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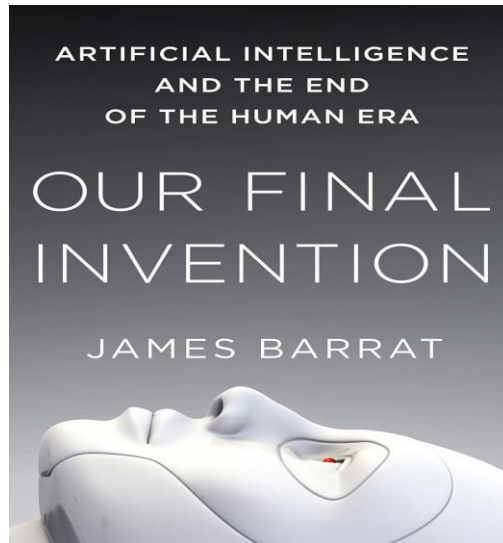


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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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Our final invention: artificial intelligence and the end of human era

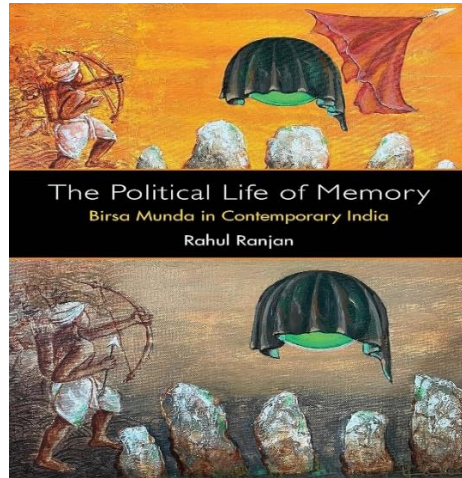
Author: Barrat James
Publisher: New York: Thomas Dunne, 2013
Description: 322p.
Accession no. 89113

In as little as a decade, AI could match and then surpass human intelligence. Corporations and government agencies are pouring billions into achieving AI's Holy Grail human-level intelligence.

Through profiles of tech visionaries, industry watchdogs and groundbreaking AI systems, *Our Final Invention* explores the perils of the heedless pursuit of advanced AI. Until now, human intelligence has had no rival. Can we coexist with beings whose intelligence dwarfs our own? And will they allow us to?

BIOGRAPHY

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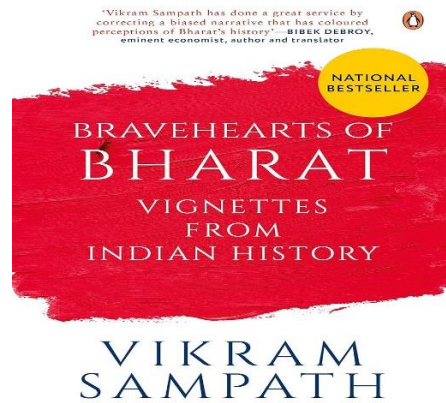
The political life of memory: Birsa Munda in contemporary India

Author: Rahul Ranjan
Publisher: New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2022
Description: 296p.
Accession no. 89043

This book examines the representation of Birsa's political life, memory politics and the making of anticolonialism in contemporary Jharkhand. It offers contrasting features of political imaginations deployed in developing memorial landscapes.

The book argues that everyday politics through affective sites such as memorials and statues produce political visions, emotions, and opportunities. It shows how such symbolic sites are often strategically placed and politically motivated to inscribe ideologies. This process outlines how the state and Adivasi use memory as a political tool to lay claims to the past of the Birsa Movement.

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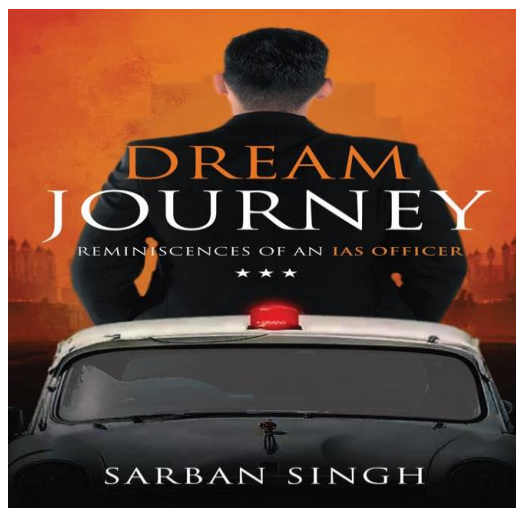
Bravehearts of Bharat: vignettes from Indian history

Author: Vikram Sampath
Publisher: Gururam: Penguin, 2022
Description: 334p.
Accession no. 89123

Fifteen Brave Men and Women of Bharat who Never Succumbed to the Challenges of Invaders But were Lost and Forgotten in the Annals of History. These are the stories of those Bravehearts who Fought to Protect their Rights, Faith and Freedom.

