have also changed markedly with the rise of multiplicity of new actors, both state and non-state. This crisis of multilateralism comes at a time when in addition to traditional challenges to international peace and security, a variety of new challenges related to global public health, climate change, transnational terrorism, cyber security and uncertainty related to the future of economic globalization require more rather than less multilateral cooperation. This volume, with contributions from eminent Indian scholars and foreign policy practitioners who presented at a conference at the Indian Council of World Affairs in December 2020, delves into various aspects of India's contribution to multilateralism in the United Nations; various facets of India's engagement with international financial/trading institutions; India's approach to climate negotiations; and deliberates on how India as a leading and responsible power can contribute to reformed multilateralism to build lasting peace, security and development in the twenty-first century.

- 45 Advances in Digital Library Development/ Jose, Antony [ed.] - Macmillan Publishers India Ltd., New Delhi, 2012; xiv, 510p. 54757

The advancement of digital library technologies provide an effective medium for LIS professionals to create innovative information services combining technology with traditional information management systems. Same time, the rapid proliferation of the digital resources poses an unprecedented challenge to the information professionals in generating efficient information services. In a technology driven knowledge economy, digital libraries play a crucial role in the fostering of knowledge for development. A collection of 53 well

researched and original papers by distinguished academicians, researchers and professionals from India and abroad on various aspects of digital library development. Topics covered: Case Studies of Digital Libraries Case Studies of Institutional Repositories Digital Libraries Development Digital Preservation Strategies DL Advancement: Country Profile Open Access & Open Source Software for DL Development Role of Digital Libraries in E-Learning Role of DLs in Social, Cultural and Economic Development.

- 46 India-Central Asia relations/ Zafar, Athar [ed.] - KW Publishers Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, 2021; xiii, 184p. 54758

In last three decades Central Asia has made notable political and economic developments. The region is in India's neighborhood and has civilizational linkages with India. Central Asia is gradually gaining prominence among policy makers and academia in India particularly due to its location, resources and rich cultural heritage. In recent years there have been growing consultations among Central Asian leaders and consequently cooperation has increased, especially on cross border movement of people and goods. Multiple initiatives have been launched by countries in the region to improve infrastructure and efficient transportation through strengthened connectivity links. There is growing mutual interest among scholars in India and Central Asia, and ICWA holds the India-Central Asia academic dialogue to explore possibilities of deepening cooperation for common gains. This edited volume is an outcome of three rounds of the India-Central Asia Dialogue organized by the Indian Council of World Affairs in New Delhi, Dushanbe and Samarkand.

- 47 Home Purchase/ Sharma, J.M. - Abhisima Publications LLP, Maharashtra, 2021; xii, 71p. 54759

This book will help the property owner to know the basic rules related to the home. The general consumer often faces unexpected problems due to his limited general knowledge of the property. The rules, bye-laws, laws related to the property are perceived to the general public to be quite intricate. This part of the book series, consisting of six chapters, aims to familiarise the homeowner with the essential information about the 'legal aspect' before buying a home. The issues presented here will alert the customer to steer their deals/work in the right direction while purchasing a home. If the buyer has an idea of this information, he can negotiate with the person more confidently.

- 48 Urban Governance and Local Democracy in South India/ Vaddiraju, Anil Kumar - Routledge, New York, 2021; xvii, 93p. 54760

This book examines the issues of urban governance and local democracy in South India. It is the first comprehensive volume that offers comparative frameworks on urban governance across all states in the region: Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The book focuses on governance in small district-level cities and raises crucial questions such as the nature of urban planning, major outstanding issues for urban local governance, conditions of civic amenities such as drinking water and sanitation and problems of social capital in making urban governance work in

these states. It emphasizes on both efficient urban governance and effective local democracy to meet the challenges of fast-paced urbanization in these states while presenting policy lessons from their urbanization processes.

