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New Book Alerts



What's New at the Library?



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1. The Hindi Heartland: A Study by Ghazala Wahab



"The Hindi heartland, comprising Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh, covers nearly 38 per cent of India's total area and is home to over 40 per cent of India's population. It provides the country with over 40 per cent of its parliamentarians and determines the contours of national politics (out of the fifteen prime ministers India has had since 1947, eight have been from the Hindi belt). Yet, despite its political significance, the Hindi belt is among the most impoverished regions in the country. It consumes the bulk of the country's resources, but lags behind other states on various economic and welfare indices. It is plagued by violence, illiteracy, unemployment, corruption, poor life expectancy, and numerous other ills.

Centuries of war, conquests, invasions, political movements, and religious unrest have made the heartland a place of immense paradox. Despite its extraordinary and timeless religious heritage—some of the country's most revered spiritual leaders were born here and it is home to innumerable shrines and places of pilgrimage—it has also witnessed some of the worst communal riots in the country and has been troubled by long-running, divisive sectarian politics. Many of India's founders, who gave the country its secular identity, hailed from the heartland, but so too did those who have spread religious discord. And the land of Ganga–Jamuni Tehzeeb routinely witnesses lynching and murder in the name of religion.....

Pub: Aleph Book

Accession No: 158865

Call No: 491.43 W136H

2. Sea Power: A Guide for the Twenty-First Century by Geoffrey Till



This is the fourth, revised and updated, edition of Geoffrey Till's *Sea power: A Guide for the Twenty-first Century*.

The rise of the Chinese and other Asian navies, worsening quarrels over maritime jurisdiction and the United States' maritime pivot towards the Asia-Pacific region reminds us that the sea has always been central to human development as a source of resources, and as a means of transportation, information-exchange and strategic dominion. It has provided the basis for mankind's prosperity and security, and this is even more true in the early twenty-first century, with the emergence of an increasingly globalized world trading system. Navies have always provided a way of policing, and sometimes exploiting, the system. In contemporary conditions, navies, and other forms of maritime power, are having to adapt, in order to exert the maximum power ashore in the company of others and to expand the range of their interests, activities and responsibilities. While these new tasks are developing fast, traditional ones still predominate. Deterrence remains the first duty of today's navies, backed up by the need to 'fight and win' if necessary. How navies and their states balance these two imperatives will tell us a great deal about our future in this increasingly maritime century. This book investigates the consequences of all this for the developing nature, composition and functions of all the world's significant navies, and provides a guide for anyone interested in the changing and crucial role of sea power in the twenty-first century.

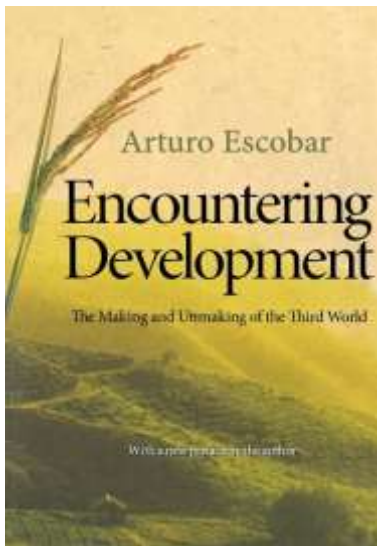
Sea power is essential reading for all students of naval power, maritime security and naval history, and highly recommended for students of strategic studies, international security and international relations.

Pub: Routledge

Accession No: 158868

Call No: 359.03 T574S

3. Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World by Arturo Escobar



How did the industrialized nations of North America and Europe come to be seen as the appropriate models for post-World War II societies in Asia, Africa, and Latin America? How did the postwar discourse on development actually create the so-called Third World? And what will happen when development ideology collapses? To answer these questions, Arturo Escobar shows how development policies became mechanisms of control that were just as pervasive and effective as their colonial counterparts. The development apparatus generated categories powerful enough to shape the thinking even of its occasional critics while poverty and hunger became widespread. "Development" was not even partially "deconstructed" until the 1980s, when new tools for analyzing the representation of social reality were applied to specific "Third World" cases. Here Escobar deploys these new techniques in a provocative analysis of development discourse and practice in general, concluding with a discussion of alternative visions for a post development era. Escobar emphasizes the role of economists in development discourse--his case study of Colombia demonstrates that the economization of food resulted in ambitious plans, and more hunger. To depict the production of knowledge and power in other development fields, the author shows how peasants, women, and nature became objects of knowledge and targets of power under the "gaze of experts. "In a substantial new introduction, Escobar reviews debates on globalization and post development since the book's original publication in 1995 and argues that the concept of post development needs to be redefined to meet today's significantly new conditions. He then calls for the development of a field of "pluriversal studies," which he illustrates with examples from recent Latin American movements.

