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What's New at the Library



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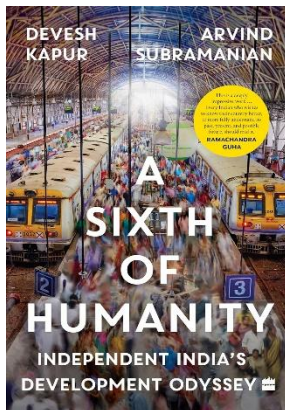
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1. A sixth of humanity independent India's development odyssey by Devesh Kapur



This is a deeply impressive work ... Every Indian who wishes to know their country better, to more fully understand its past, present, and possible future, should read it.--Ramachandra Guha

A brilliant and breathtaking tour de force. You will never think about India or economic development in the same way again. --Simon Johnson

India's journey has been distinctively 'precocious' in comparative terms. It opted for democracy before development and social change, promoted high-skilled services before and over low-skilled manufacturing and chose a globalization that favored exports of talented people and short-changed the poor. The socialist state became an inefficiently capitalist one before providing the public goods of physical infrastructure and human capital. The outcomes have been surprising, with the country achieving success in creating and sustaining democracy, albeit flawed, and maintaining a modicum of order.

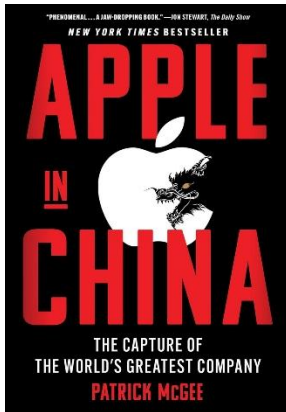
Four decades of economic dynamism and the emergence of a somewhat more capable Indian state has meant that it is able to build infrastructure and deliver the essentials of life to its population at scale-still not without disappointments, but a massive improvement over the past. Just as India's aspiration has lifted to building 'world-class' statues, temples, bullet trains, airports and digital systems, the undermining of some of the real achievements of democracy, federalism and nation-building stand in the way.

Pub: HarperCollins

Accession No: 158955

Call No: 338.954 K17S

2. Apple in China the capture of the world's greatest company by Patrick McGee



For readers of Walter Isaacson's *Steve Jobs* and Chris Miller's *Chip War*, a riveting look at how Apple helped build China's dominance in electronics assembly and manufacturing only to find itself trapped in a relationship with an authoritarian state making ever-increasing demands.

After struggling to build its products on three continents, Apple was lured by China's seemingly inexhaustible supply of cheap labor. Soon it was sending thousands of engineers across the Pacific, training millions of workers, and spending hundreds of billions of dollars to create the world's most sophisticated supply chain. These capabilities enabled Apple to build the 21st century's most iconic products—in staggering volume and for enormous profit. Without explicitly intending to, Apple built an advanced electronics industry within China, only to discover that its massive investments in technology upgrades had inadvertently given Beijing a power that could be weaponized.

In *Apple in China*, journalist Patrick McGee draws on more than two hundred interviews with former executives and engineers, supplementing their stories with unreported meetings held by Steve Jobs, emails between top executives, and internal memos regarding threats from Chinese competition. The book highlights the unknown characters who were instrumental in Apple's ascent and who tried to forge a different path, including the Mormon missionary who established the Apple Store in China; the "Gang of Eight" executives tasked with placating Beijing; and an idealistic veteran whose hopes of improving the lives of factory workers were crushed by both Cupertino's operational demands and Xi Jinping's war on civil society.

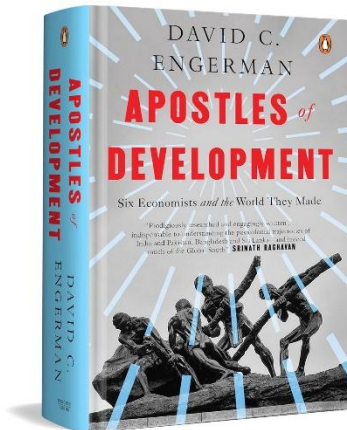
Apple in China is the sometimes disturbing and always revelatory story of how an outspoken, proud company that once praised "rebels" and "troublemakers"—the company that encouraged us all to "Think Different"—devolved into passively cooperating with a belligerent regime that increasingly controls its fate.