- 49 Automation of public distribution system in Telangana/ Mishra, R.K. - Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2021; 195p. 54761

Investigating into the efficacy of e-PDS, it is evident that the state in its effort to make end-to-end computerization of PDS, achieved 100 per cent automation with full completion of digitization of ration cards and FPSs with operational e-PoS. State's success in the achievement of 100 per cent Aadhaar seeing of ration cards is a significant step towards arresting leakages in the system. Moving in this direction, all priority groups and eligible BPL HHs constituting about 80 per cent of the population are being covered under NFSA. Automation brought greater transparency in the distribution channel enabling a free conduct of transaction till the end point. The state's earnest effort in bringing food grains to the doorsteps of the beneficiaries, took the birth of portability facility which turned out to be a boon to the beneficiaries. Overall, the efficacy and the resilience of the PDS in the State as a provider of food security is remarkable and especially in times of Pandemic COVID-19 of this magnitude, e-PDS resulted in successful implementation of the public service. A wider coverage of the program in future and in any unwarranted situation, calls for new innovation and technique in the system.

- 50 Gilgit-Baltistan under Pakistan's Occupation/ Shukla, Ashish [ed.] - KW Publishers Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, 2021; xvi, 99p. 54762

The present book makes an in-depth analysis of both historical as well as recent developments in Gilgit-Baltistan-a territory illegally occupied by Pakistan. The politico-security establishment of Pakistan has over the years not only marginalised the indigenous people of Gilgit-Baltistan, but has also been exploiting the precious natural resources with the help of outside powers having vested interests in the region. This has serious ramification on the stability and overall peace and security in the region. The edited volume is an outcome of an international seminar held at the the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) on 19-20 March 2019 on the theme "Gilgit-Baltistan: under Pakistan's Occupation".

- 51 Deccan in transition, 1600 to 1800/ Kadam, Umesh Ashok - Routledge, New York, 2023; xvi, 259p. 54763

This book presents the socio-cultural and historical trajectories of the Deccan plateau as well as the coastal areas of the current states of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Goa. It studies the art of diplomacy by discussing the diplomatic relations between the Marathas and various European companies, as well as the indigenous regional states. The author also probes into the Maratha naval policy, the evolution of a composite Deccani culture and the cultural flux that was taking place within the Maratha country. Through an interdisciplinary lens, the volume examines how caste and gender relations operated, how the idea of dissent was generated as well as the socio-political impact of various linguistic, ethnic and religious groups. Through a

study of monuments, sculpture and paintings prevalent in the region, the book also discusses the developments in art and architecture in the Deccan. Rich in archival sources, this book is a must read for scholars and researchers of Indian history, colonial history, South Asian history, Maratha history and history in general.

- 52 Creating, Building and Sustaining an Institution/ Mishra, R.K. - Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad, 2022; 189p. 54764

An Institution outside the university system and miles away from being a private entity, a not-for-profit Institution set up with the central government drive in 1964 to handhold the central public sector enterprises, the jewels and key drivers of Indian economy. IPE is a bright example of a self-made Institution which survived and flourished due to its collaborations with Government of India, public sector enterprises, state governments, Indian Council of Social Sciences Research. State Government, funding partners. And International Organizations. Through this book the authors make an attempt to present the long and arduous journey of IPE. It narrates the intensity and zeal with which the Institute carried out its activities to steer itself to greater heights year over year. The book celebrates the defining moments in the journey and does not shy away from narrating the challenges faced by the Institute at various junctures. The book proudly presents the volume of work and achievements of the IPE leadership with the support of deeply engaged faculty and staff in various spheres which strengthened the Institution. The book will prove useful to policy makers, public policy researchers. Educational administrators, civil servants, practicing managers, civil society and post graduate students interested in understanding organizational dynamics and studying the factors involved in Institution building.

