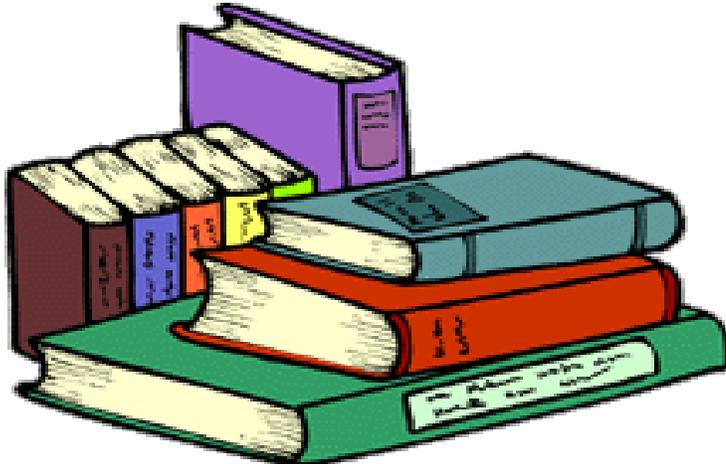


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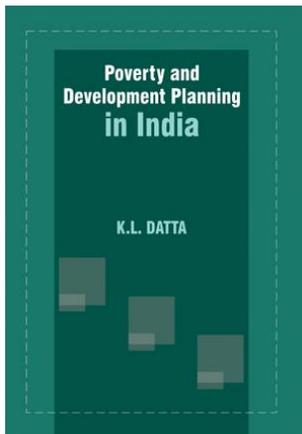
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# NEW BOOKS ADDED IN THE LIBRARY

## **1. Poverty and Development Planning in India/K L Datta**



This book covers a wide range of issues related to poverty and inequality in the context of development planning in India. It presents an account of the planning and development strategy at the backdrop of the measures to effect poverty reduction. It describes India's planning process and analyses the mathematical models of growth and investment, which are at the back of Plan formulation, and provides an account of the measures of poverty reduction. The centrality of this analysis is the transition from growth measures pursued until the 1970s, to a mix of growth and redistribution since the 1980s, and then to inclusive growth. This book covers four core areas. First, the treatise on mathematical models to chart out a growth path, the manner and method of using poverty as a parameter in the consistency type growth models and the analytical details of the changes in the planning strategy during the period of economic reforms contained here give seminal insights into the role of planning in poverty reduction. Second, it comments on the methodology of the measurement of poverty, comprehensively summarising the debates surrounding it. Third, the identification of poor and accrual to their income through 'direct attack on poverty' has been chronicled with a critique's eye. Here, a clinical examination of the specific

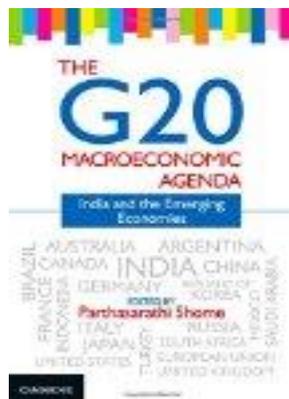
strategies and their outcomes, with a quantitative analysis of the general growth process and the income redistributive anti-poverty programmes is also done. Fourth, it undertakes a disaggregated quantification of poverty – at the regional level, in rural and urban areas, and by social and occupation groups. These reflect the stratified nature of Indian society, and are integral to the formulation of meaningful plan for poverty reduction. The issues addressed here are essential to understand poverty and inequality in India's rapidly growing economy. Many of them are contentious and have been dealt with academic rigour so as to enable a fair assessment.

**Pub: Concept Publishing**

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## **2. The G20 Macroeconomic Agenda/Parthasarathi Shome**



As the premier forum for global economic governance, G20 was successful in warding off the global economic crisis of 2008–09 and preventing it from becoming a full-blown depression. In its wake, G20 initiated a series of financial sector reforms and managed to achieve unprecedented global cooperation, by bringing together the G7 and newly emerging economies, for improved global macroeconomic management. As the global economy recovered in 2010, G20 expanded to include a development agenda in particular, achieving

food security, controlling commodity price volatility, recycling global savings to boost infrastructure investment, and enhancing energy and environmental sustainability.