Pub: Princeton University Press

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Call No: 338.9 E74E

4. Trade Wars are Class Wars by Matthew C Klein



A provocative look at how today's trade conflicts are caused by governments promoting the interests of elites at the expense of workers Trade disputes are usually understood as conflicts between countries with competing national interests, but as Matthew C. Klein and Michael Pettis show, they are often the unexpected result of domestic political choices to serve the interests of the rich at the expense of workers and ordinary retirees. Klein and Pettis trace the origins of today's trade wars to decisions made by politicians and business leaders in China, Europe, and the United States over the past thirty years. Across the world, the rich have prospered while workers can no longer afford to buy what they produce, have lost their jobs, or have been forced into higher levels of debt. In this thought-provoking challenge to mainstream views, the authors provide a cohesive narrative that shows how the class wars of rising inequality are a threat to the global economy and international peace-and what we can do about it.

Pub: Yale University Press

Accession No: 158870

Call No: 337 K64T

5. Maritime Spatial Planning: Past, Present, Future by Jacek Zaucha



This open access book is the first comprehensive overview of maritime or marine spatial planning. Countries across the globe are beginning to implement maritime spatial plans; however the authors of this collection have identified several key questions that are emerging from this growing body of MSP experience. How can maritime spatial planning deal with a complex and dynamic environment such as the sea? How can MSP be embedded in multiple levels of governance across regional and national borders – and how far does the environment benefit from this new approach? This book actively engages with the problems encapsulated in these questions, and explores possible solutions.

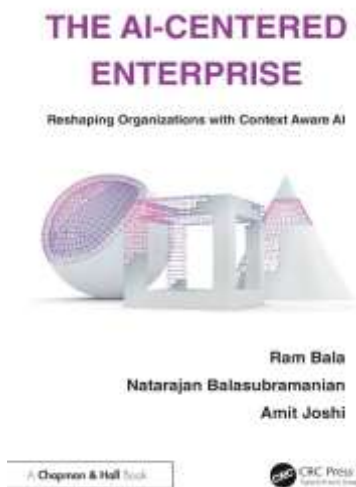
Situated at the intersection between theory and practice, the volume draws together several strands of interdisciplinary research, reflecting on the history of MSP as well as examining current practice and looking towards the future. The authors and contributors examine MSP from disciplines as diverse as geography, urban planning, political science, natural science, sociology and education; reflecting the growing critical engagement with MSP in many academic fields. This innovative and pioneering volume will be of interest and value to students and scholars of maritime spatial planning, as well as planners and practitioners.

Pub: Palgrave Macmillan

Call No: 333.9164 Z39M

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6. The AI-Centered Enterprise by Ram Bala



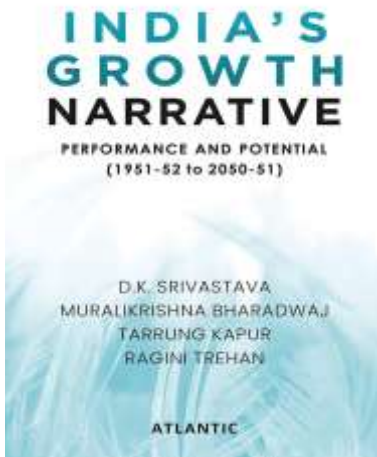
The explosion of generative AI has sparked a wave of case studies showing how quickly and profoundly it is transforming businesses. Yet most of these use cases still apply the technology to enhancing existing systems. This book makes the case for why business leaders must revisit the fundamentals of generative AI and look beyond short-term, tactical gains. Tools like ChatGPT mark just the beginning of Context Aware AI—systems that grasp both the content and intent of unstructured human input. Drawing on real-world examples and academic research, we demonstrate how Context Aware AI can enhance organizational interactions, unlock new forms of collaboration, and usher in the era of the AI-Centered Enterprise. By augmenting baseline Large Language Models (LLMs) with techniques like prompt engineering, retrieval-augmented generation (RAG), knowledge graphs, and notably agentic systems, organizations can build customized tools that adapt to individual users' thinking patterns and the collaborative workflows they are a part of. We present a practical framework—the 3Cs: Calibrate, Clarify, Channelize, to help leaders navigate this radical shift across multiple levels of organizations.

Pub: CRC Press

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7. India's Growth Narrative Performance and Potential by D.K. Srivastava



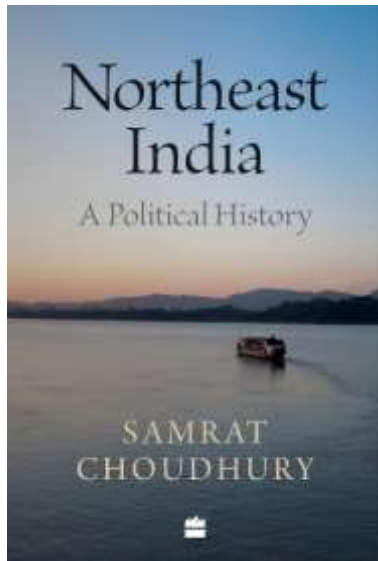
Dividing India's growth experience into distinct phases, *India's Growth Narrative: Performance and Potential (1951-52 to 2050-51)* argues that the lowest average growth of 3.5% during the late 60s and early 70s, which has often mistakenly been referred to as the 'Hindu Growth Rate' belongs to a socialist pattern phase of growth which was preceded by a colonial legacy phase. Subsequently, the Indian economy transitioned from a mixed economy phase to first reform, accelerating growth and global crises phases. Prospectively, India is projected to reach a stable growth of about 7.0%, which is more appropriately referred to as the 'Hindu Growth Rate' as it is consistent with saving and investment rates prescribed in India's ancient texts. After providing a phase-wise overview of the evolution of fiscal, monetary, financial and external sector policies, this book projects India's growth up to 2050-51. It shows how, within 100 years of the inception of the Constitution, India is slated to regain its past economic glory, reaching a Viksit status in a modern global economy.