- 53 Democracy in India/ Roy, Ramashray - Shipra Publications, Delhi, 2005; vii, 278p. 54765

The book exposes the organic defects of formal democracy and demonstrates its weakness in satisfying the aspirations of the demos for participation and equality. Effort is made to take the discussion of democratic theory to a higher level where theory and history mingle to provide a better vantage point from which to view the phenomenon of democracy. Also, the theoretical perspective projected in Democracy in India: Form and Substance presents a critical account of the functioning of democratic institutions in India and shows its vulnerable aspects. The approach adopted in Democracy in India: Form and Substance differs sharply from other studies. Most of these treat formal, representative democracy as the last chapter in the evolution of the democratic idea since its appearance in Greece. It is considered, without questioning, as a universally valid model of democracy. Also, it is supposed to solve, finally and satisfactorily, the paradox of freedom versus liberty. But formal democracy is the symbol of the defeat of democracy by democratic ideology. This ideology celebrates only the external form of democracy drowning its substance in the din of vacuous academic discussion by pundits and soothsayers of democracy praising to the skies the characteristics and the merit of formal democracy.

- 54 Resurgent Bharat and other issues/ Bhattacharjee, Jay - Garuda Prakashan Pvt. Ltd., Gurugram, 2021; xxi, 450p. 54770

Resurgent Bharat and Other Issues: An Anthology of Essays by Jay Bhattacharjee is a collection of essays published over a period of more than two decades in different newspapers like The Pioneer, The New Indian Express, The Business Standard; magazines like India Defense Review, besides various online portals, including Swarajya and NITI Central. These essays cover a wide-ranging of topics including India's civilization and culture, politics, issues related to national security and neglect of the Indian soldiers by the establishment, corporate governance; and, humour and satire. The essays, written with historical references and parallels and unwaveringly sticking to the nationalistic perspective, without mincing words, are a wake-up call to all those wishing to see India back at the top, with its ancient glory and heritage restored. "There are cogent reasons for putting together the diverse writings that this book contains. The first one is that our country that happens to be one of this planet's oldest surviving civilizations is also a young political entity, compared to many other nation-states in the world... There are grave existential threats that it confronts. Minimizing these dangers would amount to burying our collective heads under the sand," says the author.

- 55 K.M. Panikkar and the growth of a maritime consciousness in India/ Sakhuja, Vijay [ed.]; Pandey, Pragyaa[ed.] - Vij Books India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2022; xvi, 404p. 54771

Sardar KM Panikkar's life and works form a fascinating narrative encompassing a wide diversity of roles, positions and interests. Panikkar was one of the early writers on the history of India's connections with the Indian Ocean. His seminal historical and literary works have influenced contemporary thoughts and perceptions and played a formative role in orienting independent India's maritime consciousness. Panikkar's emphasis on the need for a well-considered and effective naval policy as critical to India's security needs internalization amongst Indian political elite, policy makers, and academia, as there is a growing realisation of the significance of the Indian Ocean in India's strategic calculus. This volume offers deep insights into Panikkar's understanding and vision of the world and India and seas and oceans, with rich debates on geopolitics of those times, primacy of maritime issues, relevance of these on contemporary geopolitics, strategic dynamics and economic of trade and interdependence.

- 56 Isthmus of Kra/ Narayanan, Sripathi - Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, 2022; 58p. 54772

The Isthmus of Kra, which acts as a land bridge that connects the Malay Peninsula with the rest of continental Southeast Asia has been at the centre of two connectivity networks. The first is a canal cutting across the isthmus, thereby connecting the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand. The second is the Singapore-Kunming Rail Line (SKRL), which is aimed at providing rail connectivity within the continental part of Southeast Asia, with Kunming, the capital of Yunnan Province of China. Both these connectivity networks have

been in the pipeline for many years. This paper analyses the progress that has been made in both these networks and the implication of the same on the region. The paper also examines the implications of these two connectivity networks in the context of the larger Indo-Pacific Region (IPR). Of note here is the potentiality of both these two communication networks increasing the level of economic and people to people contact, which in turn would be reflected on the influence of China upon the nations of Southeast Asian.

