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## **Foreword**

The current issue of “New Arrivals: List of New Additions with Summaries” contains a list of New Books that were processed in the month of October 2023 and are available for use in the National Social Science Documentation Centre of ICSSR. In the main text, entries are arranged by the title, followed by bibliographical details and a summary of the document. For easy retrieval Author and Keyword Index are also given at the end where the number in front of the Author or Keyword denotes the serial number of the entry in the main list of New Additions. Interested readers can consult the listed titles by visiting the library.

Suggestions are always welcome.

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S.No.	Title and Other Details	Acc. No
1	Practical multivariate analysis./ Afifi, A. A. - Routledge,: New York :, 2021; xv, 418p.	52811
	This is the sixth edition of a popular textbook on multivariate analysis. Well-regarded for its practical and accessible approach, with excellent examples and good guidance on computing, the book is particularly popular for teaching outside statistics, i.e. in epidemiology, social science, business, etc. The sixth edition has been updated with a new chapter on data visualization, a distinction made between exploratory and confirmatory analyses and a new section on generalized estimating equations and many new updates throughout. This new edition will enable the book to continue as one of the leading textbooks in the area, particularly for non-statisticians. Key Features: Provides a comprehensive, practical and accessible introduction to multivariate analysis. Keeps mathematical details to a minimum, so particularly geared toward a non-statistical audience. Includes lots of detailed worked examples, guidance on computing, and exercises. Updated with a new chapter on data visualization.	
2	Applied regularization methods for the social sciences / Finch, W. Holmes - CRC,: Boca Raton :, 2022; vii, 297p.	52812
	Each chapter in this book covers a specific application of regularization techniques with a user-friendly technical description, followed by examples that provide a thorough demonstration of the methods in action Researchers in the social sciences are faced with complex data sets in which they have relatively small samples and many variables (high dimensional data). Unlike the various technical guides currently on the market, Applied Regularization Methods for the Social Sciences provides and overview of a variety of models alongside clear examples of hands-on application.	
3	Artificial intelligence and causal inference / Xiong, Momiao, - CRC Press,: Boca Raton :, 2022; xxv, 368p.	52813
	The purpose of this book is to fill the gap between the AI and modern causal analysis for further facilitating the AI revolution. This book is ideal for graduate students and researchers in AI, data science, causal inference, statistics, genomics, bioinformatics and precision medicine Artificial Intelligence and Causal Inference address the recent development of relationships between artificial intelligence (AI) and causal inference. Despite significant progress in AI, a great challenge in AI development we are still facing is to understand mechanism underlying intelligence, including reasoning, planning and imagination. Understanding, transfer and generalization are major principles that give rise intelligence. One of a key component for understanding is causal inference. Causal inference includes intervention, domain shift learning, temporal structure and counterfactual thinking as major concepts to understand causation and reasoning. Unfortunately, these essential components of the causality are often overlooked by machine learning, which leads to some failure of the deep learning. AI and causal inference involve (1) using AI techniques as major tools for causal analysis and (2) applying the causal concepts and causal analysis methods to solving AI problems.	

- 4** Randomization, bootstrap and monte carlo methods in biology / Manly, Bryan F. J. - CRC,: U.S :, 2022; 358p. **52814**

This book provides comprehensive coverage of computer-intensive applications, with datasets available online. Modern computer-intensive statistical methods play a key role in solving many problems across a wide range of scientific disciplines. Like its bestselling predecessors, the fourth edition of Randomization, Bootstrap and Monte Carlo Methods in Biology illustrates a large number of statistical methods with an emphasis on biological applications. The focus is now on the use of randomization, bootstrapping, and Monte Carlo methods in constructing confidence intervals and doing tests of significance.

- 5** Using R for Bayesian spatial and spatio-temporal health modelling / Lawson, Andrew B. - CRC :, U.S :, 2021; 284p. **52815**

The book fills a void in the literature and available software, providing a crucial link for students and professionals alike to engage in the analysis of spatial and spatio-temporal health data from a Bayesian perspective using R. The book emphasizes the use of MCMC via Nimble, Bruges, and CAR Bayes, but also includes INLA for comparative purposes. In addition, a wide range of packages useful in the analysis of geo-referenced spatial data are employed and code is provided. It will likely become a key reference for researchers and students from biostatistics, epidemiology, public health, and environmental science.

- 6** Introduction to environmental data science / Davis, Jerry D. - CRC,: Florida :, 2023; xx, 382p. **52816**

According to this article It is an ideal textbook to teach undergraduate to graduate level students in environmental science, environmental studies, geography, earth science, and biology, but can also serve as a reference for environmental professionals working in consulting, NGOs, and government agencies at the local, state, federal, and international levels. Introduction to Environmental Data Science focuses on data science methods in the R language applied to environmental research, with sections on exploratory data analysis in R including data abstraction, transformation, and visualization; spatial data analysis in vector and raster models; statistics & modelling ranging from exploratory to modelling, considering confirmatory statistics and extending to machine learning models; time series analysis, focusing especially on carbon and micrometeorological flux; and communication. Introduction to Environmental Data Science.

- 7** Sample sizes for clinical trials / Julious, Steven A. - CRC,: Boca Raton :, 2023; xxiv, 396p. **52817**

This is a practical book that assists researchers in their estimation of the sample size for clinical trials. Throughout the book there are detailed worked examples to illustrate both how to do the calculations and how to present them to colleagues or in protocols. The book also highlights some of the pitfalls in calculations as well as the key steps that lead to the final sample size calculation. Features: comprehensive coverage of sample size calculations, including normal, binary, ordinal, and survival outcome data, covers superiority, equivalence, non-inferiority, bioequivalence and precision objectives for both parallel group and crossover designs, highlights how trial objectives impact the study design with respect to both the derivation of sample formulae and the size of the study, and examples of real-life clinical trials showing how the

calculations can be applied. This new edition is extended with all chapters revised, some substantially, and four completely new chapters on multiplicity, cluster trials, pilot studies, and single arm trials. The book is primarily aimed at researchers and practitioners of clinical trials and biostatistics, and could be used to teach a course on sample size calculations. The importance of a sample size calculation when designing a clinical trial is highlighted in the book. It enables readers to quickly find an appropriate sample size formula, with an associated worked example, complemented by tables to assist in the calculations

- 8** Environmental sociology / Hannigan, John A. - Routledge ,: New York :, 2022; **52818**  
240p.

This textbook offers a distinctive, balanced coverage of environmental issues, policies, and action. This revised fourth edition has been expanded and fully updated to explore contemporary developments and issues within global environmental sociology. Environmental Sociology reconciles Hannigan's widely cited model of the social construction of environmental problems and controversies, which states that incipient environmental issues must be identified, researched, promoted and persuasively argued in the form of "claims", with an environmental justice perspective that stresses inequality and threats to local communities

- 9** What is anthropology? / Eriksen, Thomas Hylland.- Pluto Press, Rawar,; **52819**  
London : | Ann Arbor, MI :, 2019; 180p.

This book explores the key issues in an exciting and innovative way. Eriksen explains how to see the world from below and from within – emphasising the importance of adopting an insider's perspective. He reveals how seemingly enormous cultural differences actually conceal the deep unity of humanity. Lucid and accessible, What is Anthropology? Draws examples from current affairs as well as anthropological studies. The first section presents the history of anthropology, its unique research methods and some of its central concepts, such as society, culture and translation. Eriksen shows how anthropology helps to shape contemporary thinking and why it is inherently radical. In the second section he discusses core issues in greater detail. Reciprocity, or exchange, or gift-giving, is shown to be the basis of every society. Eriksen examines kinship in traditional societies, and shows why it remains important in complex ones. He argues nature is partly cultural, and explores anthropological views on human nature as well as ecology.

