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What's New at the Library



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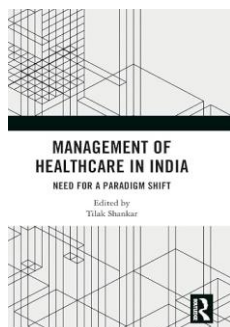
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1. Management of healthcare in India: need for a paradigm shift by Tilak Shankar



The book analyses the four key pillars of Indian healthcare – information, management, human resources and financing – to identify major systemic flaws and proposes practical, actionable solutions. It highlights how better resource utilisation can improve patient care, reduce costs and enhance access.

India's complex and multiple healthcare systems have proved incapable of delivering affordable care to its population. Acute funding shortage is one of the reasons for poor health outcomes. Public health, with its vast countrywide network, is hamstrung by a procedure-bound bureaucracy, which does not focus on patients. Private healthcare institutions offer excellent tertiary care on par with global quality standards but excessively focus on profitability. Non-profit healthcare organisations that offer succour to the underprivileged sections of society are faced with perennial funding challenges. India needs a strong public health system, robust non-profit healthcare institutions and high-quality private hospitals. The Indian hospital sector is now an attractive destination for investment. Private equity investments into private hospitals have made superior quality of care with state-of-the-art technology possible.

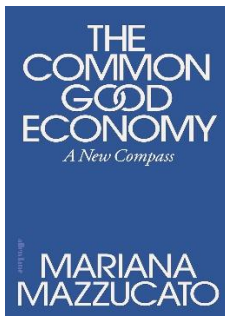
This book will be of interest to academics and practitioners in the field of medical sociology, history of medicine, health and development studies, healthcare administration and management and South Asian studies.

Pub: Routledge

Accession No: 159339

Call No: 362.10954 S528M

2. The common good economy a new compass by Mariana Mazzucato



Our economic system is broken. The climate crisis is accelerating. Inequality is deepening. Public trust is crumbling. Wealth concentrates in fewer hands while governments scramble to fix what markets can't do, rather than to shape them from the outset.

For too long, economics has treated 'the good' – whether public goods or the commons – as merely correcting market or government failures. This economic framing traps us in an endless cycle of being reactive, patching problems rather than proactively building the economy we need.

In *The Common Good Economy*, Mariana Mazzucato builds on her visionary ideas of the entrepreneurial state and mission-oriented policies to establish a new theory of the common good, one which allows governments and businesses to develop purposeful economic relationships, creating value and building spaces where human flourishing can happen. She argues that how we achieve collective goals – through collective action, participation and reciprocity – matters as much as what those goals are. The book provides a practical 'common good compass' to help navigate our economies in a radically different direction.

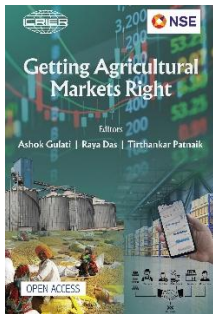
Full of compelling real-world examples, from governing water to transforming procurement and finance, this is a rigorous reimagining of economics and a manifesto for a future economy that serves people and the planet. It could not be more timely.

Pub: Alien Lane

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3. Getting agricultural markets right by Ashok Gulati, Raya Das and Tirthankar Patnaik



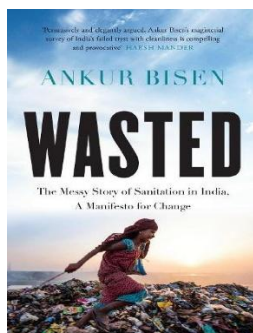
Getting Agricultural Markets Right presents a comprehensive analysis of India's agricultural marketing system and the challenges faced by farmers due to price fluctuations, climatic uncertainties, and inadequate post-harvest infrastructure. Small farmers with less than two hectares of land, who constitute nearly 86 percent of India's farming population, are particularly vulnerable to these risks, often leading to distress sales and unstable incomes. Edited by eminent economists and policy experts Ashok Gulati, Raya Das, and Tirthankar Patnaik, the book examines the evolving agricultural marketing landscape in India through 14 analytical chapters. It discusses the role of macroeconomic policies, institutional reforms, agricultural commodity derivatives, and market structures in improving price discovery and risk management. The volume analyses regulated, semi-regulated, and non-regulated agricultural markets covering commodities such as rice, wheat, sugarcane, maize, cotton, turmeric, and potato. It evaluates spatial and temporal market efficiency, value-chain structures in major producing states, and the role of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), commodity futures, and alternative marketing channels in strengthening agricultural markets. The book also highlights the transformative potential of technology and innovation in agriculture, including agri-tech start-ups, blockchain applications, digital trade platforms, and e-NAM. These case studies demonstrate how technological interventions can improve market access, reduce transaction costs, and enhance farmers' income and price realisation. This volume serves as an important reference resource for policymakers, agricultural economists, researchers, academic institutions, financial organisations, development practitioners, and students interested in agricultural policy, market reforms, rural development, and food systems in India.