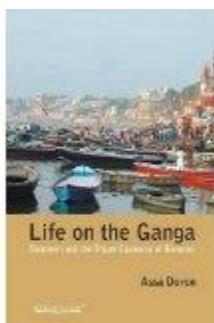
Despite the emergence of BRICS, there is no scholarly compendium on emerging economy concerns and perspectives set in the context of G20 reform initiatives and impasses. This book assesses the progress of the G20 with a focus on India. It discusses the role India has played in the success of the G20 process and, more importantly, delineates the possible barriers to India's enhanced involvement in the G20, and in global governance in general. As the global economy remains mired in uncertainties ? stemming from the Euro crisis, lacklustre economic performance in the United States, and slowing of major emerging economies ? this volume fills the need for a collection of analytical research papers from the perspective of emerging economies, and takes stock of the performance of the G20 thus far. It also points towards the unresolved issues and the future course of action in global financial and macroeconomic stance.

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### **3. Life on the Ganga/Assa Doron**



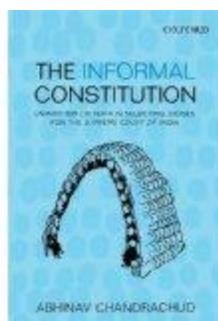
The Book is a unique study of how the disadvantaged and the marginalized communities of India subvert structures of authority and negotiate social and governmental systems that have excluded them for centuries. Life on Ganga makes politics come alive, detailing the dramatic ways in which the boatman of Banaras empower themselves and creatively use the traditional ritual economy of one of the world's most visited and sacred cities.

**Pub:Foundation Books**

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**4. The Informal Constitution//Abhinav Chandrachud**



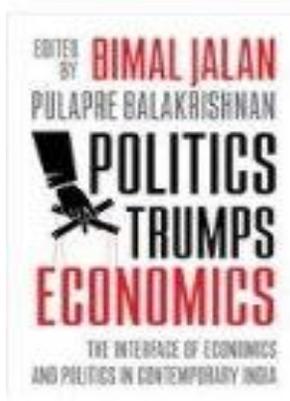
Between 1950 and 2009, 189 judges (including 37 Chief Justices) served on the Supreme Court of India, dubbed one of the world's most powerful courts. Not enough is known of who these judges were and the criteria that were used to select them for the court, especially of those who served on the court in relatively recent times. Broadly speaking, the Indian constitution formally provides that three types of individuals can be appointed to the Supreme Court: (1) High Court judges of five years' standing, (2) High Court lawyers of ten years' standing, or (3) "distinguished jurists", i.e. law professors or others. However, this says very little, perhaps nothing, about the kind of candidates that are selected for appointment to the court. Informal norms have evolved over a period of sixty years which co-exist alongside formal constitutional rules-norms that govern who will be considered fit and eligible for appointment to the Supreme Court of India. In this study, the author has aimed to quantitatively and qualitatively demonstrate that three informal eligibility criteria in particular are used to select judges for the Supreme Court of India, i.e. criteria that have not been formally specified in any constitutional document: (1) a judge should be of the age of 55 or above at the time he is considered for appointment to the Supreme Court, (2) he should be a senior High Court judge or, especially over the last twenty years, a High Court Chief Justice, (3) judges should reflect the geographic (and demographic) diversity of India, i.e. judges are selected for the Supreme Court by taking into account the state or region they belong to, and whether they belong to non-traditional backgrounds, i.e. in terms of religion, caste, or gender.

