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1. What Ails the IAS and Why It Fails to Deliver/Naresh Chandra Saxena

The book is full of anecdotes ranging from how the author resisted political corruption that led to the Prime Minister’s annoyance to a situation when the author himself ‘bribed’ the Chief Minister to scrap oppressive laws against tribal women. As Joint Secretary, Minorities Commission, the author exposed the communal bias of the district administration in handling riots in Meerut; he was punished for bringing to light the killing of innocent Muslim women and children by the police. When Bihar became a ‘failed state’ during the Lalu Prasad Yadav era of 1990–2005, the author did not hesitate in rebuking the Chief Secretary who was his senior in service, and accused IAS officials in Bihar of behaving like English-speaking politicians. Despite their high integrity, hard work and competence, IAS officials do not exercise sufficient control over the field staff who collude with the junior staff in reporting false figures on hunger deaths, malnutrition and usage of toilets, leading to erosion of accountability. Not only do many welfare programmes such as NREGA, ICDS and PDS have design flaws, governance in India at the state and district levels is also quite weak, manifesting itself in poor service delivery, uncaring administration, corruption, and uncoordinated and wasteful public expenditure.

Pub: SAGE Publications
Call No: 351.0954 S272W
Accession No: 156415
Riven with scientific uncertainty, contending interests, and competing interpretations, the problem of climate change poses an existential challenge. For India, such a challenge is compounded by the immediate concerns of eradicating poverty and accelerating development. Moreover, India has played a relatively limited role thus far in causing the problem. Despite these complicating factors, India has to engage this challenge because a pathway to development innocent of climate change is no longer possible. The volume seeks to encourage public debate on climate change as part of India’s larger development discourse. This volume brings together leading researchers and practitioners—negotiators, activists, and policymaking—lay out the emergent debate on climate change in India. Through these chapters, The contributors hope to deepen clarity both on why India should engage with climate change and how it can best do so, even while appreciating and representing the challenges inherent in doing so.

Pub: Oxford University Press
Call No: 363.7874954 D813I
Accession No: 156418
In incredible India 2.0, Amitabh Kant covers a wide range of aspects that India must achieve to become a world-leading nation. From developing clusters that foster productivity and innovation, thereby making India the global hub for seamlessly doing business, to creating an ecosystem of shared mobility to become a critical enabler of growth in urban areas, to the manner in which the aspirational district programme is forging the first step to ensuring a nationally inclusive development strategy, these developments show the extent of the path-breaking solutions for key sectors that can emerge as the cornerstone for India’s future growth. These unique and focused ideas form a ready reference not just for young minds, but will also enthuse and inspire future leaders of this great country on their journey to make India a global powerhouse.

Pub: Rupa Publications
Call No: 330.954 K16I
Accession No: 156419
Arguably, the greatest achievement of Swami Vivekananda, one of the most celebrated icons of modern India, was the reconstruction of Hinduism. This he accomplished by reforming the religion in India and changing its image in the West. Indeed, the Hinduism that Vivekananda expounded at the Parliament of World's Religions in Chicago was a new, progressive version of an ancient tradition, devoid of the superstitions and distortions with which it had come to be associated. He revolutionized Hindu faith traditions by turning them into a repository of rational, universal philosophy. This book tries to get to the heart of Swami Vivekananda's legacy and his relevance in the contemporary world. It examines hitherto lesser-known aspects of Swamiji's life and work including his contributions to practical Vedanta, universal religion, science-spirituality and inter-religious dialogue, dharmic secularism, educational philosophy, poetry, and, above all, to the problem of Indian modernity. Despite the abundance of literature available on him, Swami Vivekananda is still not understood adequately, remaining somewhat of an enigma.

Pub: HarperCollins India
Call No: 294.556 P221S  Accession No: 156420
This book analyzes the structural factors that underlie the persistent mass poverty and extreme inequality in South Asian countries. It highlights the fact that the supposed trade-off between output growth and job creation is a false dilemma. Growth can create jobs, and jobs can drive growth, mutually reinforcing one another. Increased employment and better jobs would mitigate the problems arising from a widening inequality gap. The book argues that policies focused on employment generation, mostly through industrialization, are the way forward in terms of providing livelihoods, sustaining growth and reducing inequality.

