

# New Book Alerts

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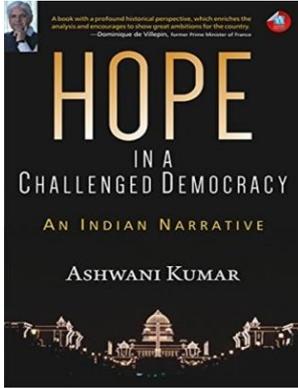
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# NEW BOOKS ADDED IN THE LIBRARY

## 1. Hope in a challenged democracy/ Ashwani Kumar



Challenged and vibrant at the same time; noisy yet deafeningly silent on critical issues in the same instance and successful yet inefficient in matching the steps of a young nation—are dichotomies that succinctly sum up the state of Indian democracy today.

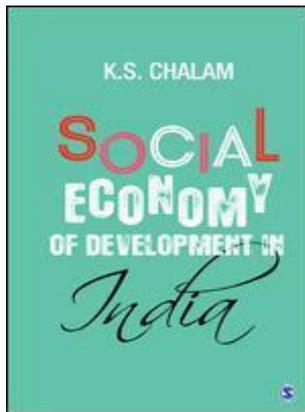
The book goes beyond semantics and critically analyses issues of fundamental importance in the framework of the dignitarian goals of the republic, the role of a 'living Constitution', the necessity of equilibrium between executive, legislature and judiciary, the role of media, importance of equitable growth, a responsive justice system and a rising India's engagement with the world. It provides a statesman's perspective on addressing challenges and optimising responses with a view to transforming our democracy as a true reflection of the collective conscience of the nation. Seeking to espouse a non-partisan view, the author—a distinguished lawyer, former parliamentarian and union minister—provides not only a practitioner's view on challenges faced by Indian democracy in the twenty-first century but also a thinker's substantive vision of the qualities of democratic leadership across the world.

**Pub:Wisdom Tree**

**Call No: 321.80954 K95H**

**Accession No:155111**

## **2. Social economy of development in India/ K. S. Chalam**



A comprehensive analysis of the dynamics of social economy in a traditionally fragmented Indian society.

Drawing from the works of several eminent economists, this book elaborates on an alternative paradigm of development in the global context. It advocates reforms in social indicators and also bureaucracy, politics, business and contractor groups to enable their empowerment.

Further, the book interrogates liberal economic policies and their consequences in various fields such as inequalities in human development, social tensions, marginalisation of agriculture, language and culture in the Indian caste-based society.

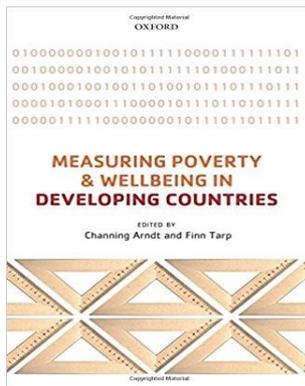
Comprehensive in analysis, it looks at political processes in India through the oligarchy of castes and examines the structure of inequality that still persists.

**Pub:Sage Publications**

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### **3. Measuring poverty and wellbeing in developing countries/Channing Arndt**



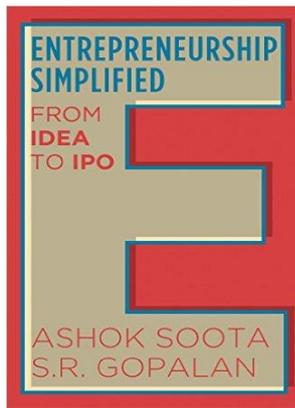
This is an open access title available under the terms of a CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO licence. It is free to read at Oxford Scholarship Online and offered as a free PDF download from OUP and selected open access locations. Detailed analyses of poverty and wellbeing in developing countries, based on household surveys, have been ongoing for more than three decades. The large majority of developing countries now regularly conduct a variety of household surveys, and the information base in developing countries with respect to poverty and wellbeing has improved dramatically. Nevertheless, appropriate measurement of poverty remains complex and controversial.

