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Untouchable Movement in India
Author : Shyamlal

The emergence of the untouchables on the socio-political scene is one of the most significant event of the twentieth century in India. The present study traces the history of this phenomenon in the form of the Bairwa community as a social and political force from its beginning in the pre-Independent era to present day, in 2001. Focussing on Rajasthan State in particular and Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and National Capital territory of Delhi in general, Prof. Shyam Lal discusses the history of the Bairwa movement from its early days of self reform through social and cultural activities, formation of all India organisation, "Akhil Bharatiya Bairwa Mahasabha", their gains and failures, the quest for the new identity, their interaction both with Indian National Congress and other political parties, caste representation in state assembly, in Parliament and in Ministry, growth of elite and campaign for the constitutional safeguards.

This book will be of great interest to sociologists, political scientists and cultural historians. This work also makes a distinct contribution to the literature on the politics of untouchability in India

Pub : Sublime Publications, Jaipur Year : 2002 Bib : 160p ISBN : 8185809755 Price : US\$ 13.50

Contents: Preface. 1. Introduction. 2. The Chamar: an untouchable caste. 3. Emergence of sectarian movement: the theory of untouchable's liberation. 4. Emergence of the Akhil Bharatiya Bairwa Mahasabha (ABBM). 5. From Chamars to Bairwas: towards a new identity. 6. The ABBM and Indian National Congress. 7. Participation of Bairwas in the freedom movement. 8. The Bairwa periodical. 9. The primacy of politics. 10. The ABBM: social and cultural transformation. 11. Epilogue. Appendices. Bibliography.

Chinese Tea Culture The Origin of Tea Drinking
Author : Wang Ling

This book relates the rich knowledge about Chinese tea and Chinese tea culture in terms of the origin of tea, its history, the methods and customs of drinking tea and tea-drinking vessels. It explains the Chinese tea ceremony in depth and with an easy-to-understand approach and introduces the colourful teahouse culture, legends about tea, and the literature and art closely connected with tea.

Mary Martin Booksellers Sociology – December 2001 Page 1
Pub : Pelanduk Publications, Malaysia Year : 2001 Bib : 168pp PB
ISBN : 9679787788 Price : US\$ 15.00

Disabled People- Citizenship & Social Work, The Malaysian Experience
Author : Denison Jayasooria

What place do disabled people have in Malaysian society? Will they remain marginalised or ignored or can they become independent and self-reliant citizens of this nation? Many disabled people are merely recipients of handouts and charity. But with opportunity and chance, they can have dignity and a sense of worth.

These questions and issues form part of this interesting study by scholar-activist Denison Jayasooria. His book also looks at wider concerns of citizen rights, justice and equal opportunity, social work models and practices and national welfare policies.

The author also includes excerpts and quotes from extensive interviews and interaction with disabled people, staff and leaders of voluntary groups and figures in the disability movement. This is a major and rare piece of work on disability issues, disabled people, policies and also the future direction of this significant segment of society. It will help readers gain a better understanding of the struggles of disabled people in their quest for a meaningful and productive life in a nation heading towards modern industrialised status.

Pub : Asean Academic Press, London Year : 2000 Bib : 22cm 309pp HB ISBN : 1901919188 Price : US\$ 80.00

CULTURAL CONTESTATIONS

Mediating Identities in a Changing Malaysian Society

This book combines fresh and critical perspectives into the analysis of the Malaysian nation-state and its postcolonial social transformation. In contrast to the conventional approach, it investigates development as a process of cultural contestation in which new social meanings or identities are continuously being constituted, renegotiated and reconstructed, involving the state, institutions, classes and other groups of social actors. It therefore recognises mediating identities as a crucial process in the whole phenomenon of the emergence, consolidation and sustainability of the modern nation-state.

This collection, written by leading Malaysianists and Malaysian scholars from the disciplines of social anthropology, sociology, political science and literature, for the first time, brings together both theoretical and empirical focus into the above discourse.