- 10** Sociology: Basic Concept/ Rawat , H. K - Rawat Publication,,: Jaipur :, 2022; **52820**  
xii, 356p.

This book has been designed to cater to this need of textbook for introductory sociology courses. It maintains the comprehensive coverage, readable style, liveliness and numerous other features to make it popular among the student community, particularly those approaching sociology for the first time. It is therefore both student-friendly and jargon-free, to ensure that readers are able to get the most out of the text. Each chapter opens with a list of the central issues discussed therein. Besides, key terms and conclusions drawn are highlighted. Suitable examples, figures and illustrations reinforce the text. It is hoped that this book will serve as a base text for sociology teachers and students alike, as well as for all those preparing for various competitive and civil services entrance examinations.

- 11** Social movements in India: a review of the literature/ Shah, Ghanshyam. - **52821**  
Rawat Publication,,: Jaipur :, 2022; 281p.

This extensively revised and updated book delves into the realm of social movements in India, a subject that has gained scholarly attention only in recent times. Focused on non-institutionalized collective political action, the book critically analyzes the evolution of social movements from 1857 to the present day. The author scrutinizes existing literature, highlighting theoretical perspectives put forth by various scholars and examining major trends within different movements. By offering a comprehensive review, the book contributes to a deeper understanding of the historical and contemporary dynamics of social movements in India, filling a significant gap in scholarly exploration.

- 12** Caste and race :comparative study of BR Ambedkar and Martin Luther King/ **52822**  
Naimisaraya, Mohanadasa. - Rawat Publications,,: Jaipur :, 2003; 216p.

This book undertakes a comparative analysis between the progress of Dalits in India and the experience of racial discrimination faced by blacks in the United States. The author contends that the advancements achieved by Dalits surpass those of blacks in the U.S. However, the book also highlights the substantial efforts made in the United States to uncover and support the untapped potential of black individuals in various fields, including sports, music, and literature. The author emphasizes the need for similar initiatives in India to promote and nurture talent among Dalits. Written from a Dalit author's perspective on Western society, this book significantly contributes to the ongoing debate among Indian Dalits, shedding light on comparative experiences and advocating for proactive measures to uplift and showcase Dalit talent.

- 13** Doing social research / Judge, Parmjit S. - Rawat Publication,,: Jaipur :, 2021; **52823**  
x, 207p.

The present work exclusively focus on the practice of conducting research in India is an effort to map various forms of research practices in social sciences by situating it in the general context of various epistemological issues. Without essentialising the methods of research, it primarily argues for the collection of authentic data by treating it as the cornerstone of social research. In the process, the book brings out the stifling effect of the standardised methodologies on the epistemological practices. As a corollary to it, the work identifies three forms of field work which constitute the fundamentals of the research practice; and in the process, it demolishes the myth of much hailed value neutrality-objectivity nexus in sociology in particular.

- 14** An introduction to social and cultural anthropology : Small places, large issues **52824**  
/ Eriksen, Thomas Hylland - Rawat Publications,,: Jaipur :, 2020; x, 454p.

This concise book is an introduction to social and cultural anthropology has become a modern classic, revealing the rich global variation in social life and culture across the world. The text provides a clear overview of anthropology, focusing on central topics such as kinship, ethnicity, ritual and political systems, offering a wealth of examples that demonstrate the enormous scope of anthropology and the importance of a comparative perspective. Unlike other texts on the subject, Small Places, Large Issues incorporates the anthropology of complex modern societies. Using reviews of key monographs to illustrate his argument, Eriksen's lucid and accessible text remains an established introductory text in anthropology. This fourth edition is updated throughout and



increases the emphasis on the interdependence of human worlds. It incorporates recent debates and controversies, ranging from globalisation and migration research to problems of cultural translation, and discusses the challenges of interdisciplinary in a lucid way. Effortlessly bridging the perceived gap between "classic" and "contemporary" anthropology, *Small Places, Large Issues* is as essential to anthropology undergraduates as ever.

- 15** Social movements in tribal India / Chaudhary, S. N (ed.) - Rawat Publications,: **52825**  
Jaipur :, 2016; x, 294p.

This book compilation features Contributed articles presented at the two-day national seminar, *Social Movements in Tribal India*, organized by the Rajiv Gandhi Chair in Contemporary Studies, Barkatullah University, during March 21-22, 2014.

- 16** Poverty and social exclusion in India : issues and challenges / Chattopadhyay, **52826**  
Aparajita (ed.) - Rawat Publications,: Jaipur :, 2013; xiv, 306p.

This book examines the macro to micro views on poverty and social exclusion issues in India. It has been more than two decades since India embraced open market policies in the effort to align itself with the globalized world economy. The outcome has been quite significant in ushering high GDP growth, coupled with a gradual, but definite, shift from a predominantly agrarian economy to a service-led industrial economy. However, it has become increasingly clear that this unprecedented growth story is not illuminating the lives of the bulk of India's population and has actually exacerbated the divide between the haves and the have-nots, threatening social anarchy in the near future if the trend is not addressed immediately. Lack of quality education, basic facilities, suitable infrastructure, and abysmal penetration of basic banking services are identified to be some of the biggest impediments in this journey. Policy planners today are unanimous in their argument that unless this growth is made socially inclusive, the scourge of poverty will seriously threaten the sustainability of holistic development or social self-sufficiency for teeming millions in the country. Fortunately, government initiatives wield much needed hope in this battle for securing social and financial equality. The high correlation between social exclusion and poverty should be adequately represented at the highest policy making level and propel the right action plan in the near to the long term.

- 17** Caste, race, and discrimination : discourses in international context / Thorat, **52827**  
Sukhadeo (ed.), Umakant (ed.) Indian Institute of Dalit Studies.(ed.) - Indian Institute of Dalit Studies ; | Rawat Publications,: New Delhi : | Jaipur :, 2004; xxxv, 341p.

This books contains papers, which address issues related to caste, race and discrimination, internalization of caste, present status of Dalit and similar groups from Nepal and Japan, alternative remedies against discrimination and inequality and other such issues. This literature coming from different sources is immensely rich, insightful and reflective of the contemporary thinking of Indian society on the question of caste and Dalits. The contributors include prominent academics, civil rights activists and writers. This volume would be immensely useful not only for the academia, the government, NGOs and researchers, but also the layman who are concerned about the issues of discrimination associated with caste and race and the deprivation suffered by the Dalits.