Pub: Atlantic

Accession No: 158899

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8. Northeast India: A Political History by Samrat Choudhury



A journalist's history of the short yet troubled life of this 'new' region bordering China and Southeast Asia, exploring its significance for the idea of India.

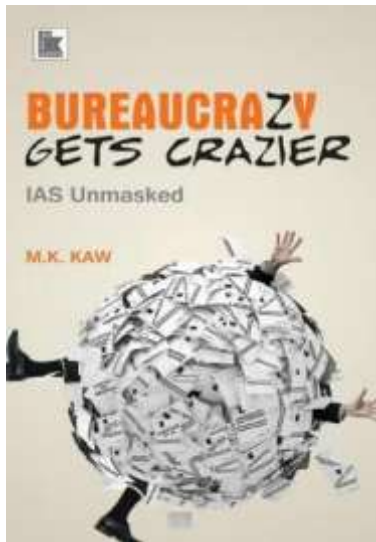
As India and the world are roiled by questions of nationalism and identity, this book journeys into the history of one of the world's newest and most fascinating regions: Northeast India. Having appeared with the stroke of a pen in 1947, as the British Raj was torn asunder and partitioned into India and Pakistan, this is a region of river valleys and hills inhabited by myriad tribes. Until colonial rule, several of these tribes had lived in their ancient ways, largely unmolested by their neighbors, who were rather keen to avoid their traditions of headhunting. Samrat Choudhury chronicles the processes by which these remote hill tribes, and the diverse other people's inhabiting the valley of the vast Brahmaputra River, became parts of the 'imagined nation' that is India. He explores two other ideas of India that remain in daily competition: Bharat, the Hindu nationalist conception of the country, and Hindustan, the Persian-origin name by which India is still known as far west as Turkey. Taking a long view, this absorbing political history chronicles the separate pathways by which imperialism, Christianity and the British love of tea brought each of the contemporary region's constituent states into modern India.

Pub: HarperCollins

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9. Bureaucrazy gets Crazier: IAS Unmasked by M.K. Kaw



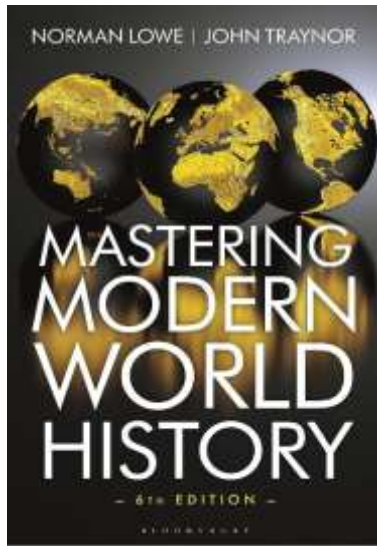
This is an intimate, inside look at the state of the Indian Administrative Service, with nothing held back. It lays bare the activities of the modern mandarins behind bolted portals, describing how they crawl up the greasepole of success, manipulating in-laws and outlaws with equal felicity. The way they bootlick superiros is only matched by the fervour of their pontification at juniors. The tussles at the top get really gory, as the commitment is to individuals rather than principles. Himself a senior IAS officer, the author tears off the mask and exposes the authentic face of his own clan.

Pub: Konark

Call No: 823.92 K22B

Accession No: 158866

10. Mastering Modern World History by Norman Lowe



The sixth edition of this bestselling book takes students on a journey through the 20th century and provides a clear overview of the key events which have shaped modern world history. Unrivalled in its broad coverage, it:

- Surveys international relations and war, from 1900 to the present day.
 - Examines the rise and fall of fascism and communism around the globe.
 - Explores the international affairs of the major superpowers: the USA, Russia/USSR and China.
 - Assesses the experience of decolonization in India, Africa and Latin America.
- Unpicks global issues, including economic crises and population increase Chapters feature maps, diagrams and end-of-chapter questions to support and reinforce understanding. This new edition has been updated to take account of new scholarship, and provide a more global approach to key chapters in modern world history. Key changes include:
- New material on the Second World War, beginning with the outbreak of war between China and Japan, and touches upon Italy's campaigns in East and North Africa and Civil Wars taking place in China, Spain and the Ukraine.....

Pub: Bloomsbury

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