- 57 Economic policy in Covid-19 times/ Babu, P.G [ed.] - Orient Blackswan Pvt Ltd, Telangana, 2022; xxii, 339p. 54773

Economic Policy in Covid-19 Times reflects on the immediate impact of Covid-19 on the lives, livelihoods, and policies in Tamil Nadu, one of the states most affected by Covid-19 in the country and records it for posterity. It contributes to the public debate surrounding Covid19 and its aftermath by suggesting short- to medium-term measures in the state's post pandemic socio-economic policy, which could help to mitigate the disastrous effects of the pandemic. The authors have drawn on their long experience to offer a panoramic view of Tamil Nadu economy and society. This volume discusses potential policy reforms in the MSME and agriculture sectors, including the recently repealed Farm Acts, the macroeconomic scenario in the wake of Covid-19, and issues of migrant and informal labour. The authors also analyse environmental markets and Tamil Nadu's highly successful marine fisheries sector, the Tamil book-publishing industry, the tourism sector, and industrial clusters in the state, and suggest means of revival and opportunities for employment generation. The issue of food security, affordable housing and infrastructure development post Covid-19, and the role of the state and Panchayati Raj Institutions to aid social development are also examined. Timely and informative, this volume will be of interest to policymakers, think tanks, and academic audiences. Its lucid prose will also attract the informed public, eager to understand the changing socio-economic milieu during these exceptionally trying times.

- 58 Holy foolery in the life of Japan/ Kazunori, Higuchi - International House of Japan, Japan, 2015; xxiii, 219p. 54774

On the following pages, we will retrace the origins and evolution of holy foolery in Japan. We will witness its near extinguishment through the process of modernization and globalization. We will see why Japan needs holy foolery more than ever. And we will identify contemporary traces that suggest a basis for optimism about laughter's possible resurgence."

- 59 How to reform a business school/ Jaiswal, Ashish - Oxford Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies, UK, 2014; xv, 318p. 54775

Within 100 years of its existence, BUSINESS, for better or worse, has become the most popular subject in higher education, sending a larger number of graduates into the economy than any other. Ironically, the most popular discipline is also now the most condemned. Undoubtedly, business schools are at a crossroads and under the scanner. In How to Reform a Business School, Ashish Jaiswal meticulously demonstrates the problems plaguing the

world of business schools and brings together the key contextual debates and concepts of foundational theory on the subject of reforms in MBAs. Jaiswal makes a major methodological contribution to this little-explored field by presenting a novel exploratory framework - which employs a fresh combination of the social constructionist and implementation perspectives - to research the implementation of business school reform. Jaiswal conducts a rigorous in-depth case study of one of the most substantial curricular and pedagogical reforms in business school history: recently undertaken by Yale School of Management. The Yale case study illustrates the forces influencing the development of a unique integrated MBA curriculum at an Ivy League business school and presents the factors that can help business schools around the world in implementing a successful reform. Jaiswal establishes how the perceived identity of a particular business school impacts upon the way in which MBA curricula are evolving. Ashish Jaiswal presents a strong argument against the monolithic treatment of higher education in the reform literature and urges scholars to focus on departmental idiosyncrasies and the territorial characteristics of subjects, particularly in the MBA where context, market and accreditation dynamics play a vital role. *How to Reform a Business School* is a must read for business schools wanting to break the shackles of the ordinary and to successfully implement an MBA curriculum relevant in the 21st century.

- 60 *Sinews of India's internal security in 21st century* / Agarwal, Prashant [ed.]; Kumar, Sanjay [ed.] - G. B. Books Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi, 2018; xvi, 344p. 54776

The volume presents insights from a national seminar discussing the multifaceted internal security challenges faced by India in the 21st century. It emphasizes the importance of national security not only as a concern of political elites but as a necessity for every citizen. The paper outlines various internal threats such as insurgency, terrorism, socio-economic disparities, and cyber threats that jeopardize India's stability. It argues for a comprehensive approach that combines military readiness with addressing non-traditional security threats to ensure the safety and security of the nation and its people.