- 18** Theory and practice of ethnography : readings from the periphery / Kasi, Eswarappa (ed.), Malik, Ramesh C (ed.) - Rawat Publications,,: Jaipur :, 2009; vii, 356p. **52828**
- This book is an anthology of research papers contributed by illustrious scholars both from India and abroad. It accentuates theoretical and empirical layout of the Ethnography, Language, Literature, Culture, Rethinking History and Social Development. Ethnography is highly entertained in the search of the concept of the “other,” which is also elaborately discussed in the book. Its main emphasis is on the deprivation-economic, social, cultural and linguistic— among the marginalized groups of Indian society, such as women, tribals, and the downtrodden. Ethnography is both a process and a product; in this direction, the entire exercise in this volume focuses on applying the different methodological tools of ethnography. We hope that students, researchers, teachers and policy makers working in the areas of anthropology, culture studies, sociology, public policy, history, literature, applied linguistics, folklore, development studies and general readers of social history will find this volume quite interesting and useful.
- 19** The Untouchables in contemporary India / Mahar, J. Michael - Rawat Publication,,: Jaipur :, 1999; xxxii, 496p. **52829**
- This account explores the persistent challenges faced by Untouchables have, for many centuries, occupied a very low place in Indian society, Even today, they are among the most subordinated and poorest people in the country. But, despite many efforts to ameliorate their condition, a considerable edifice of discrimination persists. So far, scholarly accounts of untouchability have been few in number and limited to one aspect of the subject, or to observations in a single village or region. The present account offers a greater variety of academic perspectives and a broader range of observations on the subject than any previous publication. Written with the needs of historians of South Asia to students of politics, economics, religion and sociology, it will have an interdisciplinary appeal too.
- 20** The rise of anthropological theory : a history of theories of culture / Harris, Marvin - Rawat Publications,,: Jaipur :, 2001; xv, 806p. **52830**
- The highly acclaimed and extensively cited history of anthropological theory, "RAT" by Marvin Harris, is now available in paperback. Originally published in 1968, this influential work has been referenced in over 1,000 scholarly works and is a seminal text in explaining cultural materialism. This updated edition includes the complete original text, along with a new introduction by Maxine Margolis, reflecting on the book's impact and highlighting major trends in anthropological theory since its initial publication. Affectionately known as RAT, the book traces the evolution of anthropology and anthropological theory, culminating in a compelling argument for the application of a scientific, behaviourally-based, etc approach known as cultural materialism. Despite its historical significance and profound influence on anthropological thought, RAT is now accessible in paperback for the first time, making it an essential addition to the libraries of anthropologists, graduate students, and social science theorists.
- 21** Anthropology's world : life in a twenty-first century discipline / Hannerz, Ulf - Pluto Press,,: London :, 2010; 216p. **52831**

Ulf Hannerz's latest book, "Anthropology's World," critically examines long-standing issues in the field of anthropology, addressing fundamental questions such as the purpose of anthropology, how anthropologists desire their work to be perceived, their target audience, and the language of communication. Hannerz, celebrated as one of anthropology's foremost writers, presents a panoramic exploration of the discipline, tracing its evolution into a major intellectual field. He emphasizes the continued significance of anthropology and delves into potential challenges it may confront in the near future. By turning the anthropologist's analytical tools inward, Hannerz scrutinizes the discipline itself, posing thought-provoking questions about its purpose, ethics, and trajectory. "Anthropology's World" is positioned as essential reading for both students and practitioners of anthropology, offering valuable insights into the discipline's past, present, and future, and solidifying Hannerz's reputation as a leading figure in the field. make summery for this paragraph.

- 22** Cultures and crises : understanding risk and resolution / Douglas, Mary - Sage Publications,,: Los Angeles :, 2013; xiii, 325p. **52832**

This book explores the persistent challenges faced by untouchables in Indian society, highlighting historical oppression and ongoing socio-economic marginalization. Despite efforts for improvement, deep-rooted discrimination persists. The publication stands out for its comprehensive approach, offering diverse academic perspectives and a broader understanding of untouchability compared to previous works. It addresses historians, political scientists, economists, scholars of religion, and sociologists, making it a valuable interdisciplinary resource for a wide range of academic disciplines.

- 23** Anthropology put to work / Field, Les W (ed), Fox, Richard Gabriel (ed) - Routledge,,: New York :, 2007; xi, 257p. **52833**

This book explain, How do anthropologists work today and how will they work in future? While some anthropologists have recently called for a new "public" or "engaged" anthropology, profound changes have already occurred, leading to new kinds of work for a large number of anthropologists. The image of anthropologists "reaching out" from protected academic positions to a vaguely defined "public" is out of touch with the working conditions of these anthropologists, especially those junior and untenured. The papers in this volume show that anthropology is put to work in diverse ways today. They indicate that the new conditions of anthropological work require significant departures from canonical principles of cultural anthropology, such as replacing ethnographic rapport with multiple forms of collaboration. This volume's goal is to help graduate students and early-career scholars accept these changes without feeling something essential to anthropology has been lost. There really is no other choice for most young anthropologists.

- 24** Local health traditions: plurality and marginality in South Asia / Mishra, Arima,(ed) - Orient BlackSwan,,: Hyderabad :, 2019; xvi, 328p. **52834**

This book delves into the realm of medical pluralism, a topic extensively studied in medical anthropology but now subject to recent reconsideration. The traditional focus on the authoritative role of the State in defining 'legitimate' medical practices is being challenged by scholars. "Local Health Traditions" contributes to this discourse by examining 'marginal' categories of medicine, encompassing home remedies, herbal medicine, dais, bone-setters, and spiritual healers, collectively termed as 'local health traditions' in policy discussions.

Unlike prevailing academic scholarship on medical pluralism that predominantly emphasizes 'systems of medicine,' this book places local health traditions at the forefront. Contributors critically engage with issues of legitimacy, recognition, documentation of traditional medical knowledge, and gender in healing. Furthermore, the book explores recent policy developments, highlighting the State's acknowledgment of the need to revitalize local health traditions. Simultaneously, market trends for natural and traditional remedies pose additional challenges to these traditional practices.

- 25** A living faith : my quest for peace, harmony, and social change / Engineer, Asghar Ali - Orient BlackSwan,: New Delhi :, 2011; xi, 345p. **52835**

This book provides an extensive autobiographical account of the life of Asghar Ali Engineer, a tireless advocate for national integration and communal harmony throughout his seventy-one years. Recognized as a reformist, activist, and Islamic scholar, Engineer received the Right Livelihood Award (Alternative Nobel) in 2004 for promoting values of religious and communal co-existence, tolerance, and mutual understanding in South Asia. The narrative, written with simplicity reflective of Engineer's character, chronicles personal, social, and political events that shaped his life and views. It details his struggles against the orthodox Bohra priesthood and his emergence as a leader in social and religious reform. The book also highlights Engineer's interactions with religious and political leaders worldwide in his pursuit of creating an inclusive society embracing all faiths. Through the lens of a life committed to truth, the book depicts a transformative journey from violence to peace, prejudice to acceptance, and the politics of power and religion to the power of humanity—a journey that persists against all odds.

- 26** Towards a critical medical practice : reflections on the dilemmas of medical culture today / Zachariah, Anand. (Ed) - Orient BlackSwan,: New Delhi :, 2010; xv, 373p. **52836**

This book, 'Towards a Critical Medical Practice,' critically addresses the crisis in Indian medicine characterized by soaring medical costs, technology-intensive speciality medicine, and challenges in accessing curative primary care. Stemming from a self-critical dialogue within the medical field and the social sciences, the book offers original perspectives on this crisis. Historical studies delve into dilemmas surrounding diseases like cholera, kalaazar, post-traumatic stress disorder, ischemic heart disease, and undernutrition in contemporary India. The book argues that the public health emphasis on large-scale preventive programs has led to the neglect of curative primary care, which is exploited by new corporate hospitals promoting expensive tertiary care globally. The study captures the everyday struggle of the poor against illness and highlights the challenges faced by doctors practicing in a system marked by knowledge gaps, orientation issues, and elitism in modern medicine. The book advocates for the theorizing of medical practice in teaching and research to pave the way for innovative directions in healthcare and medical education.