Exploring the lives, times and works of the fifteen long-forgotten and mostly neglected unsung heroes and heroines of our past, this book brings to light the contribution of the warriors who not only donned armour and burst forth into the battlefield but also kept the flame of hope alive under adverse circumstances.

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Dream journey: reminiscences of an IAS Officer

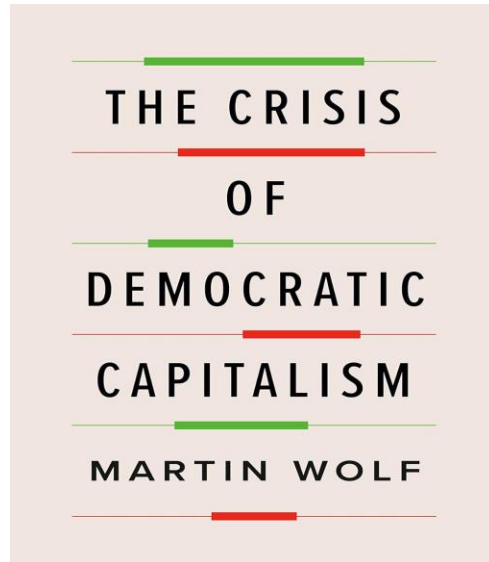
Author: Sarban Singh
Publisher: Gurugram: White Falcon, 2022
Description: 274p.
Accession no. GR24762

The act of attempting to write a book, even while it is unpremeditated, stems from my instinctive desire to narrate the incidents and the events of my life that may induce reader's curiosity to know the kind of efforts one makes, challenges one faces, hurdles one crosses, and the encounters one experiences in achieving one's cherished goal, and once the 'dream come true', the kind of trajectory that follows.

The book may be of interest to those who aspire to join the civil service, who are part of the civil service, and who want to have some glimpses of the ringside view of the administration, as presented by an insider (unpretentious).

DEMOCRACY

5.



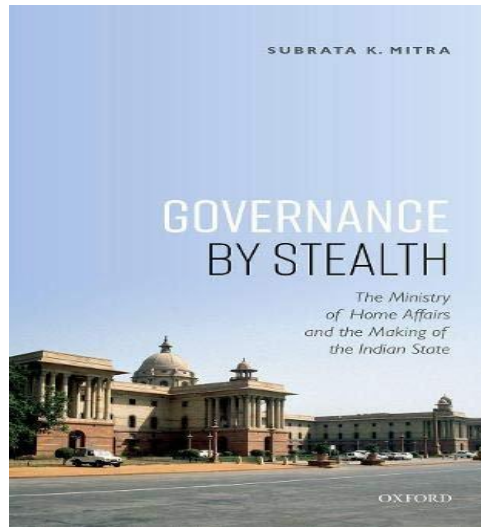
The crisis of democratic capitalism

Author: Martin Wolf
Publisher: London: Allen Lane, 2023
Description: 474p.
Accession no. 89070

Martin Wolf has long been one of the wisest voices on global economic issues. He has rarely been called an optimist, yet he has never been as worried as he is today. Liberal democracy is in recession, and authoritarianism is on the rise. The ties that ought to bind open markets to free and fair elections are threatened, even in democracy's heartlands, the United States and England.

This book is a forceful rejoinder to both views. Even as it offers a deep, lucid assessment of why this marriage has grown so strained, it makes clear why a divorce of capitalism from democracy would be a calamity for the world.

6.



Governance by stealth: the Ministry of Home Affairs and the making of the Indian State

Author: Subrata K. Mitra
Publisher: New Delhi: Oxford Univ. Press, 2021
Description: 476p.
Accession no. 89122

India's Ministry of Home Affairs, with its striking durability, and ability to adapt to the transition from colonial rule to post-colonial governance, is a remarkable example of institutional resilience.

