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1. Citizen empowerment through digital transformation in government by Neeta Verma



**CITIZEN EMPOWERMENT
THROUGH DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION
IN GOVERNMENT**
Edited by Neeta Verma



Technological innovations across the globe are bringing profound change to our society. Governments around the world are experiencing and embracing this technology-led shift. New platforms, emerging technologies, customizable products, and changing citizen demand and outlook towards government services are reshaping the whole journey. When it comes to the application of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in any sector, the Government of India has emerged as an early adopter of these technologies and has also focused on last-mile delivery of citizen-centric services.

Citizen Empowerment through Digital Transformation in Government takes us through the four-decade long transformational journey of various key sectors in India where ICT has played a major role in reimagining government services to citizens across the country. It touches upon the emergence of the National Informatics Centre as a premier technology institution of the Government of India and its collaborative efforts with the Central, State Governments, as well as the district level administration, to deliver best-in-class solutions.

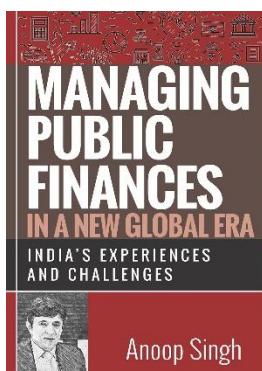
Inspiring and informative, the book is filled with real-life transformation stories that have helped to lead the people and the Government of India to realize their vision of a digitally empowered nation.

Pub: CRC Press

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2. Managing public finances in a new global era India's experiences and challenges
by Anoop Singh

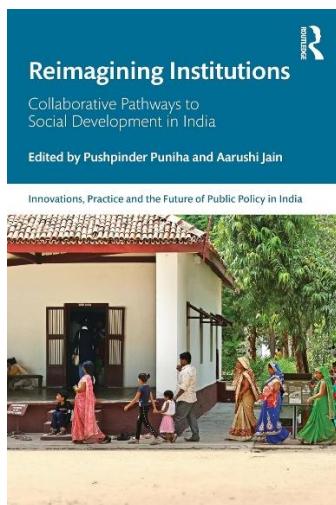


"Building transparency and efficiency in fiscal governance is a global issue, that has also been central to my own experience, and I am pleased that Anoop Singh has looked closely at this with lessons for India."— Dr. T.V. Somanathan, Union Cabinet Secretary, Government of India.

We are witnessing a historic global trade rebalancing. With opportunities for expanding activity and living standards from increased trade integration diminishing, it is likely that domestic factors and policies will now be the differentiating factor in future growth performance. Fiscal policy, therefore, has a critical role to play, both in bolstering domestic demand and in providing the favourable conditions for private sector-led growth.

However, with concerns about sustainability, given soaring global debt levels, there is a very limited overall budget envelope for such fiscal policies. As a result, the effectiveness of fiscal policy in driving activity, supporting the private sector, and bringing strategic objectives (such as climate goals) within the overall fiscal strategy will hinge on robust Public Financial Management (PFM) systems. These systems comprise the institutions, practices, and processes governing how governments collect, allocate, and monitor public funds, to ensure scarce fiscal resources have the maximum impact. Unfortunately, the quality of PFM globally varies considerably and leaves significant room for improvement.

3. Reimagining Institutions collaborative pathways to social development in India by Pushpinder Puniha



This book unpacks the complexities of social development in India, focusing on the institutional bottlenecks that hinder effective policy implementation.

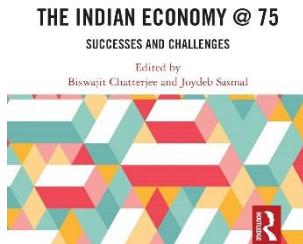
While governments and organizations design ambitious policies for economic growth, human capital development, education, agriculture, and social welfare, their impact is often diluted due to governance inefficiencies, bureaucratic inertia, and weak last-mile service delivery. Through a blend of empirical and evidence-based research, policy analysis, and real-world case studies, the book provides a comprehensive understanding of the mechanisms that drive – or obstruct – sustainable development in India. It explores pressing socio-economic issues, such as demographic shifts, sustainable futures, workforce dynamics, digital governance, e-markets, bureaucracy, and gender-based violence. The book serves as a vital resource for those seeking to understand governance challenges and the institutional reforms necessary for meaningful change. By highlighting both the problems and potential solutions, it fosters a dialogue on creating resilient and inclusive institutions that can effectively deliver on their promise of social progress.