- 61 *Special employment schemes in Andhra Pradesh* / Mishra, R. K. - Excel Books, New Delhi, 2011; x, 353p. 54778

The Government of Andhra Pradesh mounted special programmes for securing employment opportunities, particularly to the educated unemployed belonging to the weaker sections of the community viz., Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Backward Classes (BCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs). The Special Employment Programmes (SEPs) undertaken by the Government of Andhra Pradesh covered about 60 different types of schemes implemented by as many as 42 different agencies. Since it would be difficult to evaluate each scheme implemented by all these agencies, it was, therefore, decided to select the more important schemes, keeping in view the types of programmes, the outlay on these and other relevant factors. Eleven schemes were selected for a state level study. The draft reports in respect of each of these schemes were considered by the Steering Committee

in association with the concerned implementing agencies. These studies have thrown valuable light on the manner of formulation and implementation of the programmes and are considered useful for the government to take policy decisions. This book presents the individual reports in respect of the schemes evaluated. These reports cover formulation, implementation and administrative aspects of the programme in depth. In fact, these reports have been prepared with a view to enable the government to initiate immediate measures that are called for, for correcting certain trends observed in the implementation of the programme.

- 62 Global competition and brand promotion / Dubey, Jayashree [ed.] - Excel Publications, New Delhi, 2008; xii, 532p. 54779

Globalisation has resulted into manifold increase in competition in almost every sector. Companies which were earlier competing only with the national brands within the nation's boundary are now facing a tough competition with global brands from across the globe. The role of branding and promotion has become more prominent among the tools to thwart the competition. The book is a compilation of insightful articles and case studies authored by market practitioners, consultants and educators elucidating various strategies of survival and ruling the global market. The book provides wonderful reading on various facets of global competition, branding in specific and marketing in general. The book presents original and refreshing views on the theory and practice of branding and promotion. It is an excellent reference reading for the students and faculties, and a practical guide providing out of the box strategies to professionals involved in drawing strategies for creating global brand. The book has been divided in following sections: Globalization and Branding Strategies for Global Brand Promotion Sectoral Branding Strategies Retail Branding Competitiveness Enhancement Tools: Emerging Technologies.

- 63 Party system in India/ Mehra, Ajay K [ed.] - Lancer Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi, 2013; 533p. 54780

This volume attempts to capture the emerging trajectories of the party system in India in the second decade of the twenty-first century with seventeen essays written specially for this volume by scholars who met several times to discuss and formulate questions and critique each other's drafts. Overall, the book provides an incisive and comprehensive analysis of the far-reaching changes that India's political parties and party system are undergoing. It looks into the institutional dimensions, processes and agenda, federal manifestations, transitions (including generational change), and extraneous influences brought in by globalization, Indian diaspora, and the impact of new media technology. Constituting an important contribution to the ongoing debate on the Indian party system, this book will attract the attention of students of Indian politics, political science, democracy, party systems, and comparative politics.

- 64 India-China/ Das, Gurudas [ed.]; Thomas, C Joshua [ed.] - Bookwell, Delhi, 2010; xviii, 431p. 54781

Unprecedented development has taken place in India-China economic relations over the last decade. One time political adversaries have become partners in trade and development. This volume analyzes the nature of bilateral trade and identifies the road blocks that need to be addressed for further cementing the bilateral economic relation. Some contributors have made a case for the use of cross-border synergies for the development of the frontier areas in both India and China. As the market-led national development model has failed to infuse growth in the peripheries, this has resulted into secessionist demands by the communities living therein. This volume stresses on the use of "border trade" as a strategic tool for the development of the peripheral frontier regions in both India and China.

- 65 Modern thought for higher education reformations/ Jain, Aditya Shashi - Kalpaz, Delhi, 2010; 220p. 54782

This book summarises in a lightsome manner unique innovative logics for human resource development. Abundance of ideas is there for the unification of knowledge. The unrestricted theme shows potential for providing a final engineered touch for the realizations of unification dreams. A fast moving thought for a matching world calls for a more rational and rigorous division of mental labour but not of values. The theme, instinct with present realities, gradually embraces everyone and hopes for a more meaningful and esteemed status for higher education.

