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#### **Foreword**

The current issue of "New Arrivals: List of New Additions with Summaries" contains a list of New Books which were processed in the month of July, 2021 and available for use in the National Social Science Documentation Centre of ICSSR. In the main text, entries are arranged by Title, followed by bibliographical details and summary of the document. For easy retrieval Author and Keyword Index are also given at the end wherein number in front of Author or Keyword denotes to 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.

Ramesh Yernagula Director (Documentation) NASSDOC 1 Anarchy: The Relentless Rise of the East India Company/ Dalrymple, 51300 William.-- Bloomsbury Publishing: London, 2019; xxxv,522p.

The story of how the East India Company took over large swaths of Asia, and the devastating results of the corporation running a country. In August 1765, the East India Company defeated the young Mughal emperor and set up, in his place, a government-run by English traders who collected taxes through means of a private army. The creation of this new government marked the moment that the East India Company ceased to be a conventional company and became something much more unusual: an international corporation transformed into an aggressive colonial power. Over the next 47 years, the company's reach grew until almost all of India south of Delhi was effectively ruled from a boardroom in the city of London.

2 Backstage: The Story Behind India's High Growth Years/ Ahluwalia, Montek 51288 Singh.-- Rupa Publications: New Delhi, 2020; Xiv,434p.

This book captures the essence of policymaking between 1985 and 2014. Tracing the spectacular trajectory of Ahluwalia's life from its humble beginnings in Secunderabad to the corridors of power in New Delhi, this book is a classic insider's account of how the Indian story was shaped and script Ahluwalia played a key role in the transformation of India from a state-run to a market-based economy and remained a constant fixture at the top of India's economic policy establishment for an unprecedented period of three decades. The book traverses the politics, personalities, events and crises in India's recent history. It goes behind the numbers to bring alive the politics of reform, and how policy change was pushed through—at first, slowly, under prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, and then much more boldly in 1991 when the opportunity provided by a severe balance of payments crisis was seized for wide-ranging reform. Ahluwalia, who served as Commerce Secretary and finance Secretary during this crucial period, makes a convincing case for why, contrary to the accusations at the time, the reforms that formed part of the conditionality of the international monetary fund (IMF) programme in 1991, were home-grown and not thrust upon a reluctant India by the IMF. Ahluwalia discusses the successes and failures of the up a regime during which period he served as Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, a cabinet-level position. He presents the story behind India's spectacular economic growth in the first half of the UPA's tenure as well as its historic achievements in poverty alleviation. He also candidly discusses the policy paralysis and allegations of corruption that came to mark the last few years of up a 2. Narrated with wit, humour and remarkable intellect, backstage is a definitive contribution to India's economic and political history by one uniquely positioned to write it?

3 Black Warrant: Confessions Of A Tihar Jailer/ Gupta, Sunil and Choudhury, 51289 Sunetra.-- Lotus Collection: New Delhi, 2019; xxiv,178p.

Why a certain thing happened, what made a criminal a criminal, is his crime too big or small, does he/she have a human side, did the situation compel him/her to commit the crime or it was he born to be a criminal, whether he/she is a criminal in the eyes of law or a martyr of the people and the likes. These are a few of the many questions which Author has tried answering in the book. What is life like inside Asia's largest prison? What happens when a man is hanged, but his pulse refuses to give up even after two hours? Did Nirbhaya's rapist, Ram Singh, commit suicide or was he murdered? For the first time, we have a riveting account from an insider who has spent close to four decades as an officer at Tihar Jail during some of the most turbulent times in Indian political history. For the first time, he breaks his silence about all he's seen - from the first man he met in Tihar, Charles Sobhraj, to the controversies surrounding former CBI head, Alok Verma. Responsible for carrying out 'Black Warrants', Gupta witnessed 14 hangings, the most recent and his last, being that of Afzal Guru. Joining him is award-winning journalist Sunetra Choudhury whose recent book Behind Bars is a bestseller and took her deep inside the maze of prisons. Read this book for the most intimate and raw account of India's judicial and criminal justice system.

Clearing The Air: The Beginning and the End of Air Pollution/ Smedley, Tim. 51290
Bloomsbury Sigma: London, 2019; 320p.