- 27** Poverty matters : covering deprivation in India / Nagaraj, K. - Orient BlackSwan,: New Delhi :, 2017; x, 172p. **52837**

"Poverty Matters" is a compilation of lectures delivered by K. Nagaraj between 2000–2016, focusing on the media's role in addressing deprivation. In the contemporary media landscape driven by competition and commercial considerations, stories of deprivation are often overlooked or sensationalized,

lacking a comprehensive understanding of the issues. Nagaraj argues that deprivation is not solely economic but also cultural, social, and political. The book emphasizes the importance of media coverage in promoting awareness and understanding of deprivation, envisioning its role in empowering the poor and facilitating their access to material goods and welfare benefits. The author advocates for a broader perspective on measuring poverty, incorporating various human development indices. Beyond journalism students, the book is beneficial for economics, development studies, and sociology scholars, offering a lucid exploration of the complex issues surrounding deprivation and highlighting the media's crucial role in fostering democratic participation and social welfare. The final section includes an appeal to the Indian government to enhance welfare benefits for the poor, strengthening the democratic fabric of the nation.

- 28** Other orientalism : India between Florence and Bombay, 1860-1990 / Vicente, Filipa Lowndes - Orient BlackSwa,,: Hyderabad :, 2012; xiv, 346p. **52838**

This book explain the Other Orientalisms analyses different forms of knowledge about India through the circulation of people, ideas, information, images and objects between Florence and Bombay through the last decades of the nineteenth century. During this period, Florence became a centre of studies on India, organizing and promoting exhibitions, museums, journals, and international conferences. Based on the relationship between two Indianists the Italian Angelo de Gubernatis, professor of Sanskrit in Florence, and the Goan historian Jos Gerson da Cunha, doctor and historian in Bombay this book reveals an India created in different places and manifested by multiple voices. By being marginal to the main European colonial metropolis, the institutional, intellectual and visual experience of Florentine Orientalism enriches the debate on power and colonial knowledge that has been very much at the centre of the social sciences in the last decades. Likewise, by exploring the intellectual world of Bombay in the second half of the nineteenth century, made up of people from a variety of cultural, national and religious backgrounds, this book contributes to the wider cultural history of colonial India. By combining fascinating unpublished materials of this period, with a deep analysis embedded in contemporary historiographical approaches such as European and India encounters in a colonial context; the debate on orientalism initiated by Edward W. Said, or the global circulation of knowledge, people and objects, this books provides new insights into different fields.

- 29** Gender and education / Ramachandran, Vimala (ed) - Orient BlackSwa,,: Hyderabad :, 2019; xv, 392p. **52839**

According to this book, While the last century has seen a considerable shift in the status of women in Indian society, gender equality in education continues to be influenced by three sets of issues: economy, society and culture; accessibility/availability of formal education; and gender norms. Socio-economic inequalities, connectivity, and cultural beliefs and practices, including a continued preference for sons across the country, play an important role in determining whether girls are given access to both primary and higher education. Gender and Education brings together wide-ranging debates that took place in the Economic and Political Weekly from 2000–17 on the social, political and economic realities impacting the education of women across the country. The sections analyse the different axes of inequality; the political,

economic and social context of education; and pedagogy and curriculum, through a study of textbooks.

- 30** Towards a new sociology in India / Hebbar, Ritambhara(ed) - Orient BlackSwan,: New Delhi :, 2018; x, 266p. **52840**

According to this book past few decades have seen tremendous changes, both in the larger conditions that characterise the world and in the shifts in the way people relate to each other, to social relationships, identity, place and culture. Given the changes that have occurred in the very ideas of ~society and the ~social, how has the discipline of sociology equipped itself to understand this transformation? What are the challenges of capturing the interrelations between the state, market and society? Can sociological imagination enable innovation and newness as researchers struggle to make sense of the rapidly altering worlds they encounter?</ In this context, this book brings together research conducted in New and unconventional sites to present a different sociological imagination that bypasses the dominant categories (that of caste and village) through which India is sociologically known and represented. It presents a collection of essays by young scholars attempting to redefine the contours of the discipline “through the choice of field sites, the exploration of new issues and problems, and the reworking of traditional anthropological methodology in New, unconventional sites. This volume deals with contexts as diverse and unique as a genetics laboratory; a Hollywood editing Studio; a community arts project spanning an urban village, a bus journey, and a town that has ceased to exist; a defence think-tank; and family and communal relationships in a transformed world. While reflecting the authors concern with changing issues, methodology and field sites, they are also accounts of personal journeys into the discipline of sociology. The essays challenge and push the boundaries of sociology and provide a re-imagining of India through new sites and methods of research. It will be invaluable for students and researchers in sociology at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels

- 31** Marrying in South Asia : shifting concepts, changing practices in a globalising world / Kaur, Ravinder(ed) - Orient BlackSwa,: New Delhi :, 2018; xvii, 420p. **52841**

According to this book marrying in South Asia looks closely at the changing notions and practices of marriage in Bangladeshi, Pakistani and south Indian Muslims, Bhutanese ethnic groups, Nepali widows, the Sri Lankan Tamil diaspora, south Asian gays and lesbians, middle class and urban, working class communities, and many other groups. With the globalising world as the backdrop, the essays in this volume examine the processes that make a marriage, the implications of marriage, cohabitation and divorce on domesticity and work, and the acknowledgement of multiple sexualities, as well as the contestations and conflicts—including in the law courts—that are part of the institution. The diverse ethnographic accounts, demographic analyses and economic investigations provide a wider window to marriage than is usually available in a single volume. This volume brings together scholars in sociology, anthropology, economics, demography, development studies, queer theory and gender studies, and historical research from around the world. It is a must-read for students and scholars of sociology, anthropology and South Asia studies.

- 32** A handbook of rural India / Jodhka, Surinder S [editor.] - Orient BlackSwa,: Hyderabad :, 2018; xvi, 472p. **52842**

This book critically examines the enduring conceptualization of 'rural' and 'urban' as fundamental categories shaping social dynamics in modern and contemporary times. In the Indian context, the significance of the 'rural' or the 'village' has been profound, stemming from British colonial portrayals of India as a collection of 'village republics,' despite its rich history of urban settlements. This representation strongly influenced nationalist leaders, including Gandhi, who uncritically advocated for a 'return to the village' as the authentic path to Swaraj, or self-rule. Nehru and Ambedkar similarly acknowledged the village's role in India's traditional life but also recognized it as a symbol of economic backwardness and social challenges. These perceptions have left a lasting impact on social science scholarship, political discourse, and public policy. Development planning, for instance, aimed to align rural life with modernity, promoting a steady process of urbanization as a means of positive social change and economic growth. The enduring notion of a demographic transition, wherein populations shift from rural to urban areas, remains a fundamental element of state policy and a key indicator of progress.

- 33** Sociology and History : dialogues towards integration/ Shah, A. M. - The Orient Blackswan,; Hyderabad :, 2017; 268p. **52843**

This collection of essays conceived as dialogues between Shah and his fellow social scientists, and indeed between the two disciplines of sociology and history, essays in this collection nuance ethnographic fact with a historical dimension in ways that were path-breaking for their time. The book includes Shah's well-known study of the 'vahivancha barots'—traditional record-keepers of genealogies and narrators and creators of myths. The focus on genealogical depth explains the vital role this group plays in legitimizing lineage, clan, and a suitable ancestry traced back to a glorious mythological past. M. N. Srinivas in a foreword provides the theoretical backdrop. By examining historical records, Shah, along with M. N. Srinivas, questions the myth, till then accepted as a given, of the self-sufficiency of the Indian village. An essay on the political system in eighteenth-century Gujarat, shows the persistence over time of well-integrated structures of power, spanning the village, provincial and imperial levels. Shah offers several essays on theory and method in sociology and history, anchored in review of literature, and empirical materials. A significant inclusion is the discussion between Shah and Romila Thapar on sociological understanding of ancient India, examining the relation between lineage, clan, caste, and the state. Three other essays deal with the history of sociology and anthropology in India as seen from the perspective of three early journals. The book will be invaluable for scholars and students of sociology, anthropology and history.