Pub: Simon and Schuster

Accession No: 158963

Call No: 338.7610040951 M478A

3. Apostles of development: six economists and the world they made by David C. Engerman



The battle against global poverty that began after World War II was a major undertaking engaging economists, engineers, and organizations. Featuring front and centre were six remarkable economists: Amartya Sen, Manmohan Singh, Mahbub ul Haq, Jagdish Bhagwati, Rehman Sobhan, and Lal Jayawardena, all born as colonial subjects in the British Empire and studied at Cambridge University. They represented a new figure on the world scene — the Third World development expert — and played a crucial role in global debates about poverty and development.

Apostles of Development examines their different economic doctrines and the ongoing debate surrounding economic theory in poor countries compared to rich ones. The lives of these apostles reveal how development did not begin with textbooks but with real-world attempts to solve very specific and pressing problems. Finally, the book emphasizes that development was a Global South project first and foremost, aiming to improve the conditions of the world's poorest countries.

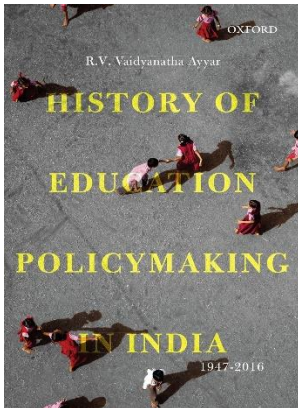
It challenges the conventional wisdom that sees development only as a tool of rich countries to dominate, or as proof of their humanitarian spirit. It argues that development succeeds not when it follows ideological prescriptions, but when it looks for what works. The fading of grand visions shaped by ideological concerns has been one of the lasting effects of the end of the Cold War. The book argues that the best way forward is determined modesty, focusing on practical matters, such as addressing gross inequality and insisting that development means more than just economic growth. Given the salience of questions of economic inequality and the constant visibility of the promises and problems of economic development in the world today, this is a timely and important read.

Pub: Penguin

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4. History of education policymaking in India 1947-2016 by R.V. Vaidyanatha Ayyar



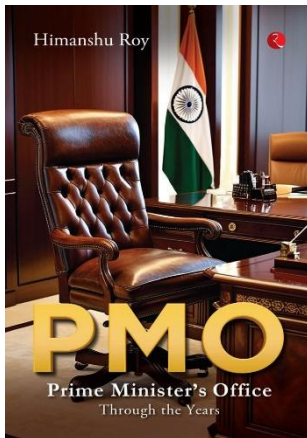
This book documents the history of education policymaking in India from 1947 to 2016. It provides a nuanced understanding of policy developments from the inception of the Indian Education Commission (1882) to developments in the field of education during the British era, and consequently the post-independence period. The book is particularly aimed at covering most major developments post 1980s and placing them in the context of existing political, economic, and social developments. It focuses on the systemic changes brought about in the education system as a part of the interconnected global trends of expanding democratisation, rise of private education, globalisation, and the birth of the knowledge economy. A comprehensive study of the organisation of education in our country, this book brings together the role of the state, private actors, central and state governments in furthering educational policy objectives. The book thus develops new insights into the processes and politics of policymaking within the shifting policy environment in India.

Pub: Oxford University Press

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5. PMO: Prime Minister's Office through the years by Himanshu Roy



The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has long been a subject of debate, curiosity, and scrutiny. Over the decades, it has evolved into a powerful institution within India's broader administrative framework.

But how did it come to wield such significant influence? This book traces the evolution of the PMO since India's independence.