This book tells us in compelling detail the causes and effects, impact and consequences of air pollution. "Read this book and join the effort to terminate air pollution."--Arnold Schwarzenegger, 38th Governor of California The story of what's happened to the air we breathe, the impact it has had on our health and what we can do to fight back. Clearing the Air tells the full story of what's happened to the air we breathe. Sustainability journalist Tim Smedley explains exactly what air pollution is, which chemicals are the dangerous ones and where they come from. He interviews the scientists and politicians at the forefront of air pollution research as well as those whose lives have been affected by smog. This ground-breaking book reveals the extreme instances of air pollution that have happened around the world, including London, Beijing, Delhi and LA, as well as examining recent stories like the VW diesel scandal. Globally, 18,000 people die each day from air pollution. For the most part, air pollution is anonymous; an invisible killer borne from the cars in our driveways and the industrial processes used to make stuff. but there is so much we don't know. Parents on the school run in their 4x4s have never been told that the pollution inside the car is 5 times worse than that on the street outside, or that studies show how air pollution stunts lung growth in children. Around the world, more than eight out of ten people who live in cities breathe in concentrations of air pollutants that exceed international air quality guidelines. The annual number of deaths--6.5 million--is far greater than those from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and car crashes combined, and it is getting worse. These problems can be solved, and the message of the book is positive. The overwhelming majority of air pollutants are local, short-lived, and can be stopped at source; the benefits to health, instant and dramatic. Many stories show how the fightback against air pollution can and does work, and we can all play a part to clear our air.

5 Costliest Pearl: China's Struggle for India's Ocean/ Lintner, Bertil.-- Context: 51301 USA, 2019; 325p.

This book tells us that what the importance of the Indian Ocean for China is The Indian Ocean's strategic importance to China cannot be underestimated, given the oil, African minerals and container traffic that pass through it. Yet, until now, China has been absent from the region since Admiral Zheng Ze. In the fifteenth century, Zheng's fleet had sailed through these waters, exploring and mapping, in a bid to extend the Celestial Empire's trading and tributary system. Beijing's re-entry into the Indian Ocean after 600 years is part of Xi Jinping's 'Belt and Road' megaproject. He is investing trillions of dollars in infrastructure projects around the Ocean rim, including a military base in Djibouti. This has touched off a new and dangerous confrontation. Ranged against China is an informal alliance of India, the US, France, Australia, and, predictably, Japan—Beijing's archrival in the Asia-Pacific. Bertil Lintner unearths this dramatic story, profiling the key players, examining the economic and naval balance of power, and scrutinising New Delhi and Beijing's intense competition for the allegiance of small island nations. China is in the Indian Ocean for the long haul, and the entry of bigpower politics into this sensitive maritime region will shape its future for decades to come.

6 Deadliest Enemy: Our War Against Killer Germs/ Osterholm, Michael T and 51291 Olshaker, Mark.-- John Murray: London, 2020; xxiii,341p.

This Book tells us about major infectious diseases issues. A world-leading epidemiologist shares his stories from the front lines of our war on infectious diseases and explains how to prepare for epidemics that can challenge the world order. Every new development--from exploding human and animal populations to trade and travel--intensifies our susceptibility to a devastating epidemic. Ironically, a pandemic on the scale of the 1918 flu that killed perhaps a hundred million people would be deadlier today, despite a century of medical advances. As the current Zika epidemic proves, we are wholly unprepared for these diseases. So what can and must--we do to protect ourselves against mankind's Deadliest Enemy? Separating experience-borne fact from mindless fear, Michael Osterholm and Mark Olshaker detail the plans and resources that must be in place when the unthinkable becomes inevitable. DEADLIEST ENEMY is high scientific drama, a chronicle of mystery and discovery, a reality check, and a plan of action.