- 34** The Toda landscape : explorations in cultural ecology/ Chhabra, Tarun - Orient BlackSwa,; New Delhi :, 2017; xxiii, 543p. **52844**

According to this book, the Toda people of the Nilgiris District in south India are one of the oldest indigenous groups in South Asia; they are also reportedly among the most studied and written-about in the region. While the field was dominated by Western scholars in the beginning, Indian researchers and writers began contributing to Toda studies from the early twentieth century. The Toda Landscape: Explorations in Cultural Ecology represents a major breakthrough in Toda studies. From his interactions with the Todas from 1990 onwards, the author, Tarun Chhabra, has collected and analysed ethnographic data that had eluded even the greatest of Western ethnographers. Through his first-hand

narrative accounts of important Toda rituals, ceremonies and routines, all accompanied by visual documentation in the form of photographs and maps, he provides new data that will significantly aid the preservation of Toda traditional culture. The Toda Landscape highlights previously unknown aspects of Toda cultural heritage: Their sacred geography—sacred waters, sacred hills, and sacred trees and rocks. Some sacred institutions, which have their own distinct, hitherto undocumented, rituals, and the intricacies of their traditional attire and embroidery motifs. The entire domain of Toda ethnobotany. The complex interweaving of myth and reality in Toda lives, evidenced in the routes Toda spirits are said to follow to their afterworld. With its detailed descriptions of sparsely documented aspects of Toda life, all complemented with stunning photographs, The Toda Landscape is an invaluable addition to the field of social anthropology and cultural studies. Its focus on ethnobotany and the flora and fauna of the Nilgiris region will also greatly help students and scholars of environmental studies and botany.

- 35** The writings of A.M. Shah : the household and family in India/ Shah, A. M. - **52845**  
Orient Blackswan,: New Delhi :, 2014; 536p.

This volume brings together the seminal contributions of the sociologist Professor A.M. Shah to the study of the household and family in India. The Household Dimension of the Family in India (Book One) was widely regarded as a landmark study when it first appeared in 1973. It combines micro and macro perspectives, and offers a rigorous critique of the stereotype of the 'decline' of the joint family under conditions of industrial modernisation. This book continues to be used as a principal text in many family and kinship courses in sociology departments across the country. It is reproduced here with the original foreword by M. N. Srinivas and the original Annotated Bibliography. The Family in India: Critical Essays (Book Two), first published in 1998, covers a wide range of theoretical, methodological, substantive and policy issues relating to the family. Book Three, titled Essays on the Family and the Elderly, contains three more recent essays, which explore the effects of changes in the family on the elderly; explain the relevance of census data for studies of the household; and comment on the current state of family studies in India from the perspective of the author's many decades of engagement with the field.

- 36** Myth and meaning /Lévi-Strauss, Claude.Taylor and Francis : New York :, **52846**  
2017; xix, 58p.

The anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss was one of the greatest intellectuals of the twentieth century. His work has had a profound impact not only within anthropology but also linguistics, sociology and philosophy. In this short book he examines the nature and role of myth in human history, distilling a lifetime of writing into a few sharp insights. It is a crystalline overview of many of the basic ideas underlying his work, including the theory of structuralism and the difference between 'primitive' and 'scientific' thought and shows why Levi-Strauss remains a hugely important intellectual figure. With a new foreword by Patrick Wilcken.

- 37** Social science : an introduction to the study of society / Hunt, Elgin F. - Taylor and Francis,: New York :, 2016; 490p. **52847**

An Introduction to the Study of Society approaches, its study from a common sense perspective, rather than a formalistic perspective more common in social science texts. Readers will see how seemingly diverse disciplines intermingle



and connect to one another—anthropology and economics, for example. The goal of the book is to teach students critical thinking and problem-solving skills that will allow them to approach social issues in an objective and informed way. New to this edition are significant updates on debates about the limits of democracy, and the developing Chinese political alternative Political, economic, and social implications of the Covid pandemic. Assessment of the Donald Trump presidency. Political, economic, and social implications of the movement from the Trump presidency to the Biden presidency. Implications of the multitrillion-dollar budget deficits the US government has been running. The emergence of populist movements throughout the world. The Chinese political and economic challenge to the United States. Recent developments in evolution theory. Examples, data, recommended readings, and Internet questions. Critical thinking questions.

- 38** The transgender studies reader / Whittle, Stephen(ed) - Routledge,: New York :, 2006; xvi, 752p. **52848**

This book explain that transgender studies is the latest area of academic inquiry to grow out of the exciting nexus of queer theory, feminist studies, and the history of sexuality. Because trans people challenge our most fundamental assumptions about the relationship between bodies, desire, and identity, the field is both fascinating and contentious. The Transgender Studies Reader puts between two covers fifty influential texts with new introductions by the editors that, taken together, document the evolution of transgender studies in the English-speaking world. By bringing together the voices and experience of transgender individuals, doctors, psychologists and academically-based theorists, this volume will be a foundational text for the transgender community, transgender studies, and related queer theory.

- 39** An introduction to Indian philosophy: Hindu and Buddhist ideas from original sources/ Bartley, Christopher - Bloomsbury publishing,: London :, 2018; xi, 344p. **52849**

This book offers a comprehensive overview of the most influential Hindu and Buddhist Indian philosophers, guiding the reader through the main schools of Indian thought from the inception of Buddhism to the Saiva Philosophies of Kashmir. Notably, the book introduces Buddhist philosophies before delving into Brahmanical schools, illustrating how Brahmanical philosophers, including those from Samkhya, Yoga, Nyaya, Vaisheshika, Mimamsa, and Vedanta, responded to Buddhist viewpoints. The fully-updated edition includes clear translations of primary texts and features a glossary of Sanskrit terms, a pronunciation guide, and a list of philosophers and works for easy reference. With a focus on original texts and study tools, this introduction enhances students' understanding of the foundational concepts in Indian philosophy.

- 40** A history of environmentalism : local struggles, global histories / Armiero, Marco(ed) - Bloomsbury publishing,: London :, 2022; xi, 240p. **52850**

This book brings together a collection of highly-respected contributors to provide a global history of environmentalism. It makes the basic assumption that we can better understand the relationship that exists between man and nature through the close observation of conflicts that have taken place between the two. Using a range of case studies, A History of Environmentalism: Local Struggles, Global Histories weaves together an intricate fabric of environmental struggles throughout history that tells us much about transformations of cultural

perceptions and ways of production and consuming, as well as ecological and social changes. Although the narratives included in the book are strongly rooted in specific places, including Brazil, Italy, the USA and Australia, they suggest and reveal things about environmental issues in history on a world scale. This book will enable students to understand the history of environmentalism from a global and local perspective simultaneously".

- 41** A Kashmiri Century : Portrait of a Society in Flux/ Wakhlu, Khemlata - **52851**  
HarperCollins,: Noida :, 2021; 356p.