Through meticulous research, it examines various facets of the PMO, including its operations, bureaucracy, and the expanding scope of its power. It unveils previously unknown details about the PMO's organizational structure, origins, and the factors that have shaped its development.

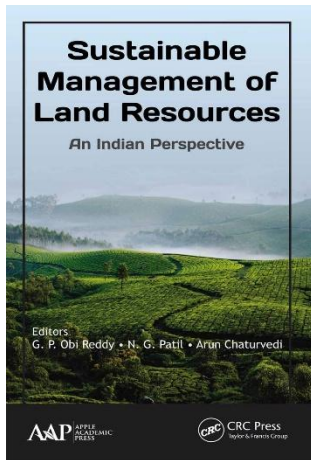
Additionally, the book explores the impact of different prime ministers—from Jawaharlal Nehru to Narendra Modi—on the PMO. It also assesses how political developments have influenced the PMO, and vice versa.

Pub: Rupa

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Call No: 352.23054 R888P

6. Sustainable management of land resources: An Indian perspective by G. P. Obi Reddy



The depletion of land resources is one of the greatest challenges for mankind in this millennium. Shrinking land resources, weather aberrations, deterioration of land quality, and the globalization and liberalization of market economies have become intertwined to influence the sustainable management of land resources and land use plans. This important volume, *Sustainable Management of Land Resources: An Indian Perspective*, addresses these challenges. This comprehensive volume, covering important research, much of it gathered with the use of new technology, tools, and applications, is organized into four sections: (add bullets)

- land resource inventory and characterization
- geospatial technologies in land resource mapping and management
- soil nutrient status and management
- land use planning and livelihood security

The volume looks at how scientists translate their knowledge and experience in sustainable land resources and management into implementable policy decisions, with a particular focus on India. Since India is an agrarian economy, the land resources assume a very critical role affecting the livelihood of a vast majority of populace in the country. The information gathered—and the methods by which it is gathered—is applicable globally.

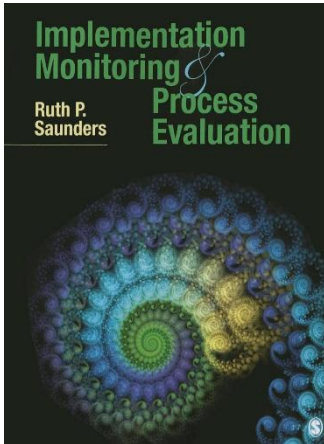
This comprehensive publication will be highly useful for the researchers, academicians, extension workers, policymakers, planners, officials of land resources survey, planning and management institutions/agencies/departments, and others.

Pub: Apple Academic Press

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7. Implementation monitoring process evaluation by Ruth P. Saunders



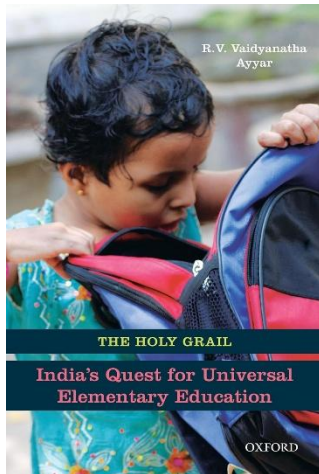
Implementation Monitoring and Process Evaluation by Ruth P. Saunders is a practical guide that helps readers understand and use the steps that program planners and evaluators take in implementing and monitoring a new program, policy, or practice in an organizational setting. The book covers the entire process, from planning, to carrying out the plan, and summarizing, reporting, and using the results. A wide range of real-world examples in the book are drawn from health, education, non-profit organizations, and public administration, and an extended case study, *Your Turn* boxes, and worksheet templates help readers apply concepts to their own projects. Ideal for practitioners, researchers, and students, this book can be used as a primary text for a process evaluation or an implementation monitoring course or as a supplemental text in a broader program evaluation course.