7 Dreamers: How Young Indians Are Changing Their World/ Snigdha, 51287 Poonam.-- Penguin Books: Gurgaon, 2018; 270p.

This Book tells us how young India can change the future of India in every sector. More than half of India is under the age of twenty-five and the country is set to have the youngest population in the world by 2021. But India's millennials are nothing like their counterparts in the West. In a world that's marked by unprecedented connectivity and technological advancement, in a country that's increasingly characterized by ambition, political power and access, in an economy that appears to be breaking down the barriers to

wealth that existed for every previous era, this is a generation that cannot -will not - be defined on anything but their terms. They are wealth-chasers, attention-seekers, power-trappers, fame-hunters. They are the dreamers. Snigdha Poonam's remarkable cultural study of the unlikeliest of fortune-hawkers travels through the small towns of northern India to investigate the phenomenon that is India's Generation Y. From dubious entrepreneurs to political aspirants, from starstruck strivers to masterly swindlers, she travels - on carts and buses, in cars and trucks - through India's badlands to uncover a theatre of toxic masculinity, spirited ambition and a kind of hunger for change that is bound to drive the future of our country. These young Indians aren't just changing their world - they're changing yours.

8 Education and the Commercial Mindset/ Abrams, Samuel E.-- Harvard 51306 University Press: Cambridge, 2016; 417p.

This Book tells us the impact of market forces on public education. America's commitment to public schooling once seemed unshakable. But today the movement to privatize K-12 education is stronger than ever. Samuel E. Abrams examines the rise of market forces in public education and reveals how a commercial mindset has taken over. "[An] outstanding book." --Carol Burris, Washington Post "Given the near-complete absence of public information and debate about the stealth effort to privatize public schools, this is the right time for the appearance of [this book]. Samuel E. Abrams, a veteran teacher and administrator, has written an elegant analysis of the workings of market forces in education." --Diane Ravitch, New York Review of Books "Education and the Commercial Mindset provide the most detailed and comprehensive analysis of the school privatization movement to date. Students of American education will learn a great deal from it." --Leo Casey, Dissent.

9 How to Lose a Country: The Seven Steps From Democracy To Dictatorship/ 51292 Temelkuran, Ece.-- 4th Estate: London, 2019; 282p.

This book is downright masterful. Temelkuran explains how democracy can deteriorate into a dictatorship. An urgent call to action from one of Europe's most well-regarded political thinkers. How to Lose a Country: The 7 Steps from Democracy to Dictatorship is a field guide to spotting the insidious patterns and mechanisms of the populist wave sweeping the globe - before it's too late. 'It couldn't happen here' Ece Temelkuran heard reasonable people in Britain say it the night of the Brexit vote. She heard reasonable people in America say it the night Trump's election was soundtracked by chants of 'Build that wall.' She heard reasonable people in Turkey say it as Erdoğan rigged elections, rebuilt the economy around cronyism, and labelled his opposition as terrorists. How to Lose a Country is an impassioned plea, a warning to the world that populism and nationalism don't march fully formed into government; they creep. Award-winning author and journalist Ece Temelkuran, identify the early warning signs of this phenomenon, sprouting up across the world from Eastern Europe to South America, to define a global pattern, and arm the reader with the tools to root it out. Proposing alternative, global answers to the pressing – and too often paralysing – political questions of our time, Temelkuran explores the insidious idea of 'real people, the infantilisation of language and debate, the way laughter can prove a false friend and the dangers of underestimating one's opponent. She weaves memoir, history and clear-sighted argument into an urgent and eloquent defence of democracy. No longer can the reasonable comfort themselves with 'it couldn't happen here.' It is happening. And soon it may be too late.

10 India Unlimited: reclaiming the lost glory/ Panagariya, Arvind.-- Harper 51293 Collins: Noida, 2020; xiii,290p.

India Unlimited is a very neatly written book. It touches on the various aspects needed for nation-building and helps in developing a perspective about the needed reforms. India used to contribute approximately a quarter of the world's GDP until 1700 CE. As recently as 1820, this share was a hefty 16 per cent. But the Industrial Revolution shifted the centre of gravity of the global economy towards the West. The pernicious, indeed exploitative, policies of the British added to this shift by greatly impoverishing India. India's policies during the first four decades following Independence denied it a rapid return to prosperity. But now that it has left those policies behind, opened up its economy and created a large GDP base, India can aspire to return to the prominent position it enjoyed in the global economy for so long. In The New India: A Reformer's Guide, one of the country's foremost economists, Arvind Panagariya, sets out a detailed pathway for India to regain its lost glory.

11 Industrial And Organizational Psychology Research And Practice/ Spector, 51286 Paul E.-- Wiley India: New Delhi, 2012; xxi,441p.