**Pub: Oxford University Press**

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## **5. Polits Trumps Economics/Bimal Jalan**



In India a globally impressive talent pool co-exists with the highest incidence of poverty in the world. The engaged citizen is aware of this situation, wants to know how it has come to be, and what can be done to improve it. That the country's full potential is not being realized to make for a dynamic economy and acceptable living conditions for her people points to something beyond economics being at play. And this is the ever-present politics.

In this volume, edited by Bimal Jalan and Pulapre Balakrishnan, twelve professionals illuminate the interface between politics and economics in the country, illustrating in the process how their interaction will determine the path that India will take. Among the subjects discussed are the implications of the emergence of coalition governments as the norm, the rise of civic activism, the tension between identity politics and development, and the nature of the discourse on the informal sector. The essays also offer possible solutions to end corruption in administration, and identify the strategic factors in achieving inclusive growth.

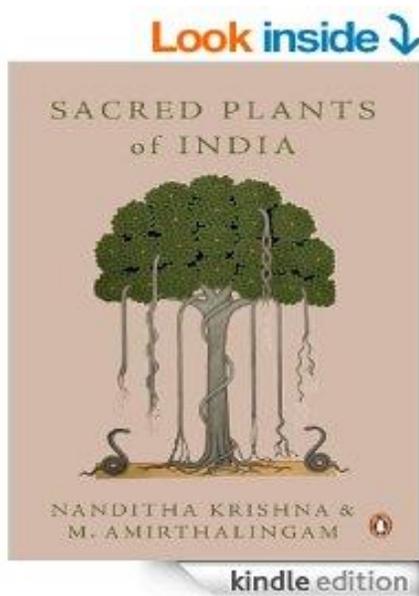
With contributions from Meghnad Desai, Dipankar Gupta, Poonam Gupta, Ashima Goyal, Ravi Kanbur, Sunil Mani, T.T. Ram Mohan, Deepak Mohanty, Samuel Paul and M. Govinda Rao, Politics Trumps Economics is an incisive comment on how politics can influence the outcome of the most well-intentioned of economic policies.

**Pub: Rainlight Publishing**

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## **6. Sacred Plants of India/Nanditha Krishna**



Plants personify the divine— The Rig Veda (X.97)

Trees and plants have long been held sacred to communities the world over. In India, we have a whole variety of flora that feature in our myths, our epics, our rituals, our worship and our daily life. There is the pipal, under which the Buddha meditated on the path to enlightenment; the banyan, in whose branches hide spirits; the ashoka, in a grove of which Sita sheltered when she was Ravana's prisoner; the tulsi, without which no Hindu house is considered complete; the bilva, with whose leaves it is possible to inadvertently worship Shiva. Before temples were constructed, trees were open-air shrines sheltering the deity, and many were symbolic of the Buddha himself.

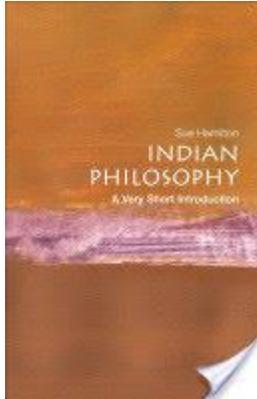
Sacred Plants of India systematically lays out the sociocultural roots of the various plants found in the Indian subcontinent, while also asserting their ecological importance to our survival. Informative, thought-provoking and meticulously researched, this book draws on mythology and botany and the ancient religious traditions of India to assemble a detailed and fascinating account of India's flora.