The book is divided into two main parts. Part A explores cases in selected countries in South Asia in detail, primarily focusing on the opportunities and challenges of job creation in the manufacturing sector, as well as related issues, including constraints on manufacturing-sector growth in South Asia, exports and trade linkages, participation in value chains and the role of investment. In turn, Part B addresses a number of aspects that can promote a deeper understanding of strategies for industrialization and employment creation in the South Asian context, including regional cooperation, skill development, and industrial competitiveness. Gathering contributions from some of the region’s top minds, this book is of interest to scholars, researchers, policymakers and industry analysts alike.

**Pub: Springer**

**Call No:** 303.4434 C492M  
**Accession No:** C20448
Discussing India's complex and multidimensional energy problems, this volume also addresses the complex challenges faced by India's energy sector and power sector in particular. It presents the possibilities and prospects for India's energy transition in the context of the policy environment and the ground realities. Students and power sector professionals can equip themselves with the requisite knowledge through this book and play a herculean role in making India an energy- and power-sufficient country.

**Pub: Routledge India**

**Call No:** 338.18954 S615A  
**Accession No:** C20449
Over the years there has been a shift in the development discourse. Progress in development is no more defined on the basis of overall income growth of the economy, but rather on the quantum reduction in the share of population deprived of ‘basic needs’. The present report makes an attempt to analyse the progress of India with regard to four important essential needs during 2001-2018. These are access to electricity, tap water, toilet facility and LPG. The report analyses the group disparity in all these amenities across states, between rural and urban areas and more importantly among twenty heterogeneous district clusters. It needs to be kept in mind that the data pertaining to 2001 and 2011 are from the Census of India (2001 and 2011) and the data pertaining to 2014 and 2016 are from ICE 360° pan India household surveys. The data pertaining to 2018 are estimated for rural and urban areas separately for each district development cluster and each state using data from Census 2011 and ICE 360° surveys.

Pub: People Research on India’s Consumer Economics (PRICE)

Call No: 323.60954 S562I
Accession No:C20435
The Telangana Social Development Reports 2017 are aimed at enabling the government of Telangana to arrive at evidence-based policies to address the several issues raised under each of the themes. TSDR will also serve as a guide for scholars engaged in regional development, regional economics, health, education, employment, social exclusion and gender studies to better understand causes, patterns and intersections in inter group disparities and continuities. TSDR 2017 highlighted, among other things, the deep rooted bias against women and children in Telangana revealed through indicators such as: adverse sex ratio at birth, disproportionately large numbers of widows with poor or nil support structures, declining female work participation rates, larger numbers of women returning themselves as doing ‘domestic duties’ only, because of lack of support to shoulder household responsibilities, etc.. It is the first of its kind - Telangana is the first state in the country for which social development reports have been published. It is hoped that other states will develop on this initiative taken by CSD Hyderabad.

Pub: Council for Social Development
Call No: 307.14 K16T  Accession No:C20437
The Inclusive Finance India Report is an in-depth, well researched, well analyzed evidence on how the financial inclusion agenda has progressed at various levels and across all the broad themes. The report covers a review of the performance of diverse institutional structures and delivery models in inclusive finance – the commercial banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks, the new specialised banks, non-bank finance companies, self-help groups and the microfinance institutions. The report covers the initiatives in digital technology that address the last mile delivery challenges and provides an overview of some new initiatives. The report also tracks the performance of programmes and scheme of the government to promote financial inclusion, as also contribution and new initiatives of large apex institutions and regulators. The report aims to inform the policy development process on inclusive finance, inform banks and investors both national and international, highlight positive impact of various institutions, models and initiatives and identify policy and practice gaps. The methodology of development of the report includes consultations with the RBI, Ministry of Finance, Banks, apex financial institutions, technology services providers, diverse delivery models and technical agencies. The Inclusive Finance India Report is the best reference book on the annual trends and progress of the financial inclusion in India, covering a comprehensive data based analysis of all streams of financial inclusion with most current information in terms of numbers and developments; a must for every stakeholder in the financial inclusion value chain.

**Pub: Access Development Services**

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