This book tells about how we can create a more productive and healthier workforce. Unlike any other book of its kind Industrial and Organizational Psychology Research and Practice provides an extensive and clear overview of the field without overwhelming today s I O, a Psychology student. Author Paul Spector provides readers with 1 cutting edge content and includes new and emerging topics such as occupational health and safety and 2 a global perspective of the field. Industrial and Organizational Psychology Research and Practice 6th Edition is available in alternate versions of eBooks and custom for professors and students.

12 Insurgent Empire: Anticolonial Resistance and British Dissent/ Gopal, 51294 Priyamvada.-- Simon & Schuster India: India, 2019; xiii,607p.

The author examines a century of dissent on the question of empire and shows how British critics of the empire were influenced by rebellions and resistance in the colonies, from the West Indies and East Africa to Egypt and India. Upsets received views to show how rebellious colonies changed British attitudes to empire Much has been written on how colonial subjects took up British and European ideas and turned them against empire when making claims to freedom and self-determination. The possibility of reverse influence has been largely overlooked. Insurgent Empire shows how Britain's enslaved and colonial subjects were not merely victims of empire and subsequent beneficiaries of its crises of conscience but also agents whose resistance

both contributed to their liberation and shaped British ideas about freedom and who could be free. This book examines dissent over the question of empire in Britain and shows how it was influenced by rebellions and resistance in the colonies from the West Indies and East Africa to Egypt and India. It also shows how a pivotal role in fomenting dissent was played by anticolonial campaigners based in London, at the heart of the empire.

13 Jalasamadhi: And Other Stories/ A. Sethumadhavan-- Ratna Books: Delhi, 51295 2019; 211p.

Sethu is one of the best contemporary storytellers in Malayalam. Sethu's novels and short stories have always straddled the worlds of the commonplace and the magical, keeping a fine balance. Long before magical realism became a buzzword, Sethu's stories took us to the supernatural in the most mundane situations. The stories in this collection unfold the familiar worlds, yet give us glimpses of strange shadows and lights just beyond our sight. Along with characters who drift between fantasy and the here and now, we have a common man like Munuswami, the protagonist of Jalasamadhi, who realizes that it is a bigger sin to induce someone to commit a crime than to commit a crime oneself. The characters who people Sethu's world take on layers of myth and legend, imagination and poetry but have one thing in common – they are with us long after we have kept the book aside.

14 Machiavelli: A Very Short Introduction/ Skinner, Quentin-- Oxford University 51285 Press: UK, 2019; 144p.

This book is about what Machiavelli think about politics and political leaders. Niccolo Machiavelli taught that political leaders must be prepared to do evil so that good may come of it, and his name has been a byword ever since for duplicity and immorality. Is his sinister reputation deserved? In answering this question Quentin Skinner traces the course of Machiavelli's adult life, from his time as Second Chancellor of the Florentine republic, during which he met with kings, the pope, and the Holy Roman Emperor; to the fall of the republic in 1512; to his death in 1527. It was after the fall of the Republic that Machiavelli composed his main political works: The Prince, the Discourses, and The History of Florence. In this second edition of his Very Short Introduction Skinner includes new material on The Prince, showing how Machiavelli developed his neo-classical political theory, through engaging in continual dialogue with the ancient Roman moralists and historians, especially Cicero and Livy. The aim of political leaders, Machiavelli argues, should be to act virtuously so far as possible, but to stand ready 'to be not good' when this course of action is dictated by necessity. Exploring the pivotal concept of princely virtue to be found in classical and Renaissance humanist texts, Skinner brings new light to Machiavelli's philosophy of a willingness to do whatever may be necessary - whether moral or otherwise -to maintain a position of power

15 Mapping the Great Game: Explorers, Spies & Maps in Nineteenth-century 51296 Asia/ Dean, Riaz.-- Penguin Viking: Gurgaon, 2019; xv,293p.