Pub: Sage Publications

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8. The holy grail India's quest for universal elementary education by R V Vaidyanatha Ayyar



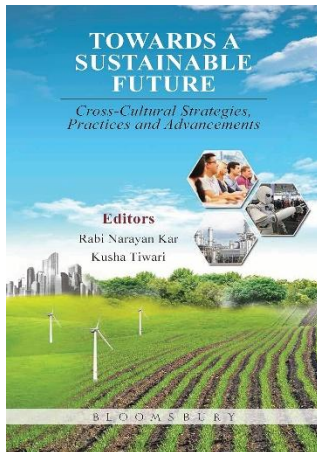
From being a country that accounted for a third of the world's out-of-school children, India has now brought down that statistic to a minuscule 0.3 per cent. Instrumental in bringing about this change has been educational policy-making. This volume is a rare peek into the internal workings of the education ministry and development agencies through the eyes of a bureaucrat who saw from close quarters how educational policy is formulated. The author locates the developments in the education sector within larger socio-political and global contexts. The book unravels the relations between Central and state governments in a federal polity and describes educational developments at the state, national and international levels. It traces changing trends in developmental cooperation, as well as the functioning of bilateral, regional and multilateral organizations like the World Bank. Using theoretical concepts of decision-making, negotiation theory and international relations, this book helps open the 'black-box' of policy-making in India.

Pub: Oxford University Press

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9. Towards a sustainable future by Rabi Narayan Kar



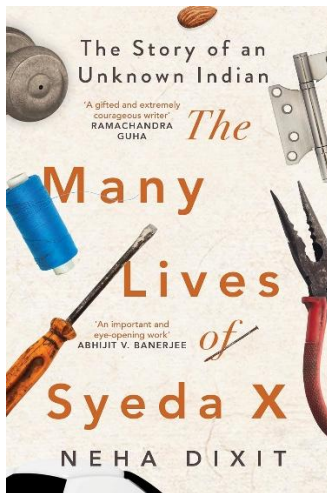
This book is a unique contribution to a growing body of literature on the comparative and international dimensions of sustainable development broadly understood. It provides an insightful treatment of the notion that culture has a foundation role in shaping and supporting sustainable development in its various dimensions: social, economic and environmental. This work further sheds powerful light on the long-standing Indian approach to mobilizing government, private players, and civil society, at large, in seeking to reconcile tradition and innovation and in instituting responsible business practices for the full range of stakeholders.... This text offers its readership the rare gift of combining traditional knowledge, often based on ethnic and traditional cultures, with modern research to achieve global sustainable well-being....”

Pub: Bloomsbury

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Call No: 338.927 K18T

10. The many lives of Syeda X: the story of an unknown Indian by Neha Dixit



What does the life of an ordinary working-class Indian look and feel like? In this outstanding book, the award-winning journalist Neha Dixit traces the story of one such faceless Indian woman, from the early 1990s to the present day. What emerges is a picture of a life lived under constant corrosive tension. Syeda X left Banaras for Delhi with her young family in the aftermath of riots triggered by the demolition of the Babri Masjid. In Delhi, she settled into the life of a poor migrant, juggling multiple jobs a day – from trimming the loose threads of jeans to cooking namkeen, and from shelling almonds to making tea strainers. Syeda has done over fifty different types of work, earning paltry sums in the process. And if she ever took a day off, her job would be lost to another faceless migrant.

Researched for close to a decade, in this book, we meet an unforgettable cast of characters: a rickshaw driver in Chandni Chowk who ends up tragically dead in a terrorist blast; a doctor who gets arrested for pre-natal sex determination; a gau rakshak whose sister elopes with Syeda's son; and policemen who delight in beating young Muslim men.

In the end, things come to a grotesque full circle for Syeda. Her life is upturned for the umpteenth time during the Delhi riots of 2020. But displacement, tragedy and hardships are the things she is used to – being poor and Muslim and a woman. Written with empathy and deep insight, this book is a portal to a harsh world hidden away from elite Indians. It is the story of untold millions and a searing account of urban life in New India.

Pub: Juggernaut

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