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Pub : Asean Academic Press, London Year : 1998 Bib ; 204pp HB ISBN : 1901919048 Price : US\$ 56.00

The European Modernity: Science, Truth and Method

Author :J.P.S. Uberoi

The European Modernity is a classic attack on western dualism and an attempt to understand its consequences, from the nuclear bomb to the structure of the university. This study examines the foundations of the European modernity in relation to the non-dual Hermetic tradition and its cosmological approach to life and knowledge. The symmetry of Dante, medicine of Paracelsus and science of Goethe form the background for this investigation of the modernist regime—its truth and method, pure and applied, its science of vivisection and technology of obsolescence. The leading hypothesis is that the self, the world and the other can have better relations in the future than they have had in the modern past, from the new Eucharist to the bomb.

Uberoi begins with an exploration of the origins of modernity in European science and religion, and proceeds to a discussion of the end of modernity. In the latter part of the book, he analyses society and selfhood, the Manhattan project, and the politics of language and pluralism in India.

This book completes the trilogy that Uberoi began with *Science and Culture* (OUP 1978) and *The other Mind of Europe* (OUP 1984) and is an important contribution to the history and philosophy of science. It is essential reading for students and scholars of sociology, philosophy, science, and history.

Pub :Oxford University Press, New Delhi Year : 2002 Bib : xvi, 143p. Plates Figs
ISBN : 0195655478 Price : US\$ 15.00

Contents: Preface. 1. Symmetry and the Hermetic tradition. 2. The body of Christ and the origin of modernity. 3. The other science of nature in Europe. 4. The Manhattan Project and the end of modernity. 5. Self and other: dualism and non-dualism. References cited. Index.

Sociology : Essays on Approach and Method
Author : Andre Beteille

For forty years, Andre Beteille taught sociology at the Delhi School of Economics. This collection of essays brings together some of his basic concerns as a teacher and scholar. They include the nature and scope of sociology, and its relations with other disciplines such as anthropology, economics and political science. The book as a whole is animated by a very distinctive conception of sociology as an intellectual pursuit.

Two of Beteille's main concerns are with the comparison of societies and the social significance of tradition. He engages with the ideas of a variety of sociologists ranging from Emile Durkheim and Max Weber to N.K. Bose and M.N. Srinivas, and argues that the study of Indian society has something important to contribute to the development of sociology as a general and comparative discipline.

Beteille's clear and effortless prose will attract the non-specialist reader as well as the specialist. This is an important contribution towards advancing our critical understanding of the social framework within which we live

Pub : Oxford University Press, New Delhi Year : 2002 Bib : 286p viii ISBN :
0195655540 Price : US\$ 20.00

Contents: Introduction. 1. Sociology and common sense. 2. Sociology and social anthropology. 3. Sociology and anthropology: their relationship in one person's career. 4. Some observations on the comparative method. 5. The comparative method and the standpoint of the investigator. 6. Sociology and area study: the South Asian experience. 7. Religion as a subject for sociology. 8. Politics as a subject for sociology. 9. Economics and sociology. 10. The place of tradition in sociological enquiry. 11. Science and tradition. 12. Newness in sociological enquiry. Appendices. Name Index. Subject Index.

Sociology : Basic Concepts
Author :A. Kumar

Pub : Sarup & Sons, New Delhi Year : 2002 Bib : v, 456p ISBN : 8176252646 Price : US\$ 45.00