- 66 A burning/ Majumdar, Megha - Penguin Hamish Hamilton, New York, 2020; 293p. 54786

A girl walks through the slums of Kolkata holding an armful of books. She returns home smelling of smoke, and checks her most prized possession: a brand-new smartphone, purchased in instalments. On Facebook, there is only one conversation. #KolabaganTrainAttack On the small, glowing screen, she types a dangerous thing... 'If the police didn't help ordinary people like you and me, if the police watched them die, doesn't that mean that the government is also a terrorist?' Set in contemporary India, A Burning is the story of three unforgettable characters, all dreaming of a better future, whose lives are changed forever when they become caught up in the devastating aftermath of a terrorist attack. Jivan - a poor, young, Muslim girl, who dreams of going to college - faces a possible death sentence after being accused of collaborating with the terrorists. Lovely - an exuberant hijra who longs to be a Bollywood star - holds the alibi that can set Jivan free, but telling the truth will cost her everything she holds dear. PT Sir - an opportunistic gym teacher who once taught Jivan - becomes involved with Hindu nationalist politics and his own ascent is soon inextricably linked to Jivan's fall.

- 67 Riot/ Tharoor, Shashi - Penguin Books Ltd., New Delhi, 2015; 280p. 54787

Who killed twenty four year old Priscilla Hart? And why would anyone want to murder this idealistic American student who had come to India to volunteer in a women's health programme? Was she the innocent victim of a riot between Hindus and Muslims? Shashi Tharoor experiments brilliantly with narrative form, chronicling the mystery of Priscilla Hart's death through the

often contradictory accounts of a dozen or more characters. Intellectually provocative and emotionally charged, *Riot* is a novel about the ownership of history, about love, hate, cultural commission, religious fanaticism and the impossibility of knowing the truth.

- 68 *The white Tiger/ Adiga, Aravind - Harpercollins, Haryana, 2009; 321p.* 54788

Winner of the Man Booker Prize 2008 Meet Balram Halwai, the 'white tiger': servant, philosopher, entrepreneur, murderer...Born in a village in the dark heart of India, the son of a rickshaw puller, Balram is taken out of school and put to work in a teashop. As he crushes coal and wipes tables, he nurses a dream of escape. His big chance comes when a rich landlord hires him as a chauffeur for his son, daughter-in-law, and their two Pomeranian dogs. From behind the wheels of a Honda, Balram sees Delhi and begins to see how the Tiger might escape his cage. For surely any successful man must spill a little blood on his way to the top? *The White Tiger* is a tale of two Indias. Balram's journey from the darkness of village life to the light of entrepreneurial success is utterly amoral, brilliantly irreverent, deeply endearing and altogether unforgettable.

- 69 *The white Tiger/ Adiga, Aravind - Harpercollins, Haryana, 2009; 321p.* 54789

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- 70 *Being Indian/ Varma, Pavan K. - Penguin Random House India Pvt. Ltd, Gurugram, 2004; 238p.* 54790

Misconceptions about India and Indians abound, fed by the stereotypes created by foreigners, and the myths about themselves projected by Indians. In *Being Indian*, Pavan K. Varma demolishes these myths and generalizations as he turns his sharply observant gaze on his fellow countrymen to examine what really makes Indians tick and what they have to offer the world in the 21st century. Varma's insightful analysis of the Indian personality and the culture that has created it reaches startling new conclusions on the paradoxes and contradictions that characterize Indian attitudes towards issues such as power, wealth and spirituality. How, for example, does the appalling indifference of most Indians to the suffering of the poor and the inequities of the caste system square with their enthusiastic championing of parliamentary democracy? The book also examines India's future prospects as an economic, military and technological power, providing valuable pointers to the likely

destiny of a nation of one billion people. Drawing on sources as diverse as ancient Sanskrit treatises and Bollywood lyrics, and illuminating his examples with a wealth of telling anecdotes, Pavan Varma creates a vivid and compelling portrait of Indians as he argues that they will survive and flourish in the new millennium precisely because of what they are, warts and all, and not because of what they think they are or would like to be. This book, which will stimulate reflection, discussion and controversy, is a must read for both foreigners who wish to understand Indians and Indians who wish to understand themselves.

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