Following the end of colonial rule in 1947, the Home Department, still ensconced in the majestic North Block of Delhi, mutated into the Home Ministry of the Indian Republic. How a colonial institution whose key task was to hold Indian nationalism at bay became the architect of the post-colonial state and nation, is one of the main questions to which I respond in this book.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

7.

edited by S. Mahendra Dev



India Development report 2022

Author: Dev S. Mahendra
Publisher: New Delhi: Oxford Univ. Press, 2022
Description: 383p.
Accession no. 89121

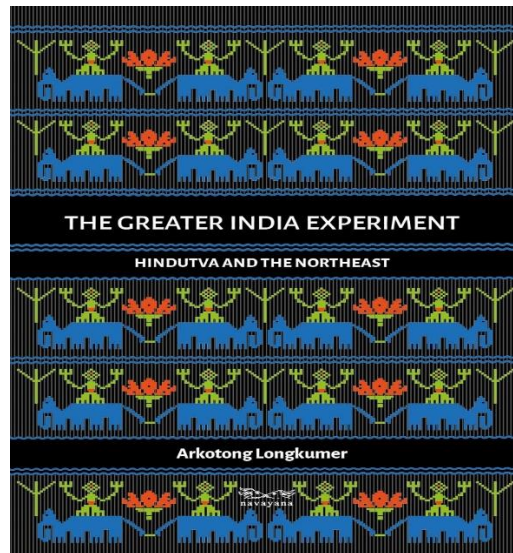
The India Development Report (IDR) 2022 provides an independent assessment of the Indian economy including contemporary problems, issues, and policies.

The papers in this report deal with issues such as unemployment challenge, declining labour share, technology, and future of jobs and women at work.

This report presents detailed and holistic view of the Indian Economy. Apart from other topics, it also focuses on the unprecedented situation of COVID-19 which had brought our way of life to an almost complete stop.

HINDUISM

8.



The Greater India Experiment: Hindutva and Northeast

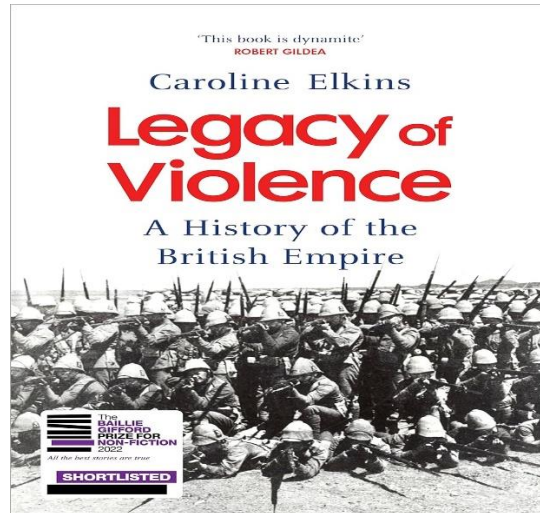
Author: Arkotong Longkumar
Publisher: New Delhi: Navayana, 2022
Description: 321p.
Accession no. 89119

What does Hindutva knowledge production look like in the largely Christian Northeast? Arkotong Longkumer spends time with people from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and its affiliates in the region to understand their operations. Going beyond the organization's programmatic ideological stance, he brings to life a wide cast of characters, their relationships and their stories.

The Greater India Experiment is a forensic examination of Hindutva's effort to forge a singular identity among the diverse peoples of Northeast India.

HISTORY

9.



Legacy of violence: a history of the British empire

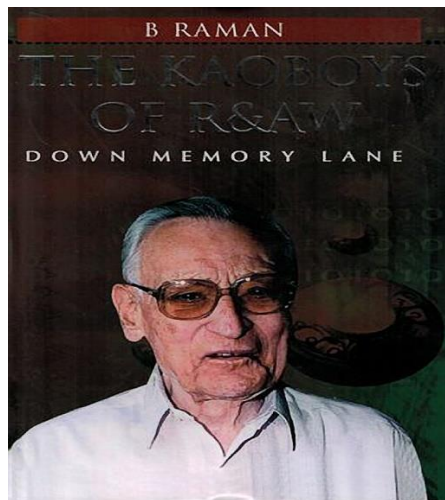
Author: Caroline Elkins
Publisher: London: Penguin, 2022
Description: 875p.
Accession no. 89120

Spanning more than two hundred years of history, Caroline Elkins reveals an evolutionary and racialized doctrine that espoused an unrelenting deployment of violence to secure and preserve British imperial interests.

She outlines how ideological foundations of violence were rooted in Victorian calls for punishing indigenous peoples who resisted subjugation, and how over time this treatment became increasingly systematised.

INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

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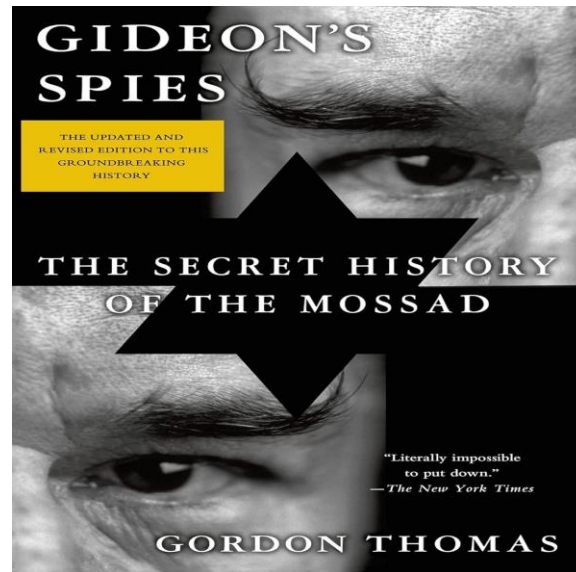
The Kaoboy's of R&AW: down memory lane

Author: B. Raman
Publisher: New Delhi: Lancer, 2007
Description: 294p.
Accession no. 89114

This book deals largely with those aspects of the working of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), of which the author had personal knowledge while serving in the organization for 26 years.

The book traverses through India's contemporary history—most importantly the 1971 war; insurgency in the Northeast, Punjab, and Kashmir; the Emergency; the war in Afghanistan; and the intelligence imperatives and dispensation under Indira Gandhi, Morarji Desai, Rajiv Gandhi, V.P. Singh, Chandra Shekhar, and Narasimha Rao.

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Gideon's Spies: the secret history of the Mossad

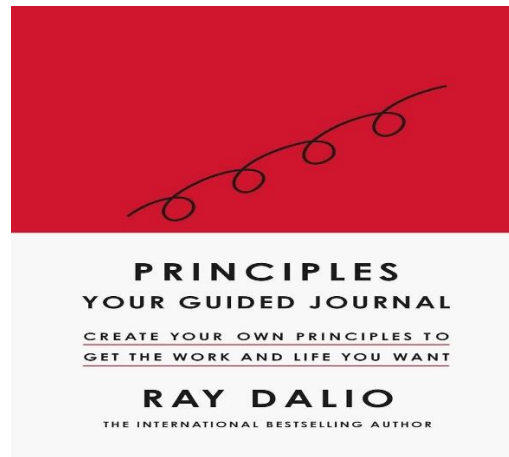
Author: Gordon Thomas
Publisher: New York: Thomas Dunne, 2015
Description: 808p.
Accession No. 89118

In the secret world of spies and covert operations, no other intelligence service continues to be as surrounded by myth and mystery as the Mossad. Gordon Thomas reveals that all too often the truth exceeds all the fantasies about the Mossad.

Revised and updated for 2015, this new edition includes: - Mossad's secret meeting in 2013 with Saudi Arabia's intelligence chief to plan for Israel to use Saudi to attack Iran should the Geneva discussion fail to be honored by Iran.- The attack on Iraq's nuclear reactor that will be the flight path to an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities.- Mossad's new cyber-war unit preparing to launch its own pre-emptive strike

MANAGEMENT

12.



Principles your guided journal: create your own principles to get the work and life you want

Author: Ray Dalio
Publisher: London: Simon & Schuster, 2022
Description: 247p.
Accession no. 89117

Dalio goal in publishing the book was to show readers the value of principle-based thinking so that they could develop their own principles, aligned with their own values, for getting whatever they wanted out of life.

With this new journal, Dalio takes his goal one step further to help readers reflect on and record their own principles. He does that by providing a series of guided exercises and questions for reflecting on what you're like, what you value, and what principles will best help you achieve your goals.

POVERTY

13.