Contents: Preface. 1. What is sociology. 2. Sociological concepts. 3. Introducing sociology. 4. Sociology and other social sciences. 5. Sociology – its scope. 6. Sociology : historical and theoretic framework. 7. Sociology : the science of society. 8. The sciences and the study of nature, man and society. 9. An exploration of sociological concepts. 10. Is sociological theory too grand for social mechanisms ? 11. Theoretical mechanisms and the empirical study of social processes. 12. Eminent sociologists. 13. Foundations of sociology. 14. Response and resistance. 15. Sociology in India: theory and practice. 16. Multi-dimensional sociology. 17. Trends in the development of sociological thought. 18. Social resilience and change. 19. The sociological theory of totemism. 20. New approach to sociology. 21. Social Stratification. 22. The caste system. 23. Cohesion and division in Indian elites. 24. Capitalism, socialism and development. 25. Functionalism. 26. Sanskritization. 27. Westernization. 28. Secularization. 29. Sociological issues and perspectives. 30. Sociological social work. 31. Future tasks of sociology.

The 'Pariah' People : An Ethnography of the Urban Sweepers in Bangladesh

Author :A. Asaduzzaman

This book depicts the life and social adaptation of some urban sweepers in Bangladesh. They live as socially degraded "untouchables" and are a minority within a minority. It focuses on what the author considers to be major concerns in their communal life: question of identity, caste ranking and dignity. The work is based on ethnographic research carried out among the Hindu and newly converted Christian Sweepers of diverse ethnic backgrounds in two different districts.

The book consists of two essays: The first essay is about the Sweeper's community life, institution and aspects of social organization. The second essay deals with aspects of religion and ritual, and highlights matters related to their ideology and conversion to Christianity. The two essays together with the general introduction and epilogue contribute immensely to the general understanding of these sweeper's lives and what it means to be a "methar" or sweeper.

The importance of this work is in its ethnographic presentation. It provides a substantial theoretical discourse and analysis where the author critically examines what he calls the unitary models of South Asian culture and social organization

Pub :University Press Limited, Dhaka Year : 2001 Bib : 286 p., ISBN : 9840515349
Price : US\$ 15.00

Contents: 1. Overview. I. Aspect of social organization: identities, norms and social practice: 2. Introduction. 3. Groupings and networks. 4. Inter-caste boundaries. 5. Marriage strategies and group boundaries. 6. Commensality among the Telugu sweepers. 7. Conclusion. II. Aspects of religion: conversion, ideology and rituals among the sweeper communities: 8. Introduction. 9. Telugu sweepers acts of conversion to Christianity. 10. Scepticism and search for ultimate divinity. 11. 'Conversion' and religious practice among the Hari and Hela sweepers. 12. Conclusion: dissent and its implications. Epilogue. Bibliography. Index.

Dynamics of Health Culture: Urban Slum Community and Behaviour Author :
Thaneswar Bir

The book may be referred as urban medical anthropology. This contains a large volume of knowledge on social sciences aspects of health and health services in the Indian cities. This is a study of health behaviour of the urban slum dwellers of an Indian city in the context of various health institutions available and accessible to them. It highlights how the slum population and their cultural perceptions and meanings of various health problems are persisting in their given socio-economic, political and ecological situations. This book attempts to investigate how slum, residents who are migrated in the cities of the developing countries like India from different cultures, social groups and geographical areas explain the causes of ill-health, the types of treatment they believe in, and to whom they turn if they do get ill. It also looks into how the beliefs and practices relate to biological changes in the human organism, in both health and diseases.

Pub : Rajat Publications, New Delhi Year : 2001 Bib ; vii, 349p ISBN : 8178800160
Price : US\$ 25.00

Contents: Preface. 1. Urban slum and health culture. 2. Methodology for the dynamics of health culture. 3. A profile of slum life of an Indian city. 4. Health institutions and slum settings. 5. Health beliefs and behaviour of slum dwellers. 6. Issues related to health and quality of slum life. 7. Summary. Bibliography. Index.