The fascinating story of the pioneers who explored vast regions of Central Asia, India and Tibet to create maps, and spy out the country for military and geographical reasons. The Great Game raged through the wilds of Central Asia during the nineteenth century, as Imperial Russia and Great Britain jostled for power. Tsarist armies gobbled up large tracts of Turkestan, advancing inexorably towards their ultimate prize, India. These rivals understood well that the first need for an army in a strange land is a reliable map, prompting desperate efforts to explore and chart out uncharted regions. Two distinct groups would rise to this challenge: a band of army officers, who would become the classic Great Game players; and an obscure group of natives employed by the Survey of India, known as the Pundits. While 'the game' played out, a self-educated cartographer named William Lambton began mapping the Great Arc, attempting to measure the actual shape of the Indian subcontinent. The Great Arc would then be lauded as 'one of the most stupendous works in the whole history of science'. Meanwhile, the Pundits, travelling entirely on foot and with meagre resources, would be among the first to enter Tibet and reveal the mysteries of its forbidden capital, Lhasa. Featuring forgotten, enthralling episodes of derring-do combined with the most sincere efforts to map India's boundaries, Mapping the Great Game is the thrilling story of espionage and cartography which shrouded the Great Game and helped map a large part of Asia as we know it today.

16 Messiah Modi?: A Tale of Great Expectations/ Singh, Tavleen.-- Harper 51305 Collins Publishers India: Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 2020; 296p.

This book tells us about the politics and political thinking of Narendra Modi (Prime Minister Of India). One of India's most influential columnists, and one not averse to controversy, Tavleen Singh was among the few mainstream 'Delhi' voices to see the Narendra Modi wave coming in 2014. In Messiah Modi, she details her early support for Modi the candidate, followed by a helpless disenchantment with Modi the PM and the cabinet he headed. She tells the story of his first term as it unfolded. From lynching's to demonetization up to Article 370, she gives an intimate account of her subject. In the 2019 verdict, and her own inability to get it right, she sees that she and her ilk have been swept to the margins of India; the masses of India speak in one voice, and that voice chants 'Modi'. And yet, there is a marked difference between her enthusiasm for 2014 and her acceptance of 2019 as she examines whether Modi delivered on the promises he made in his first term. Is he the messiah so many hoped he would be? This is Tavleen Singh's frank and forthright reckoning of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

17 Political Violence In Ancient India/ Singh, Upinder-- Harvard University Press: 51284 USA, 2017; Xvii, 598p.

This book tells us that nonviolence has existed in India or it's only a myth. Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru helped create the myth of a nonviolent ancient India while building a modern independence movement on the principle of nonviolence (ahimsa). But this myth obscures a troubled and complex heritage: a long struggle to reconcile the ethics of nonviolence with the need to use violence to rule. Upinder Singh documents the dynamic

tension between violence and nonviolence in ancient Indian political thought and practice over twelve hundred years. Political Violence in Ancient India looks at representations of kingship and political violence in epics, religious texts, political treatises, plays, poems, inscriptions, and art from 600 BCE to 600 CE. As kings controlled their realms, fought battles, and meted out justice, intellectuals debated the boundary between the force required to sustain power and the excess that led to tyranny and oppression. Duty (dharma) and renunciation were important in this discussion, as were a punishment, war, forest tribes, and the royal hunt. Singh reveals a range of perspectives that defy rigid religious categorization. Buddhists, Jainas, and even the pacifist Maurya emperor Ashoka recognized that absolute nonviolence was impossible for kings. By 600 CE religious thinkers, political theorists, and poets had justified and aestheticized political violence to a great extent. Nevertheless, questions, doubt, and dissent remained. These debates are as important for understanding political ideas in the ancient world as for thinking about the problem of political violence in our own time.

18 Real wani Kashmir's True Hero: A Definitive Biography of Lance Naik Nazir Ahmad Wani/ Chaturvedi, Sonal.-- Bloomsbury: Delhi, 2020; xx,245p.

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Book Description Shaheed Lance Naik Nazir Ahmad Wani dreamt of a peaceful and prosperous Kashmir. This book traces his journey from being a simple Kashmiri lad to a militant, a decorated soldier and a martyr, who laid down his life for his motherland. About the Author of two published books, Sonal believes that nothing comes out of pure imagination. There is always a link between fiction and reality-the events occurring in your life that inspire you to build up an imaginary world. Her books are also inspired by such reality. When she is not writing, she is busy living up to her academic commitments. Sonal, by profession, is a dentist with an MBA in hospital and health management from the Institute of Health Research and Management (IIHMR). Born and raised in Jaipur, she lives in Mumbai with her husband and a kid.