Pub: Routledge Taylor and Francis Group

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4. The Indian economy @75 successes and challenges by Biswajit Chatterjee



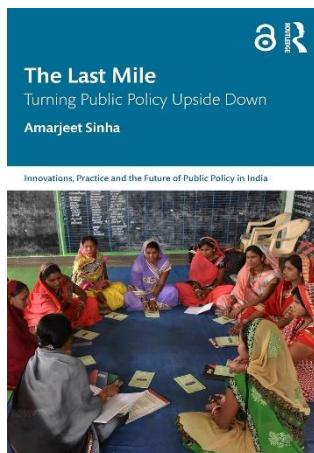
This book focuses on the economic challenges India has been facing since its independence in 1947. It traces the country's journey of economic transition and critically analyzes themes such as the political economy of development, agriculture, macroeconomy, industry and labor, money and finance, trade liberalization, gender, welfare, energy, and the environment. The volume also addresses the issues of increasing income inequality, mass unemployment, and environmental degradation and suggests policies for efficient and desirable outcomes in socio-economic development. This is an important and timely contribution that it will be of interest to scholars and researchers in economics, development studies, political economy, management studies, public policy, and political studies. It will also be useful to policymakers.

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5. The last mile turning public policy upside down by Amarjeet Sinha



The Last Mile explores the gaps and dichotomy between drafted policies and their implementation, and the last mile challenges which often make public services inaccessible to the poorest and most vulnerable sections of society. It provides an in-depth overview of the dynamics between communities, research and consultation and the implementation of policies for development.

Rich in empirical data and case studies from different government programmes and reports, this book examines the implementation of government service programmes for poverty reduction, women's empowerment, and income generation for the poor, among others, from a people's perspective. It highlights the need for policies and institutions to align their methods to community needs. Offering guidelines for redesigning as well as solutions to counter challenges related to lack of trust and effective communication, human resource management, capacity development, redressal mechanisms, and facilitating the last mile connection, the author delineates effective ways for integrating new technologies in policy implementation. The book also addresses legacy issues in institutions and re-orienting policy for better governance, transparency, and building trust.

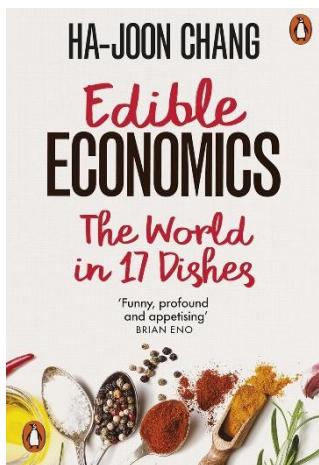
Part of the Innovations, Practice and the Future of Public Policy in India series, this book, by a senior practitioner, will be an essential resource for students and researchers of development studies, sociology, public policy and governance, economics, and South Asian studies.

Pub: Routledge Taylor and Francis Group

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6. Edible economics the world in 17 dishes by Ha Joon Chang



Economic thinking - about globalisation, climate change, immigration, austerity, automation and much more - in its most digestible form

For decades, a single free market philosophy has dominated global economics. But this is bland and unhealthy - like British food in the 1980s, when bestselling author and economist Ha-Joon Chang first arrived in the UK from South Korea. Just as eating a wide range of cuisines contributes to a more interesting and balanced diet, so too is it essential we listen to a variety of economic perspectives.

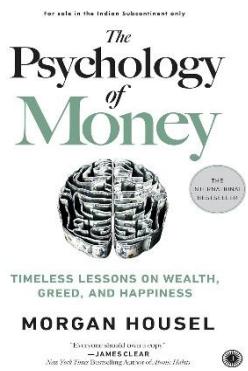
In *Edible Economics*, Chang makes challenging economic ideas more palatable by plating them alongside stories about food from around the world. He uses histories behind familiar food items - where they come from, how they are cooked and consumed, what they mean to different cultures - to explore economic theory. For Chang, chocolate is a life-long addiction, but more exciting are the insights it offers into post-industrial knowledge economies; and while okra makes Southern gumbo heart-meltingly smooth, it also speaks of capitalism's entangled relationship with freedom and unfreedom. Explaining everything from the hidden cost of care work to the misleading language of the free market as he cooks dishes like anchovy and egg toast, Gambas al Ajillo and Korean dotori mook, Ha-Joon Chang serves up an easy-to-digest feast of bold ideas.