Caste System : A Holistic View
Author : Arvind Dass and Sita Deulkar

The caste system persists. Today, inspite of the great advances in education and knowledge, the majority of Hindu society follows the system of caste based marriages which are witnessed in thousands of advertisements in the newspaper. Again, political exploitation of caste has resulted in serious division among people of various communities with economic implications evident in the policy of job reservation for such groups as schedule caste, schedule tribes, other backward classes (OBC) and so on. To enable the sociologist, the social scientist, the research scholar and the interested reader acquire a comprehensive view of the caste system as it has existed in India for all these centuries and the shape it has taken in modern times, the present publication in four self-sufficient volumes provides a holistic view that will prove of immense value in any social analysis of this phenomenon. The volumes also cover a complete classification of the caste and include commentaries on the political and economic status of caste based society. It will be of particular

use to academics and the student communities in arriving at balanced judgements on the form, character, present and future of this permanent feature of Indian society

Pub : Dominant Pub & Dist, New Delhi Year : 2002 Bib : 4v. 1210p ISBN : 8178880296 Price : US\$ 86.75 (Set)

Contents: Vol. 1: Preface. 1. Communities and society. 2. Dynamics of social integration. 3. Role of religious forces. 4. Historical overview of the caste system. 5. Caste and Manu's Magnum Opus. 6. The theories of Varna. Index.

Vol. 2: 1. Caste callings: The politics of reservations. 2. Social change and tradition. 3. Conflict of modernization: Values versus needs. 4. Modernization and urban-rural dichotomy. 5. Individual and third world social dynamics. 6. Caste dynamics and Dalit movement. 7. Responses to modernization: Cult and myth in community psyche. 8. Purity and pollution: A case study. Appendix. Index.

Vol. 3: I. Commentaries on caste and class: 1. Caste and conscience: Voice of the Crusader. 2. Caste and class: The rural equations. 3. Class structure and social dynamics: Three studies. 4. Case study of caste units. 5. Backward classes and missionary education. II. Documentation in British India: 6. Supplemental glossary. Index.

Vol. 4: 1. Sociology of class and caste. 2. Caste as tradition: A sociologist's perspective. 3. Class and family structure: A cross-section view. 4. Scheduled castes as marginalised peoples. 5. Concepts of caste and class. 6. Sociology of untouchability. 7. Caste specific dynamics: Selected case studies. 8. Insular people: Unique socio-political system. 9. Social change among Andamanese. 10. Ensuring constitutional safeguards. Index.

Jakarta Batavia
socio-cultural essays

Grijns, Kees and Peter J.M. Nas (eds)
Series VKI 187

Pub : KITLV Press, Leiden Year : 2001 Bib : x, 350pp ISBN : 9067181390 Price : US\$ 60.00

New Approaches to Refugee Issues? UNHCR Involvement in Countries of Origin in Asia
Author : Naoko Obi

Pub : Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn Uni, Thailand Year : 2001 Bib : 336pp
ISBN : 9740300898 Price : US\$ 25.00

Logic in a Popular Form
Essays on Popular Religion in Bengal

Author : Sumanta Banerjee
Taking its title from Karl Marx's description of religion as general theory of this world...[and] its logic in a popular form', this volume of essays explores the hidden logic behind the popular construction of certain myths, specific beliefs about godlings

and spirits, the development of cross-religious cults, all popular inventions made in an effort to make sense of human existence in the face of an overwhelming and devouring environment.

Pub : Seagull Books, Calcutta Year : 2002 ISBN : 8170461626 Price : US\$ 20.00

Reservation Policy and Social Justice
Author : Dr. Shail Singh

The book Reservation Policy and Social Justice presents a comprehensive account of impact of the Reservation Policy on socio-economic condition of SCs & STs. The study is essentially explorative based on primary data collected in accordance with the detailed questionnaire and personal visits and interviews. Though, a micro-study it is reflective of the national milieu and perspective.

Pub: Y.K. Publishers, Agra Year : 2002 ISBN: 8185070822
(Hb)
Bib : 224pp, 22cm, Includes bibliographical references.
Price : US\$ 15.00

History of Dalit Struggle for Freedom – Dravidian Parties and Dalit Uprise in Tamil Nadu
Author : J. Mohan

Pub: Dhamma Institute of Social Sciences, Pondicherry Year : 2001 Price : US\$ 8.00

Sociological thoughts of B.R. Ambedkar
Author : Jatava , D.R.