**Pub:Oxford UniversityPress**

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#### **4. Entrepreneurship simplified: from idea to ipo/ Ashok Soota**



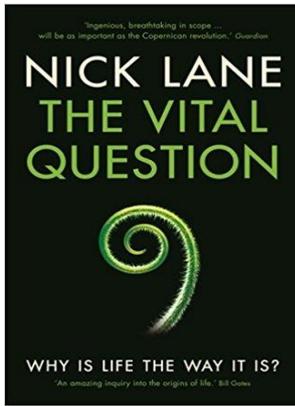
One of the most exciting feelings in the world is at the moment when you take the leap to become an entrepreneur and launch your own start-up. But in doing so, what are the things you should plan ahead for and what are the pitfalls you need to watch out for? In *Entrepreneurship Simplified*, Ashok Soota and S. R. Gopalan distil their decades of experience into a concise, comprehensive and practical guide for every aspiring entrepreneur as well as those who have already embarked on the entrepreneurial journey. From idea generation and validation to raising funds and dealing with VCs, building the organization and its mission, vision and values, defining a business and marketing strategy, creating and sharing wealth and finally, taking your company public through an IPO—Soota and Gopalan discuss the entire gamut of the entrepreneurial experience. Full of anecdotes, practical wisdom and key takeaways, *Entrepreneurship Simplified* is a definitive book on the subject that replicates the passion, fun and sense of fulfilment that accompanies the start-up adventure.

**Pub:Penguin Random House**

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## **5. The vital question/ Nick Lane**



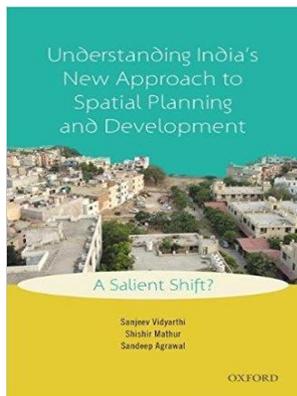
Why is life the way it is? Bacteria evolved into complex life just once in four billion years of life on earth-and all complex life shares many strange properties, from sex to ageing and death. If life evolved on other planets, would it be the same or completely different? In *The Vital Question*, Nick Lane radically reframes evolutionary history, putting forward a cogent solution to conundrums that have troubled scientists for decades. The answer, he argues, lies in energy: how all life on Earth lives off a voltage with the strength of a bolt of lightning. In unravelling these scientific enigmas, making sense of life's quirks, Lane's explanation provides a solution to life's vital questions: why are we as we are and why are we here at all?

### **Pub:Profile Books**

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## **6.Understanding India's new approach to spatial planning and development:a salient shift/ Sanjeev Vidyarthi**



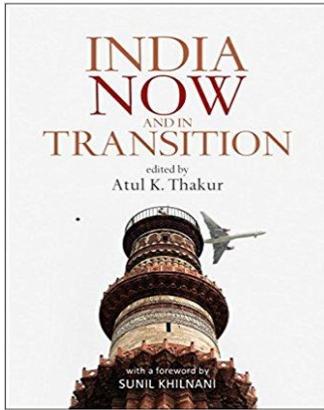
How is India planning its diverse range of settlements, which vary from rapidly growing cities to remote villages? Have changes in the country's polity influenced its approach to the spatial planning and development of urban and rural areas? Taking the regime change in the early 1990s as a point of departure, this book focuses on the complex nature of India's ongoing urbanization and transformations in the interrelated, but rarely-studied-together, domains of infrastructure finance and development, local planning practice and on-the-ground empirical outcomes. Instead of discussing the largest cities—such as Kolkata, Mumbai and Delhi—that dominate the discourse on urban India, the authors pay close attention to regional cities, rural settlements and the nuances of the shift away from the Nehruvian planning and development model. This approach illustrates how the tensions between democratic and market-oriented impulses are shaping India's existing and emergent settlements, drawing out useful insights for scholars and practitioners alike.