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## **7. Indian Philosophy/Sue Hamilton**



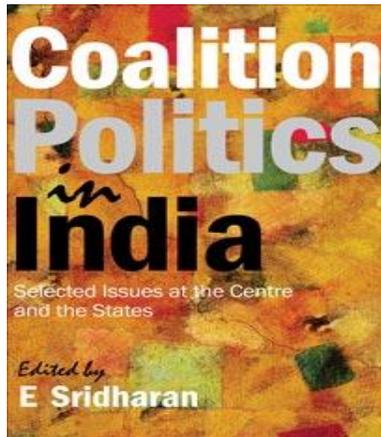
India has a long, rich, and diverse tradition of philosophical thought, spanning some two and a half millennia and encompassing several major religious traditions. This Very Short Introduction emphasizes the diversity of Indian thought, and is structured around six schools which have achieved classic status. Sue Hamilton explores how the traditions have attempted to understand the nature of reality in terms of an inner or spiritual quest, and introduces distinctively Indian concepts such as karma and rebirth. She also shows how Indian thinkers have understood issues of reality and knowledge -- issues which are also an important part of the Western philosophical tradition. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

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## **8. Coalition Politics in India/E Sridharan**



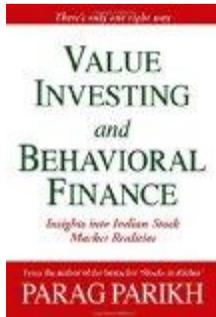
India is in an era of coalition politics in which state politics plays a major role. This compact book breaks new ground in empirical discoveries about the basis of stable coalitions in Indian states, and also theorises the viability of multi-party coalition governments at the national level in comparative perspective, and examines the dynamics of competition and coalition formation. It consists of two chapters on national-level coalitions and five chapters on states that have had significant experience of coalition politics—West Bengal, Kerala, Punjab, Maharashtra and Bihar. All chapters are based on extensive data collection and interview-based fieldwork with political actors. The key findings are summarised in the concluding chapter, that is, there is a clear pattern across states to the stability of coalitions at the state level over time, and consists of two central factors—stable pre-electoral seat-sharing and portfolio-sharing arrangements.

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## **9. Value investing and behavioural Finance/Parag Parikh**



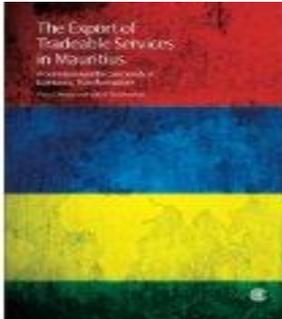
For Indian investors especially, the book is a must read!" Hersh Shefrin Author of Beyond Greed and Fear "...Extremely informative...complete in the coverage of all areas of investor behavior and behavioral trends..." Y. M. Deosthalee CFO, Larsen & Toubro Ltd. "...Provides the reader with the much needed framework to help him carve his way to wealth by investing intelligently." Harsh C. Mariwala Chairman & MD, Marico Ltd. "...A timely book offering a pragmatic way of understanding market behaviour and enabling better investment decisions." Ashok M. Advani Chairman & MD, Blue Star Ltd. "...Parag Parikh has taken the best of the recent research in behavioral finance and has successfully applied its models to the Indian stock markets." Sanjay Bakshi Visiting Professor, MDI, Gurgaon "...A guide on how to retain your cool in the times of meltdown..." Bachi Karkaria, Consulting Editor, The Times of India "When others are greedy be fearful and when others are fearful be greedy"-- ill-timed bouts of greed and fear among investors make stock markets volatile. Rational and successful investing is all about restraining and channelizing these emotions and understanding behavioral finance, not market sentiments, crowd behavior or company performances. At a time when market upheavals are eroding investors' confidence, dooming life's earnings and corporate fortunes, and whipping up mass hysteria— Value Investing and Behavioral Finance comes as an antidote to investor anxiety and a guide to sane and safe investment

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## **10. The Export of Tradable services in Mauritius/Percy S Mistry**



How can developing country governments seek to initiate the economic transformation that so many desire? For many countries the dramatic shift from low to high added-value activities will involve the export of tradable services, particularly professional services. The authors look in detail at the services-driven economic transformation that is occurring in Mauritius and make specific recommendations for improvements in infrastructure, human resource capacity and the regulatory environment. The service sectors examined here—financial services, information and communication technologies, health care services, and human resources services—offer lessons that have much to teach economic planners in other developing country economies.

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