This is an attempt to present Dr. Ambedkar's sociological thoughts in various forms. Like any other great thinker, he has been acclaimed as social reformer, scholar, politician, philosopher, constitutionalist, economist, all the more an emancipator as well as a liberator of the oppressed people from slavery, serfdom, untouchability, tyranny, economic exploitation, religious obscurantism and social injustice or inequality. Dr. Ambedkar relentlessly fought for the cause of the depressed and the deprived lot of the Indian society, and this is what brings him to develop his philosophy of sociology which centres round the problems of man without meddling in the vortex of metaphysical exercises.

The sociological thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar originated spontaneously in his struggle against social inequality and many other evils in Indian Society. It grew into a distinct ideological movement and action raising the slogans of freedom, equality and fraternity in favour of people's human rights to freely develop their potentialities and personalities. That is why Dr. Ambedkar's dynamic and democratic thoughts aim at liberating man from the odds of social malaise. The book provides an interesting and intellectual reading and thus, it is a valuable contribution to the field of sociology.

Pub: ABD Publishers, Jaipur Year : 2001 ISBN : 8185771294 (Hb)
Bib : 23cm, vi, 220pp, Includes Bibliographical references Price : US\$ 13.50

Disability Studies in India : Retrospects and Prospects
Author: G.N.Karna

During recent decades, the issue of disability has metamorphosed from a purely individual medical/clinical problem to a human rights and socio-political issue. Consequently, the study of Disability Studies is constantly gaining recognition as a critical area of academic investigation in the universities and academic institutions of Western countries – such as, the USA, the UK, Canada and Australia and degrees/diplomas ranging from graduation to post-doctorate levels are offered in this discipline. But in our country which has the highest population of the disabled in the world, the situation is quite reverse. Notwithstanding plethora of studies and research carried out in developed societies; this is, still, a grey and unexplored area. This has led to the issue of disability being studied as merely the part of the syllabi of certain specific disciplines and that, too, in a rather piecemeal fashion. This work seeks to provide a brief recapitulation of the growth of Disability Studies as an academic discipline in the Western universities and thereby exploring the prospects for incorporating the teaching of this emerging discipline in Indian universities and academic institutions.

Pub: Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi Year: 2001
ISBN:8121207657 (Hb)
Bib : 348pp, 22cm, Includes bibliographical references and Index
Price: US\$ 23.25

Indian Police and Nexus Crimes
Author: James Vadackumchery

This book includes its definition, along with its etiological explanations and its relationship with white collar crime, organized crime and enforcement crime. Enforcement crime, another aspect of criminology also occupies place in his study and is included in his book on enforcement crimes. He is an author of more than 40 authentic and authoritative books in the areas of crime, police and justice. This book treats crime practiced, perpetrated in police services exposing the different aspects of Nexus Criminality in law enforcement.

Nexus Crimes, as the word indicates are the result of a nexus-unholy nexus-established among criminal-politicians; criminal-bureaucrats; criminal-businessmen and underworld criminals. Principally centered on the nexus crimes in Indian police, the book explains the way syndicate criminals, criminal politicians, criminal functionaries in law enforcement and goondas work together for their hedonism, benefits and mutual advantage.

It exposes the injustices committed during law enforcement through abuse of power and misuse of authority by police with the connivance and support of the politicians, of the affluent, of the criminal underworld.