**Pub:Oxford UniversityPress**

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## **7.India now and in transition/ Atul K Thakur**



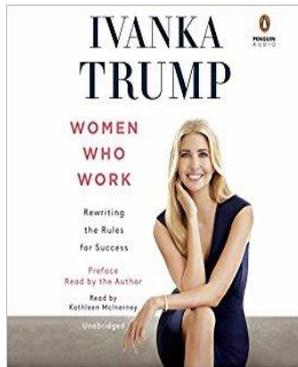
India is the world's largest democracy with nearly 70 years of independent existence. Its unique and ever-changing nature has sparked a great degree of academic debate, both before and since Independence. The beauty of India is that there are many kinds of Indias. Understanding the fundamentals that have given birth to such multiplicity across various segments is especially imperative in the present day, when the 'Idea of India' is keenly contested. Our nation has the world's largest youth population and is undergoing tectonic social and political changes at present; therefore, understanding what directions India may take in the future is essential for every thinking individual.

**Pub: Niyogi Books**

**Call No: 338.954 T365I**

**Accession No:155117**

## **8. Women who works: rewriting the rules for success/Ivanka Trump**



Ivanka is donating the unpaid portion of her advance and all future royalties received from *Women Who Work* to the Ivanka M. Trump Charitable Fund, a donor advised fund that will make grants to organizations that empower and educate women and girls.\*

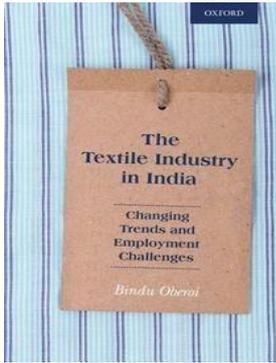
*Women Who Work* will equip you with the best skills I've learned from some of the amazing people I've met, on subjects such as identifying opportunities, shifting careers smoothly, negotiating, leading teams, starting companies, managing work and family, and helping change the system to make it better for women—now and in the future.

**Pub:Penguin Random House**

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## **9.The textile industry in India: changing trends and employment challenges/ Bindu Oberoi**



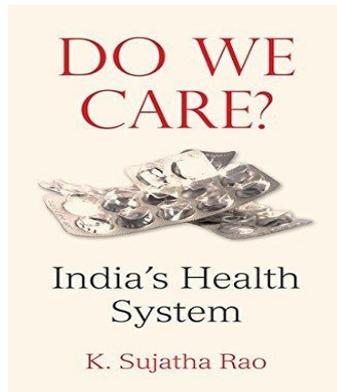
The text analyses the determinants of domestic demand of the textiles and challenges the general perception that the growth of the industry was primarily driven by an expansion in exports of textile products. It argues that structural changes such as inter-fibre and inter-sectoral shifts and capacity expansion involving modernisation have contributed to decline in quantity as well as quality of employment generated by the industry.

**Pub:Oxford UniversityPress**

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**Accession No:155103**

## **10.Do we care: India's health system/ K Sujatha Rao**



India is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. Yet health is not a part of our ambitious development story. In fact, India's disproportionately stingy healthcare budget makes some of the poorer nations look better in comparison. Statistics, however, speak louder than critics: we have one of the highest numbers of women dying in childbirth and under-five mortality rates. Every year nearly sixty million people get pushed below the poverty line due to the health expenditures that they incur. But there are a few bright spots too: India has eradicated polio and reversed the incidence of HIV/AIDS by an impressive margin. Drawing on her experience as the former union health secretary, K. Sujatha Rao gives us an unsparingly candid insider's view of India's health system. This richly detailed book favours increasing the health budget, greater use of technology, and providing leadership and good governance. Rao argues that unless good health is prioritized as a national goal, India's growth story will remain largely self-congratulatory.

**Pub:Oxford UniversityPress**

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