Pub: Academic Foundation Press

Accession No: 159428

Call No: 338.18 G971G

4. Wasted the messy story of sanitation in India, a manifesto for change by Ankur Bisen



Urban India generates close to 3 million trucks of untreated garbage every day. If these were laid end-to-end, one could reach half way to the moon.

The need for attention to sanitation and cleanliness is both urgent and long-term. This book takes an honest look into India's perpetual struggle with these issues and suggests measures to overcome them. Historically, we have developed into a society with a skewed mindset towards sanitation with our caste system and non-accountability towards sanitation.

Through stories, anecdotes and analysis of events, this book seeks solutions to the current entangled problems of urban planning, governance and legislation, and institutional and human capacity building. Wasted traces interesting relationships between urban planning and dirty cities in India; legislative and governance lacunae and the rising height of open landfills; the informality of waste management methods, and the degrading health of Indian rivers, soil and air.

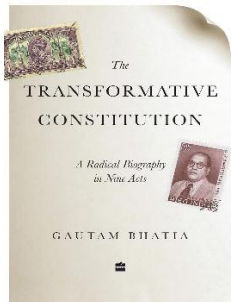
Arguing that all current solutions of India are extrapolated from these flawed beliefs and structures and are therefore woefully inadequate, Bisen draws a benchmark from clean countries of today. Underlining the need for inclusive human clusters, specificity in legislation, correction of existing social contracts and governance frameworks, creating a formal resource recovery industry in India, and the pursuit of diplomacy around this industry, this book shows how these solutions could lead us towards a brighter future and better social development.

Pub: Macmillan

Accession No: 159422

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5. The transformative constitution: a radical biography in nine acts by Gautam Bhatia



We think of the Indian Constitution as a founding document, embodying a moment of profound transformation from being ruled to becoming a nation of free and equal citizenship. Yet the working of the Constitution over the last seven decades has often failed to fulfil that transformative promise. Not only have successive Parliaments failed to repeal colonial-era laws that are inconsistent with the principles of the Constitution, but constitutional challenges to these laws have also failed before the courts. Indeed, in numerous cases, the Supreme Court has used colonial-era laws to cut down or weaken the fundamental rights.

The Transformative Constitution by Gautam Bhatia draws on pre-Independence legal and political history to argue that the Constitution was intended to transform not merely the political status of Indians from subjects to citizens, but also the social relationships on which legal and political structures rested.

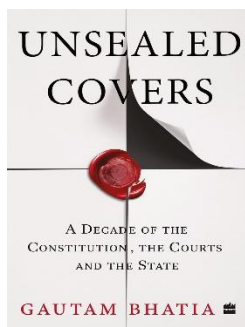
He advances a novel vision of the Constitution, and of constitutional interpretation, which is faithful to its text, structure and history, and above all to its overarching commitment to political and social transformation.

Pub: Harper Collins Publishers

Accession No: 159340

Call No: 342.54 B575I

6. Unsealed covers: a decade of the constitution the courts and the state by Gautam Bhatia



In *Unsealed Covers*, Gautam Bhatia provides a snapshot of the Indian judiciary between 2014 and 2023. The 2014 general election saw the installation of the first majority non-coalition government in many decades (the NDA). The 2019 general election saw its return with a greater majority. It is commonly accepted that the NDA years have generated significant conflict within and around various democratic institutions meant to act as checks and balances against majoritarian power.

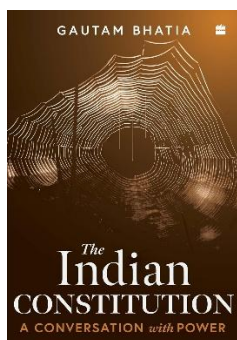
One of the most important theatres of conflict has been the judiciary-in particular, the Supreme Court. Critics have distinguished the Supreme Court's past assertive record with its quiescent and sometimes facilitative attitude towards the NDA government(s). *Unsealed Covers* provides a unique terrain where the actions of the judiciary and its relationship with the government are examined in terms of evolution and chronology. It also comments on some of the most important judgments of the past decade.

Pub: Harper Collins Publishers

Accession No: 159341

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7. The Indian constitution: a conversation with power by Gautam Bhatia



Ever since its creation, the Indian Constitution has been a deeply studied document. It has been discussed and dissected by citizens, scholars, lawyers and politicians.