This book has a Magnificent Account of Kashmir's Social History perhaps the most enigmatic region in the world, Kashmir has a special place in the Indian subcontinent's history. Over the several centuries of being ruled by kings from diverse faiths and cultures-Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims, Afghans, Sikhs and Dogras, the region has undergone various cycles of social, cultural and religious changes. Since India's independence, the Kashmir valley has received more media and government attention than any other state. The reasons have been mostly political than for its natural beauty, its contribution to Indian literature or its exuberant flora and fauna. A Kashmiri Century is a one-of-a-kind book that delves deep into the human side of living in the Valley, an aspect often missing in the cold political treatises on Kashmir. It offers a rare glimpse into the lives of Kashmiris-Hindus and Muslims alike-and how their existence revolved around the simple pleasures of life, even as they dealt with the many changes of the past one hundred years. As a native Kashmiri, writer and social worker who has spent the last five decades serving people, Khem Lata Wakhlu has seen the socio-political landscape change like few others. The stories in the book provide a glimpse of the Kashmir that her generation and her grandparents and parents grew up in. The all-encompassing view of Kashmiri ethos and culture brings a fresh outlook that is much needed in our times.

- 42** Kashmir : the Vajpayee years/ Dulat, A. S. - HarperCollins Publishers India,: **52852**  
Noida :, 2016; xxv, 342p.

In this book, Vajpayee PMO member's account of the quest for peace in a troubled state There comes a day in one's life when one feels it should all be put down before memory fades. There are endless memories and I have carried a story with me for a long time. Srinagar in the winter of 1989 was an eerie ghost town witnessing the beginnings of a war dance. The dam burst the night boys from the separatist JKLF group were freed in exchange for the release of Rubaiya Sayeed, the Union home minister's daughter. As Farooq Abdullah had predicted, the government's caving in emboldened many Kashmiris into thinking that azaadi was possible. 'The price we will have to pay' were words. Farooq's prophetic Killings were almost a daily occurrence. Bomb explosions and firings occurred not far from the chief minister's residence in the most secure zone. Gun-toting youth in trucks were seen close to the cantonment. Kashmiris believed that they were on the verge of liberation. A.S. Dulat, who was posted there, saw Intelligence Bureau colleagues being picked off one by one. It was a long, slow haul to regaining control. From then to today, Dulat has had a continuous engagement with Kashmir. The initiatives launched by the Vajpayee government in power from 1998 to 2004 were the high point of this constant effort to keep balance in a delicate state. As Vajpayee said, Kashmir was a problem that had to be solved. In this extraordinary memoir that reads like a thriller, Dulat gives a sweeping account of the difficulties, successes and near triumphs in the effort to bring back Kashmir from the brink. He shows the

players, the politics, the strategies and the true intent and sheer ruthlessness of the meddlers from across the border. Kashmir: The Vajpayee Years paints an unforgettable portrait of politics in India's most beautiful but troubled state.

- 43** Forgotten Kashmir : the other side of the line of control/ Srivastava, Dinkar P. **52853**  
- HarperCollins Publishers,: Noida :, 2021; xi, 439p.

This book examines the evolution of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (POK) over the past seven decades. It includes major milestones like the 'tribal' invasion in 1947-48, the Sudan revolt in the 1950s, the Ayub era, the Simla Agreement, the adoption of an 'Interim Constitution of 1974' and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). It is not simply a historical account but one that analyses the events in POK against the background of developments in Pakistan's polity to better understand Pakistan's motivations for its policies in the region. The book delves into contentious issues such as the right of self-determination - that is distinct from the concept of plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir which was debated in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). More recently, the Chinese presence in the region has been considered, which is bound to grow with the development of CPEC, which runs through the Northern Areas. The book covers internal developments in that remote area. The author, a seasoned diplomat, provides a wealth of information that comes from his stint in Karachi, involvement in the Jammu and Kashmir issue at the Ministry of External Affairs, discussions in the United Nations, and as a member of bilateral working groups to counter-terrorism with the US, EU, UK, and Canada.

- 44** Reimagining Pakistan : Transforming A Dysfunctional Nuclear State/ Haqqani, Husain - HarperCollins,: New York :, 2020; 364p. **52854**

According to this book Salman Rushdie once described Pakistan as a 'poorly imagined country'. Indeed, Pakistan has meant different things to different people since its birth seventy years ago. Armed with nuclear weapons and dominated by the military and militants, it is variously described around the world as 'dangerous', 'unstable', 'a terrorist incubator' and 'the land of the intolerant'. Much of Pakistan's dysfunction is attributable to an ideology tied to religion and to hostility with the country out of which it was carved out -- India. But 95 per cent of Pakistan's 210 million people were born after Partition, as Pakistanis, and cannot easily give up on their home. In his new book, Husain Haqqani, one of the most important commentators on Pakistan in the world today, calls for a bold re-conceptualization of the country. Reimagining Pakistan offers a candid discussion of Pakistan's origins and its current failings, with suggestions for reconsidering its ideology, and identifies a national purpose greater than the rivalry with India.

- 45** Watershed 1967 : India's Forgotten Victory over China/ DasGupta , Probal - **52855**  
JUGGERNAUT PUBLICATION,: New Delhi :, 2022; 256p.

This book revisits the often-overlooked, What happened when India and China last went to battle with each other? China won? Wrong, India won. The sole India-China conflict that remains etched in our collective memory is the 1962 war, which India tragically lost. But five years later, in 1967, India and China faced off once again in the heights of Cho La and Nathu La at the Sikkim border. This time, overcoming the odds, India triumphed. The fallout of these forgotten battles was immense. China shied away from actively allying with Pakistan and the US during the 1971 India-Pakistan war. And despite several stand-offs in the half century since then, Beijing has never again launched a military

offensive against India. This incredible book tells us why these battles ushered in an era of peace. Full of thrilling international intrigue and nail-biting battle scenes, this book is based on extensive research and interviews with army officers and soldiers who participated in these historic battles. It aims to rectify a blind spot in history and shine the spotlight on a story of incredible bravery that India should be proud of.

- 46** India and the silk roads : the history of a trading world/ Lally, Jagjeet - **52856**  
HarperCollins Publishers,: Noida :, 2021; xiv, 415p.

According to this book, India's caravan trade with central Asia was at the heart of the complex web of routes making up the Silk Roads. But what was the fate of these overland connections in the ages of sail and steam? Jagjeet Lally sets out to answer this question by bringing the world of caravan trade to life--a world of merchants, mercenaries, pastoralists and pilgrims, but also of kings, bureaucrats and their subjects in the countryside and towns. The livelihoods of these figures did not become obsolete with the advent of 'modern' technologies and the consequent emergence of new global networks. Terrestrial routes remained critically important, not only handling flows of goods and money, but also fostering networks of trade in credit, secret intelligence and fighting power. With the waning of the Mughal Empire during the eighteenth century, new Indian kingdoms and their rulers came to the fore, drawing their power and prosperity from resources brought by caravan trade. The encroachment of British and Russian imperialism into this commercial arena in the nineteenth century gave new significance to some people and flows, while steadily undermining others. India and the Silk Roads is a global history of a continental interior, the first to comprehensively examine the textual and material traces of caravan trade in the 'age of empires'. By showing how no single ruler could control the nebulous yet durable networks of this trading world, which had its own internal dynamics even as it evolved in step with global transformations, Lally forces us to rethink the history of globalisation and re-evaluate our fixation with empires and states as the building blocks of historical analysis. It is a narrative resonating with our own times, as China's Belt and Road Initiative brings terrestrial forms of connectivity back to the fore--transforming life across Eurasia once again.