Urban street vendors in India

Author: Seepana Prakasam
Publisher: New Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2017
Description: 243p.
Accession no. 89125

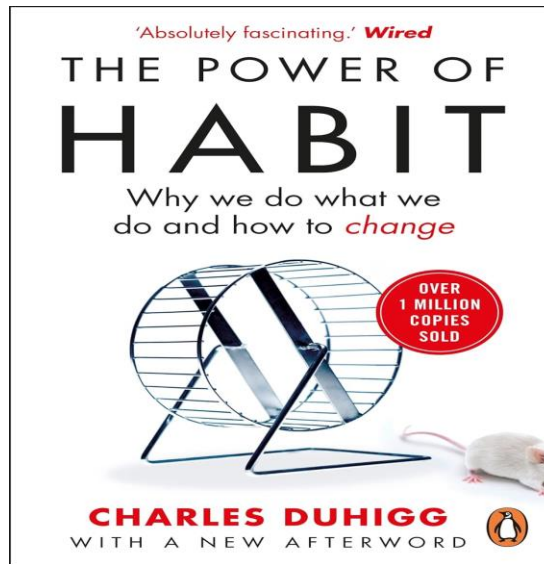
This book meets the requirements of teachers, research scholars, students, administrators and professionals in the field of Economics and Sociology to gain information and knowledge on different, conceptual and practical aspects.

In the era of rapid urbanisation and urbanisation of poverty, this book is a valuable source to gain knowledge on the dynamics of urban poverty in India. Published works concerning urban informal economy in general and street vending in particular, specially based on empirical research (field level) are very rare.

The subject matter has been presented in a logical order in a lucid and narrative style using recent data; it aims at giving a through grounding on the subject. The topics are arranged section wise, so that the readers can pick up the section of his/her requirement and omit the rest.

PSYCHOLOGY

14.



The power of habit: why we do what we do and how to change

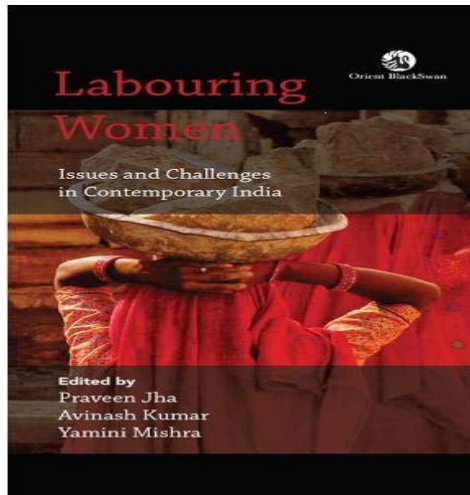
Author: Charles Duhigg
Publisher: Dublin: Penguin, 2022
Description: 379p.
Accession no. 89124

Takes you to the edge of scientific discoveries that explain why habits exist and how they can be changed.

This book brings to life a whole new understanding of human nature and its potential for transformation. It shows, by harnessing this science, we can transform our businesses, our communities, and our lives.

WOMEN

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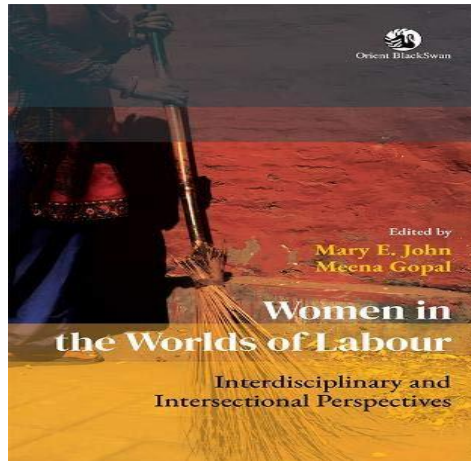
Labouring women: issues and challenges in contemporary India

Author: Praveen Jha and Avinash Kumar
Publisher: Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2020
Description: 328p.
Accession no. 89115

Notions of work and Employment in official data systems undermine women's work. While the gender gap in paid work has narrowed only slightly in developed countries, it has increased in 'emerging economies' such as India.

Labouring women explores these unfavourable trends and analyses the current position and condition of women's work. It argues that despite the supposed development, policy changes and talk of equality, experiences of labouring women show that their challenges have multiplied, both at work and at home, with longer working hours and greater reliance on Unpaid work.

16.



Women in the worlds of labour: interdisciplinary and intersectional perspectives

Author: Mary E. John and Meena Gopal

Publisher: Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2021

Description: 423p.

Accession no. 89116

This timely volume addresses the multiple worlds of women's labour in the context of the current crisis besetting women's work in contemporary India. The editors believe that women's work normative or otherwise be acknowledged in all its diversity.

Chapters focus on courtesans, domestic workers in West Asia, women in the beedi industry, SEZ factory girls, stigmatised transpersonal, construction workers who may also engage in sex work, teachers, madhubani artists, anganwadi workers, women in trade unions and self-help groups to provide critical, insightful accounts of how India is failing its labouring women.