Pub: Penguin Random House UK

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7. The psychology of money timeless lessons on wealth, greed and happiness by Morgan Housel



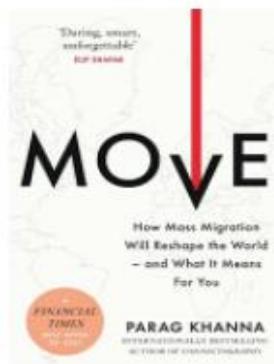
Timeless lessons on wealth, greed, and happiness doing well with money isn't necessarily about what you know. It's about how you behave. And behavior is hard to teach, even to really smart people. How to manage money, invest it, and make business decisions are typically considered to involve a lot of mathematical calculations, where data and formulae tell us exactly what to do. But in the real world, people don't make financial decisions on a spreadsheet. They make them at the dinner table, or in a meeting room, where personal history, your unique view of the world, ego, pride, marketing, and odd incentives are scrambled together. In the psychology of money, the author shares 19 short stories exploring the strange ways people think about money and teaches you how to make better sense of one of life's most important matters.

Pub: Jaico Publishing House

Accession No: 159063

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8. Move: how mass migration will reshape the world and what it means for you by Parag Khanna



Mobility is a recurring feature of human civilisation. Now, as climate change tips toward full-blown crisis, economies collapse, governments destabilise and technology disrupts, we're entering a new age of mass migrations - one that will scatter both the dispossessed and the well-off. Which areas will people abandon and where will they resettle? Which countries will accept or reject them? As today's world population, which includes four billion restless youth, votes with their feet, what map of human geography will emerge?

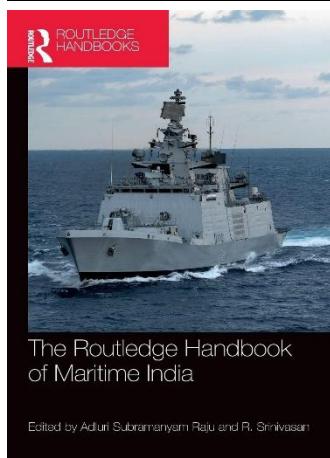
In *Move*, global strategy advisor Parag Khanna provides an illuminating and authoritative vision of the next phase of human civilisation - one that is both mobile and sustainable - while guiding each of us as we determine our optimal location on humanity's ever-changing map.

Pub: Weidenfeld and Nicolson

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9. The routledge handbook of maritime India histroy, strategy and engagement by Adluri Subramanyam Raju



This handbook provides a comprehensive study of India's maritime heritage. It presents perspectives on India's maritime history, territorial concerns, bilateral and multilateral engagements, traditional and non-traditional threats, maritime management and development, as well as climate change and its implications. The volume brings together accomplished academicians and practitioners who, through multidisciplinary and analytical methodologies, examine the concerns and challenges India faces at present or might face in the immediate future, focusing on crucial actors, policies and new developments. In doing so, the handbook provides an invaluable and pragmatic understanding of and solutions to India's maritime needs.

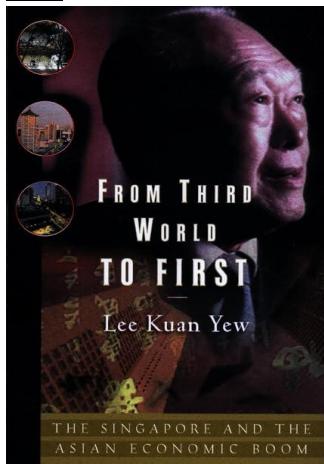
This volume is an indispensable resource for scholars, teachers and researchers of political science, international relations, South Asian studies, South Asian politics, history, defence and strategic studies, foreign policy, maritime strategy and security.

Pub: Routledge Taylor and Francis Group

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10. From third world to first Singapore and the Asian economic boom by Lee Kuan Yew



From Third World to First: The Singapore Story: 1965-2000 is the memoir of Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's first Prime Minister, chronicling the city-state's transformation from a poor, vulnerable colonial outpost into a prosperous, modern metropolis. The book details the pragmatic, often authoritarian policies used to build a robust economy, maintain social order, and foster national identity in a diverse population.

- **Pragmatic Governance:** Lee focuses on "getting the basics right," detailing the creation of public housing, a strong military, and a thriving economy.
- **Controversial Decisions:** The book does not shy away from justifying tough, often unpopular policies, including restrictions on the press and strict social order.
- **Geopolitical Insights:** Lee provides firsthand accounts of building relationships with world leaders and navigating Southeast Asia's complex political landscape.
- **Educational and Economic Focus:** The narrative highlights investing in human capital, meritocracy, and establishing Singapore as a hub for technology and finance.

Pub: Harper Collins Publishers

Accession No: 159044

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