19 Risk and the Rupee in Pakistan's New Economy: Financial Inclusion and 51297 Monetary change In a Frontier Market/ Settle, Antonia.-- Cambridge University Press: New Delhi, 2020; 254p.

In a world of open markets and global trade, development thinking seeks stability and prosperity for the world's poor by expanding access to financial products. This book challenges the development sector's embrace of 'financial inclusion by exploring how the new risks and instabilities that accompany the pivot towards the global economy undermining the functioning of money itself. Cast against fundamental change in the monetary environment accompanying the globalisation of markets, the book examines the rapid liberalisation of money and markets in Pakistan. It argues that liberalisation has generated substantive problems not only for the central bank as guardians of the national currency but for ordinary households. By pinpointing how globalisation generates new risks for households in the everyday economy, the book reveals jarring contradictions between free markets and financial inclusion whilst challenging money theory by positing

substantive and empirically-grounded monetary contestation that demonstrates a burden of risk imposed on ordinary people, that is only exacerbated by financial inclusion.

20 Shadow City: A Woman Walks Kabul/ Khan, Taran n. -- Vintage: Gurgaon, 51298 2019; 239p.

This book tells us a story of Kabul that we expect to hear. For most Indians, Kabul is a city that is near, yet far-familiar, yet unknown. When Taran N. Khan arrived in Kabul in the spring of 2006, five years after the overthrow of the Taliban regime, she was earnestly cautioned never to walk. Her instincts compelled her to do the opposite: to take that precarious first step and enter the life of the city with the unique, tactile intimacy that comes from being a walker. She didn't stop until 2013 when she returned to India. In Shadow City, Taran N. Khan paints a lyrical, personal, and meditative portrait of a city we know primarily in terms of conflict and peace. As a Muslim woman raised in a small town in India, Taran discovered that she had access to parts of Kabul uncharted by travellers before her. The result reads like an elegiac prose map of the city, rich with surprises-from the glitter of wedding halls that shine like a bizarre version of Las Vegas; to the mental health hospital where women are abandoned and isolated but exist in a rare space of freedom and solitude; to the bookseller behind The Bookseller of Kabul, who sued Asne Seierstad for her portrayal of him and then published the rebuttal which he displays proudly in his shop window.

21 Super Economies: America, India, China & The Future Of The World/ Bahal, 51299 Raghav.-- Penguin Books: Gurgaon, 2015; xxi,392p.

This Book tells us what will be the position of India in the new World order in the coming future. Is India ready to emerge as a world leader Our times are characterized not by estranged Superpowers building formidable arsenals but by engaged societies building a robust global economy? Emerging countries are redefining the geo-economic and geopolitical dynamic. The twenty-first century will be led says Raghav Bahl by a handful of Super Economies large prosperous countries with a high growth rate ranking among the world's top trading partners commanding 15 to 20 per cent of global GDP having nuclear arms but using economic leadership to effect significant change. With its demographic advantage a surplus of skilled labour a potentially rising GDP a strategic geographic location and a new decisive political leadership India has every chance of becoming the third Super Economy after the USA and China. Drawing on history current affairs and political and economic analyses Super Economies projects how India can soon become a world leader and help secure a future of peace and prosperity for all. About the Author Often called the Rupert Murdoch of India Raghav Bahl is a journalist entrepreneur media baron and one of the most respected business leaders of India. He was the founder of Network 18 a highly diversified media company which he headed until 2014 when he exited to focus on his dream of creating a new-age digital media company besides spending more time on public affairs. Raghav has been felicitated at various national and international forums. In 1994 the World Economic Forum called

him a Global Leader of Tomorrow and he won India s Sanskriti Award for Journalism. Ernst Young named him the Entrepreneur of the Year for Business Transformation in 2007.