- 47** Faith, Unity, Discipline : the ISI of Pakistan/ Kiessling, Hein G. - **52857**  
HarperCollins,: Noida, Uttar Pradesh :, 2016; ix, 307p.

This book delves into the history and evolution of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), established in the aftermath of the Indo-Pakistani War of 1947-48 by British officer Major General Robert Caw Thorne, the then deputy chief of staff in the Pakistan Army, Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) for years remained an under-developed and obscure agency. In 1979, the organization's growing importance was felt during the Soviet war in Afghanistan, as it worked hand in glove with the CIA to support the mujahedeen resistance, but its activities received little coverage in the media. Offering fresh insights into the ISI based on intimate knowledge of its inner workings and key individuals, this startlingly original and provocative book uncovers the hitherto shady world of Pakistan's secret service.

- 48** Hostility : A Diplomat's Diary on Pakistan India Relations/ Basit, Abdul - **52858**  
Book Corner,: New Delhi :, 2021; 340p.

The book "Hostility" by Abdul Basit, former Pakistan high commissioner to India, provides a memoir of his tenure in New Delhi from 2014 to 2017, covering a challenging period in India-Pakistan relations. Despite initial optimism during Narendra Modi's first term as Prime Minister for improved ties, the narrative explores the subsequent deterioration in relations between the two countries. The memoir sheds light on the complexities and difficulties faced during a tumultuous era in diplomatic history.

- 49** Tiananmen Square : the making of a protest (a diplomat looks back )/ Gokhale, Vijay - HarperCollins India,,: Uttar Pradesh :, 2021; xv,183p. **52859**

This book describes an excerpt from a book where the author, Vijay Gokhale, recalls the dramatic events of June 4, 1989, in Tiananmen Square, Beijing. The narrative unfolds with the author being awakened by the sound of tanks and military vehicles moving down the Avenue of Eternal Peace at 5 o'clock in the morning. The chaotic scene involved citizens seeking cover, helicopters hovering above, and foreign media reporting Chinese troops firing into crowds with numerous casualties. More than three decades later, the Tiananmen Square incident remains an unforgettable chapter in history, shaping China's politics and its global relations. The Chinese government's response emphasized a commitment to market-oriented reform while asserting the supremacy of the Communist Party, signaling a reluctance to tolerate challenges to its authority. Vijay Gokhale, a young diplomat in Beijing at the time, offers a unique Indian perspective on this pivotal event, shedding light on a chapter that the Chinese government has been eager to downplay or forget, highlighting the enduring impact on China's political landscape.

- 50** The ultimate goal : a former R&AW chief deconstructs how nations construct narratives/ Sood, Vikram - HarperCollins India,,: Noida, Uttar Pradesh :, 2020; xvii, 349p. **52860**

The book "Ultimate Goal" by the former chief of India's external intelligence agency, the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), delves into the concept of 'the narrative' and its significance in shaping a country's strength and global position. The author underscores the crucial role that intelligence agencies play in constructing, sustaining, and controlling narratives, considering them indispensable tools of statecraft. The narrative, as explained, doesn't necessarily need to be based on truth but must be plausible, meaningful, and capable of creating a desired perception. Throughout much of the twentieth century, intelligence agencies influenced favorable narratives for their countries through various mediums like literature, history, drama, art, music, and cinema. In contemporary times, the book highlights the pivotal role of social media in manipulating, countering, or disrupting narratives, given its power to spread fake news, disinformation, and provoke reactions. The discussion emphasizes the evolving landscape of narrative control and the strategic importance of understanding and leveraging these tools in the modern era.

- 51** Implosion : India's tryst with reality: revised and updated 2019 edition: with an analysis of the Modi years/ Elliott, John - HarperCollins India,,: Noida, Uttar Pradesh :, 2015; xxiv, 572p. **52861**

This book provide revised and updated 2019 edition with an analysis of the Modi years India continues to punch below its weight, failing to achieve what it could and should be doing. It has the vast potential of a population of over a billion people, abundant natural resources and an ancient culture, yet it

constantly disappoints admirers and validates the views of critics. These failings have generated a widespread clamour for a better India, which, in part, led to Narendra Modi being elected India's prime minister in 2014, with an agenda for change that could begin to reverse the years of drift. But, as John Elliott elaborates in the new preface to this 2019 edition of *Implosion* that traces Modi's rise and his 2014 election victory, and with a long new chapter examining the BJP government's performance, Modi was not able to do what was needed to fulfil his 'achhe din' promise. Policies and initiatives have produced far less than was needed, and there has been a serious decline in social cohesion, with an acceleration of attacks on individual freedoms. India now has to choose between two sharply contrasting futures, says Elliott: to become a primarily Hindu nation, with Muslims and other minorities being regarded as second-class citizens; or to continue with the tolerant secular traditions set by Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister. The 2019 elections will decide which path India is to take.

- 52** *Revolutionaries : The others Story of how India Won its Freedom/ Sanyal , Sanjeev - Harper collins Publisher,: Gurugram :, 2023; xii, 351p. 52862*

According to this book the history of India's struggle for freedom is usually told from the perspective of the non-violent movement. Yet, the story of armed resistance to colonial occupation is just as important. Names such as Vinayak Savarkar, Aurobindo Ghosh, Rashbehari Bose, Bagha Jatin, Sachindra Nath Sanyal, Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhaz Azad and Subhas Chandra Bose are still widely remembered. Their story is almost always presented as acts of individual heroism and not as part of a wider movement that had any overarching strategy or significant impact on the overall struggle for Independence. In reality, the revolutionaries were part of a large network that sustained armed resistance against the British Empire for half a century. They not only created a wide network inside India but also established nodes in Britain, France, Thailand, Germany, Persia, Russia, Italy, Ireland, the United States, Japan and Singapore. At various points, they received official support and recognition from the governments of some of these countries. Even the internal dynamics of the Indian National Congress of the time cannot be understood without the revolutionaries, who enjoyed widespread support within the organization. This was no small-scale movement of naive individual heroism but one that involved a large number of extraordinary young men and women who were connected in multiple ways to each other and to the evolving events of their times. *Revolutionaries* tells their story, one that is replete with swashbuckling adventure, intrigue, espionage, incredible bravery, diabolical treachery and shockingly unpredictable twists of fate.

- 53** *West Asia at war : repression, resistance and great power games/ Ahmad, Talmiz - HarperCollins India,: Noida :, 2022; xxxi, 509p. 52863*

According to this book events in West Asia constantly demand global attention due to regional conflicts, faith-based divisions, sectarian violence and wars that are often ignited by external powers. Popular agitations for political, economic and social reform frequently make the scenario even more fragile, turbulent and uncertain. West Asia is a destination for millions of pilgrims to sacred sites venerated by the three Abrahamic faiths - Islam, Christianity and Judaism. It is also at the heart of global energy, trade and financial dynamics, the centre of logistical connectivity projects, and an emerging hub of technological research and development. As a new world order asserts its claims across Eurasia and

the Indian Ocean, West Asia is witnessing new diplomatic initiatives to reshape regional alignments and define the new order. Developments here are of abiding concern for India - it is closely tied to the region in terms of energy, trade, investment, logistical connectivity and the interests of its eight-million strong resident community. West Asia at War, written by veteran Indian diplomat Talmiz Ahmad, combines an understanding of the diverse forces that are shaping the politics and economics of this region, and paints a portrait that is at once grim, painful, colourful and exciting.

