

# New Book Alerts

What's New at the Library



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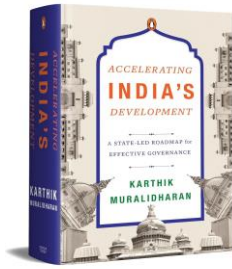
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1. **Accerlating India's Development : A State/Kartik Murlidharan**



Seventy-five years after Independence, India has much to be proud of. We are the world's biggest democracy as well as the fastest-growing large economy. Yet, we also face profound challenges that hinder both individual well-being and aggregate growth, including education and skills, health and nutrition, public safety, justice, social protection, and jobs.

This seminal book systematically analyses India's governance challenges, especially in delivering essential public services, and highlights how these are limiting India's development. Drawing on a wealth of research and practical insights, it provides actionable, evidence-based strategies, emphasizing state-level reforms as critical for India's advancement.

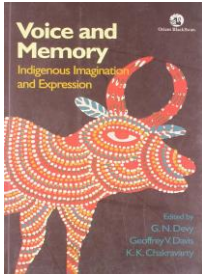
Accelerating India's Development is addressed to all Indians—leaders, officials, entrepreneurs, teachers, students, citizens, and civil society—and provides an urgent call to action. It argues that building a more effective state is the great unfinished task of Indian democracy, because quality public services are key to translating the political equality of 'one person, one vote' into greater equality of opportunity for all Indians.

**Pub: Penguin**

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## 2. Voice and memory; indigenous imagination/ G N Devy



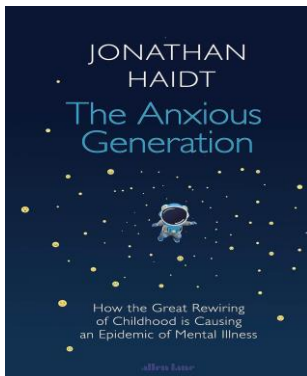
Voice and Memory: Indigenous Imagination and Expression is a companion volume to Indigeneity: Culture and Representation. The essays present a critical enquiry into the cultures and literatures of indigenous communities. They deal with their stories of colonial experience, their marginalization and their struggles to avert the decline of their socio-cultural status and the emergence of their voice in the respective national literature. Rather than seeking succour from a human rights regime, Aboriginal peoples have consistently looked for lessons of environmental balance and social regeneration in their own literature, knowledge systems and cultural traditions. The essays in this volume show how these groups have acknowledged, internalized and adapted to their own idiom, linguistic and cultural nuances and expressions left behind as a relic of colonial presence. Further, in their and narrating instances of complicity of Aboriginal elders in the persecution of their women. Running through the volume is the view that the indigenous people are agents rather than objects of change. They have the capacity to classify, codify and present their knowledge and perceive and evaluate changes in the environment. The essays also highlight the rejection by Aboriginal groups of the prevailing view of their cultural heritage as a social problem, at odds with the imperatives of contemporary existence. This book is a celebration of indigenous cultures rooted in their physical and cultural environment rather than an archival repository or a museum gallery. Bringing together scholars from across the world, this volume will be of invaluable interest to students and scholars of sociology, anthropology, tribal studies, colonial studies, literature and linguistics.

**Pub: Orient Blackswan**

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### 3. The Anxious Generation: how the great rewiring/Jonathan Haidt



In *The Anxious Generation*, Haidt shows how, between 2010 and 2015, childhood and adolescence got rewired. As teens traded in their flip phones for smartphones packed with social media apps, time online soared, including time spent comparing oneself to a vast pool of others. Time engaging face-to-face with friends and family plummeted, and so did mental health.

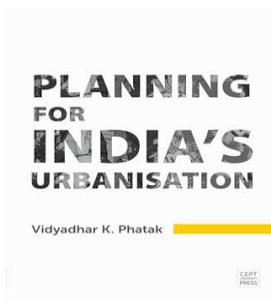
But this is not just a story about technology; this profound shift took place against a backdrop of declining childhood freedom and free-play, as parents over-supervised every aspect of their children's lives offline, depriving them of the experiences they most need to become strong and self-governing adults.

**Pub: Penguin**

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4. **Planning for India's Urbanization/Vidhyadhar K Phatak**



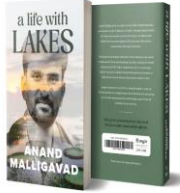
This is a collection of essays written over two decades by an urbanist, reflecting his experience of over fifty years in public service, in consulting and academia. The four main themes include, urbanisation and its challenges, centrality of land in planning and financing of development, urban housing and planning a metropolis.

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## 5. A Life with Lakes/Anand Malligavad



50% of the proceeds from this book will go to lake rejuvenation efforts.

Cities like Bengaluru, once home to numerous lakes and green cover, have suffered the negative impact of the economic boom and climate change. Rampant encroachment and contamination of lakes make a significant dent in drinking water availability, the ecosystem, and the beauty of the city.

Anand Malligavad, a techie turned Lake Conservationist, is known as the “Lakeman of India”. Having helped revive 40+ lakes across the country in 6 years, he shares the behind-the-scenes nuggets of his journey into nature conservation through this book.

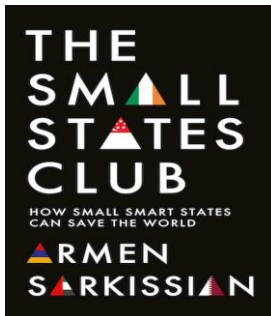
From participating in policy-making to media debates and TED Talks, Anand has been a vocal water warrior across multiple forums. His journey reminds us that all we need is honest intent and a driven mind.

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## 6. The Small States Club: How all Smart Powers can save the World



In this book, Armen Sarkissian, former president of Armenia, argues that small states can navigate the complex challenges of the twenty-first century in smarter ways than 'greater' powers. For smallness — often regarded as a weakness — can be a strength. It may induce insecurity in states, but also endows them with an instinct for survival. Large states are ponderous; small states can be agile and adaptive. Drawing on his deep experience as a scientist, businessman, diplomat and head of state, Sarkissian offers captivating portraits of small states, from Africa to Europe to Asia, that have overcome seemingly insuperable odds to establish themselves as oases of political stability, cultural tolerance, technological innovation, financial prudence and scientific research. Sarkissian returns to the uncertain beginnings of these small states to demystify their improbable rise. Along the way, he introduces us to a cast of tenacious leaders with a knack for converting crisis into opportunity. Widely regarded as the most respected Armenian leader on the world stage, Sarkissian ends with a poignant homage to his motherland. Part memoir, part manifesto, it is a stirring insight into the world's oldest Christian country, which is at once an ancient civilisation, a small state and a global nation.

**Pub: Hurst**

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