The Indian Constitution: Conversations with Power takes a new approach in discussing the Constitution: as a document that creates, shapes, channels and constrains power. It shows how the seventy-five years of constitutionalism in India have been characterized by a drift towards centralized and homogenous power located within the union executive. It also examines how certain Supreme Court judgments, especially in recent years, have accelerated this drift towards centralization.

However, it is for us citizens to decide, ultimately, what vision(s) of constitutional power we want to adopt and give to ourselves.

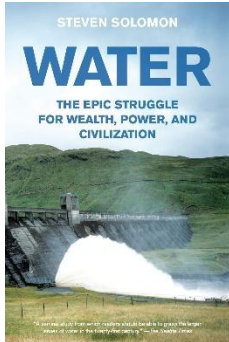
A timely and critical interrogation of the Constitution through the lens of power, this book asks certain fundamental, first-principle questions about the Indian Constitution that all Indian citizens need to think about.

Pub: Harper Collins Publishers

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8. Water the epic struggle for wealth, power, and civilization by Steven Solomon



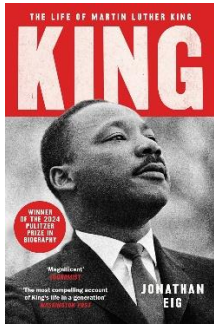
“I read this wide-ranging and thoughtful book while sitting on the banks of the Ganges near Varanasi—it's a river already badly polluted, and now threatened by the melting of the loss of the glaciers at its source to global warming. Four hundred million people depend on it, and there's no backup plan. As Steven Solomon makes clear, the same is true the world over; this volume will give you the background to understand the forces that will drive much of 21st century history.” —Bill McKibben In *Water*, esteemed journalist Steven Solomon describes a terrifying—and all too real—world in which access to fresh water has replaced oil as the primary cause of global conflicts that increasingly emanate from drought-ridden, overpopulated areas of the world. Meticulously researched and undeniably prescient, *Water* is a stunningly clear-eyed action statement on what Robert F Kennedy, Jr. calls “the biggest environmental and political challenge of our time.”

Pub: Harper Perennial

Accession No: 159408

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9. King: the life of Martin Luther King by Jonathan Eig



Vividly written and exhaustively researched, Jonathan Eig's *King* is the first major biography in decades of the civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr. – and the first to include recently declassified FBI files.

In this revelatory new portrait of the preacher and activist who shook the world, the bestselling biographer gives us an intimate view of the courageous and often emotionally troubled human being who demanded peaceful protest for his movement but was rarely at peace with himself. He casts fresh light on the King family's origins as well as MLK's complex relationships with his wife, father, and fellow activists. *King* reveals a minister wrestling with his own human frailties and dark moods, a citizen hunted by his own government, and a man determined to fight for justice even if it proved to be a fight to the death.

As he follows MLK from the classroom to the pulpit to the streets of Birmingham, Selma, and Memphis, Eig dramatically re-creates the journey of a man who recast American race relations and became its only modern-day founding father – as well as the nation's most mourned martyr.

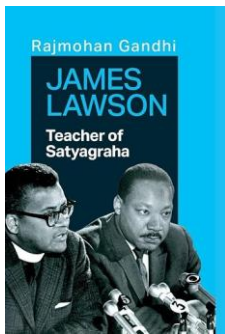
In this landmark biography, Eig gives us an MLK for our times: a deep thinker, a brilliant strategist, and a committed radical who led one of history's greatest movements, and whose demands for racial and economic justice remain as urgent today as they were in his lifetime.

Pub: Simon and Schuster

Accession No: 159343

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10. James Lawson: teacher of satyagraha by Rajmohan Gandhi



James Lawson (1928-2024) was a key figure in the American Civil Rights Movement who trained a generation of civil rights activists in the Gandhian philosophy and practice of nonviolent resistance. Yet his name rarely makes it into popular retellings of the movement, especially outside the United States. Drawing on conversations late in Lawson's life, historian Rajmohan Gandhi follows this son of a Methodist pastor from a small Ohio town, Massillon, through college debates, prison time as a conscientious objector during the Korean War, and into the circles of Martin Luther King Jr and Bayard Rustin. The pages move back and forth between family memories, local archives and Lawson's own words. A key episode in the story is Lawson's three-year stay in Nagpur in the 1950s, where, steeped in Gandhi's ideas and friendships with Indian and African students, he refined the methods of nonviolent direct action he would later teach in Nashville. His workshops there helped shape the famous sit-in campaigns against racial segregation-campaigns that spread across and helped transform the American South. This is a compelling, affectionate portrait of an extraordinary champion of love and justice, whose life and work have urgent lessons for our world today. It is a story of courage without theatrics, and faith without platitudes, told by the Mahatma's grandson-a scholar and thinker who came to it from across an ocean.

Pub: Speaking Tiger Books

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