22 Unquiet River: a biography of the Brahmaputra/ Saikia, Arupjyoti-- Oxford 51282 University Press: USA, 2020; 602p.

This book tells us about the history of the Brahmaputra river and how this river affects human life. The unruly Brahmaputra has always been an agent in shaping both the landscape of its valley and the livelihoods of its inhabitants. But how much do we know of this river's rich past? Historian Arupjyoti Saikia's biography of the Brahmaputra reimagines the layered history of Assam with the unquiet river at the centre. The book combines a range of disciplinary scholarship to unravel the geological forces as well as a human endeavour that have shaped the river into what it is today. Wonderfully illuminated with archival detail and interwoven with narratives and striking connections, the book allows the reader to imagine the Brahmaputra's course in history. This evocative and compelling book will be interesting reading for anyone trying to understand the past and the present of a river confronted by the twenty-first century's ambitious infrastructural designs to further re-engineer the river and its landscape

23 Urban Headway and Upward Mobility In India/ Mitra, Arup.-- Cambridge 51303 University Press: New Delhi, 2020; viii, 192p.

Urbanisation in the literature of development economics is expected to bring in a spectrum of social and economic transformations. With this framework in mind, this book focuses on various aspects of urbanisation in India and its impact on socio-economic variables. The study has been conducted at various levels of disaggregation such as state, district and city and the data is sourced from population census, NSSO's surveys on employmentunemployment schemes and results and consumption expenditure, and primary surveys on slum households conducted by the author. Urbanisation is studied as a process particular to developing countries, contextualising it within the study of India. While this brings about gradual changes contributing to overall growth, the pace is remarkably slow. It brings to the forefront the resilience of the social system that can be mitigated through significant interventions into some of the economic variables. Various policy implications of the evidence-based research are discussed at the end of each chapter.

24 What China And India Once Were: The Past That May Shape the Global 51304 Future/ Elman, Benjamin and Pollock, Sheldon I.-- Penguin Random House: Gurgaon, 2018; 365p.

In the early years of the 21st century, China and India have emerged as world powers. In many respects, this is a return to the historical norm for both countries. For much of the early modern period, China and India were global leaders in a variety of ways. In this book, prominent scholars seek to understand modern China and India through an unprecedented comparative analysis of their long histories. Using new sources, making new connections, and re-examining old assumptions, noted scholars of China and India pair up in each chapter to tackle major questions by combining their expertise. What China and India Once Were details how these two cultural giants arrived at their present state, consider their commonalities and divergences, assesses what is at stake in their comparison and, more widely, questions whether European modernity provides useful contrasts. In jointly composed chapters, contributors explore the ecology, polity, gender relations, religion, literature, science and technology, and more, to provide the richest comparative account ever offered of China and India before the modern era. What China and India Once Were establishes innovative frameworks for understanding the historical and cultural roots of East and South Asia in the global context, drawing on the variety of Asian pasts to offer new ways of thinking about Asian presents.

When Nehru Looked East: Origins Of India-Us Suspicion And India -China 51283 Rivalry/ Frankel, Francine-- Oxford University Press: India, 2020; 360p.

This Book tells us about India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and his Foreign Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs from 1947 to 1964, set the framework of foreign policy which has remained India's reference point until the present. One of the most significant leaders of the twentieth century, Nehru came to power in the early years of the Cold War, determined to assert independent India's influence and interests in Asia and beyond. Drawing on the Nehru Papers, Francine Frankel's When Nehru Looked East reinterprets the doctrine of nonalignment with which Nehru is most closely identified to reveal its strategic purpose. Analyzing India-US and India-China relations during this period, Frankel explains how these parties came to distrust each other. From the outset. Nehru's vision of India's destiny as a great power collided with that of the US as leader and protector of the free world. He considered the US a rival in South and Southeast Asia and the Middle East and carried out active diplomacy to dissuade newly independent nations from joining US-led anticommunist mutual security alliances and instead follow India's example of non-alignment. He did not see a threat from the Soviet Union and believed, despite the dispute with China over the northern border, that India's approach would bring India and China together as advocates of Asianism to counter American penetration in the region. This historic miscalculation, manifested in the 1962 China-India War, overthrew the pillars of Nehru's foreign policy. Frankel provides the most authoritative account yet of the origins of India-US suspicions and India-China rivalries. Outlasting the Cold War, Nehru's worldview lived on in the mind set of successor generations, making it difficult for the US and India to form a strategic partnership and establish a natural balance in Asia

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