- 54** War without rules : China's playbook for global domination/ Spalding, Robert S. - HarperCollins India,: Noida :, 2022; xvi, 233p. **52864**

According to this study many Americans are finally waking up to the alarming reality of China's stealth war on the United States and puzzling over how to push back against its insidious infiltration. What few realize is that we have one real advantage in this war: the Chinese Communist Party strategy for total war has been written out in Unrestricted Warfare, the Chinese book, well known there, that has become their new Art of War. In War Without Rules, retired Air Force Brigadier General Rob Spalding takes Americans inside Unrestricted Warfare. He walks readers through the principles of this book, revealing the Chinese belief that there is no sector of life outside the realm of war. He shows how the CCP itself has promised to use corporate espionage, global pandemics, and trade violations to achieve dominance. Most importantly, he provides insight into how, once Americans are aware of the tactics, we can fight back against CCP's creeping influence. More than a vital read for those interested in China, War Without Rules is essential reading for anyone-from policymakers and diplomats to businessmen and investors-finally waking up to the stealth war. Knowledge is power, and it's time to arm yourself"--

- 55** The tiger of Drass : Capt. Anuj Nayyar, 23, Kargil hero/ Nayyar, Meena - HarperCollins India,: Noida :, 2022; xviii, 179p., 32 unnumbered pages of plates : **52865**

The book recounts the events of the Kargil insurgency in May 1999, initially perceived as routine until the revelation that infiltrators had captured high-altitude posts vacated by Indian soldiers during winter. Facing tactical challenges due to intelligence gaps, Captain Anuj Nayyar and the men of 17 Jat engaged in a month-long series of reconnaissance missions in the Drass sector. Engaging in a fierce battle over two nights in July, they secured a critical peak vital to Operation Vijay and India's success in Kargil. Amid heavy artillery fire, Captain Anuj Nayyar sacrificed his life, hit by an enemy rocket-propelled grenade during the assault on the fourth bunker. His heroic actions saved fifteen men, enabling them to complete the mission and raise the Indian flag on the peak. In recognition of his exemplary leadership and going beyond the call of duty, Captain Anuj Nayyar was posthumously awarded the Maha Vir Chakra, India's second-highest gallantry award, in 2000. The narrative celebrates his bravery and the pivotal role he played in the victory at Kargil.

- 56** India's wars : a military history, 1947-1971/ Subramaniam, Arjun - HarperCollins India,: Noida :, 2016; xi, 562p. 28 unnumbered pages of plates : **52866**

The book, "India's Wars," authored by serving Air Vice Marshal Arjun Subramaniam, presents a comprehensive account of India's military engagements, filling a void in standard narratives of contemporary Indian history. With a Ph.D. in Defence and Strategic Studies, Subramaniam aims to

accord due significance to India's military exploits. The book begins by outlining the growth of the armed forces and subsequently provides detailed and vivid descriptions of conflicts from Independence to 1971. This includes the 1947-48 India-Pakistan war, the liberation of Hyderabad and Junagadh, the campaign against Portuguese rule in Goa (1961), and the larger wars against China and Pakistan. "India's Wars" not only chronicles historical events but also serves as a tribute to the courage of the men and women in the armed forces. It emphasizes the need for declassification of national security materials and suggests ways to enhance synergy among the three services. Enriched with veterans' firsthand experiences, the book seamlessly integrates the strategic, operational, tactical, and human dimensions of war. Deeply researched and passionately written, it aims to reach a broad audience, particularly the youth, offering a fresh perspective on independent India's history.

- 57** Putin : His Life and Times/ Short, Philip - Penguin Random House,: UK :, 2022; **52867**  
x, 854p.

The book, characterized as "magisterial" by The Guardian and praised as "outstanding" by Ian Kershaw, provides an in-depth exploration of Russian President Vladimir Putin's personality and leadership. Despite being considered a pariah in the West, Putin holds the unique power to potentially bring the United States and Europe to a nuclear catastrophe. He has a track record of invading neighboring countries, meddling in western elections, and ordering assassinations. The biography challenges preconceived notions about Putin's Russia, revealing the autocratic and corrupt nature of the regime. Author Philip Short examines the forces and experiences that shaped Putin's obsession with restoring Russia's status as a great power, unbound by western rules. The narrative seeks to understand, rather than justify, Putin's dark regime, acknowledging its relentless pursuit of goals through any means deemed fit. The book prompts readers to reconsider long-held assumptions about global politics since the Cold War's conclusion, offering a nuanced and insightful perspective on Russia's enigmatic leader.

- 58** Kargil : untold stories from the war/ Rawat, Rachna Bisht - Ebury Press,: **52868**  
London :, 2019; xxv, 203p.

The book delves into the harrowing tales of courage and sacrifice in the treacherous mountains where some of the Indian Army's bloodiest battles, particularly during the Kargil conflict, took place. Authored by Rachna Bisht Rawat, "Kargil" unfolds narratives that answer perplexing questions such as why a group of stranded paratroopers would call for artillery fire on their own position. Through interviews with war survivors and families of martyrs, the book captures extraordinary human courage not only among the men in uniform but also among those who loved them dearly. Readers are immersed in the gritty stories of incomparable bravery, offering a tribute to the 527 young soldiers who laid down their lives during the Kargil conflict and the countless others who were willing to make the same sacrifice. The book serves as a poignant exploration of the profound impact of war on individuals and their families, revealing the resilience, love, and sacrifice that define the human spirit in the face of adversity.

- 59** China After Mao : The rise of a superpower/ DIkotter , Frank - Bloomsbury **52869**  
Publication,: New Delhi :, 2022; xviii, 390p.



"In China After Mao," award-winning historian Frank Dikötter provides a comprehensive exploration of China's transformation from a backwater economy in the 1970s to its current status as a global superpower. The narrative is built on an unprecedented foundation of previously undisclosed archival documents, offering insights from confidential party meetings to bank reports. The book unfolds a captivating, intricately detailed account of the era celebrated by both the regime and foreign admirers as an economic miracle. Focusing on the 'Reform and Opening Up' period spanning four decades, Dikötter reveals a story of contradictions and illusions, featuring elements like shadow banking, anti-corruption campaigns, extreme state wealth, and widespread poverty. The narrative delves into China's response to the 2008 financial crisis, its growing hostility towards perceived Western interference, and the evolution into a deeply entrenched dictatorship with an extensive security apparatus and an advanced surveillance system. Ultimately, Dikötter argues that the communist party's objective was not to embrace democracy but to resist it and ultimately overcome it, offering a nuanced perspective on China's complex journey to becoming a global power.

- 60** The Earth Transformed : An Untold History/ Frankopan, Peter - Bloomsbury Publishing,: London :, 2023; 736p. **52870**

"The Earth Transformed" by Peter Frankopan explores the pivotal role of the natural environment in global history, asserting that it is a crucial, if not the defining, factor not only in human history but also in the broader context of the planet. Frankopan, a renowned historian, examines various natural phenomena such as volcanic eruptions, solar activities, atmospheric and oceanic shifts, along with human-induced behaviors. The book takes readers on a journey from the origins of the human species to the present day, revealing how environmental factors influenced the development of religion, language, and the centralization of agricultural surplus leading to bureaucratic states. It delves into the historical consequences of growing demands for harvests, including the increased shipment of enslaved peoples, and explores humanity's long and deep history of trying to understand and manipulate the weather. The narrative not only provides insights into the past but also draws important lessons for the present and the future, particularly in the face of the urgent challenges posed by rapid global warming. "The Earth Transformed" compels readers to confront humankind's ongoing efforts to comprehend and navigate the complexities of the natural world.

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