Pub: Kalpaz Publications, Delhi Year: 2002 ISBN:8178350378
(Hb)
Bib : 291pp, 22cm, Includes bibliographical references and Index
Price: US\$ 23.00

Tribals of Orissa:
The Changing Socio-Economic Profile

Edited by: Prof. B.C. Ray

Orissa is the home of 62 scheduled tribes. But comparatively very little research has been done on the socio-economic life of the tribals. This is a pioneering work to combine the studies and analyses by historians, anthropologists, psychologists, economists and literary critics on the changing society of the tribals. From the historical perspective, the author moves from mutual interactions of non-tribal and tribal culture, absorption of gods and goddesses from the tribal fold to Hindu pantheon to the absorption of gods and goddesses from the tribal fold to Hindu pantheon to the abandoned ritual of human sacrifice. The modern processes put up before the tribals by western-urban-industrial-democratic-model, heralding unprecedented change in tribal lifestyle have come in for academic scrutiny. As a combined effort of many academicians the book gives a wide coverage on the study of Orissan tribals, to make it a worth while addition to the available material on the subject.

Pub: Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi Year : 2002 ISBN:812120270I (Hb)
Bib : xxiv, 147pp, 22cm, Includes Appendix and Index
Price: US\$ 9.00

Crime Against Children
Edited by: Arunaima Baruah

This work, a comprehensive and exhaustive volume, emerges as a strong voice against various forms of child abuse and declares a crusade to defeat all abuses. It deals with the problem in a broader perspective and seeks a solution, in order to eliminate the menace is divided into six sections viz. The perspective; Child Labour; Child Sexual Abuse, Child Battering; Child Rights and the Law and finally, the Conclusion.

Pub: Kalpaz Publications, Delhi Year: 2002 ISBN:8178350823 (Hb)
Bib : 367pp, 22cm, Includes Index
Price: US\$ 26.50

Anxiety Management
Author: T.O. Augustine

Anxiety is viewed in this book from different angles - as a result of faulty social learning, determined by unconscious drives and conflicts, resulting from stressful life events, fermenting out of conflicting decision making situations, as a product of existential philosophy, as a resultant of the inconsistencies and contradictions within the self-concept of the person, as an outcome of the pathologies in the social concept, resulting from high achievement expectations, as a result of reactivation of prior traumas, as a product of social catastrophies and as an outcome of the threatening life events. The application of behaviour therapeutic techniques are mentioned more or less in detail with the purpose of benefiting it to persons suffering from anxiety and also for students and professionals in the area of mental health. The discussion regarding the basic relationship skills are useful for persons who are interested to improve the quality of their social skills and interpersonal interactions. A Person can evaluate his own relationship defieits and frame an optional model behaviour to strengthen his social skills. The book is expected to lead to more empirical studies in the areas of religion and anxiety and hoped to probe more into the details of the inconsistencies and contradictions within the self-concept of a person as the prime cause of anxiety and other emotional disorders.

Pub: Kalpaz Publications, Delhi Year: 2002 ISBN: 8178350603 (Hb)
Bib : 21cm, HB, 360pp Includes Index
Price: US\$ 25.00

AIDS Transmission : Challenges in the new millennium
Author: Dr.G.C.Satpathy

This book presents a comprehensive accessible account of HIV/AIDS, its emergence, transmission, challenges raised by it, and preventive methods also.

Pub: Kalpaz Publications, New Delhi Year: 2002 ISBN: 8178350831 (Hb)
Bib : 23cm, HB, 308pp, Includes Index
Price: US\$ 26.00

Inside Indian Police
Author: Singh, Joginder

This book identifies the problems of the Police and suggests how and what should be done to correct the wrongs.

Pub: Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi Year: 2002 ISBN:
8121206588 (Hb)
Bib : 22cm, HB, 354pp Includes Index (p. 347)
Price: US\$ 19.50

Social Transformation in Urban India
Author :Satish Sharma

The present publication is a critical and comprehensive analysis of the process of social transformation in urban India. The publication covers Socio-historical study of Indian urbanism; Social structure of urban people; Urban centres: origin and development; Employment and occupational mobility; Slum dwellers: socio-economic profile; and Urban scenario in the 21 century etc. The book will be of immense interest to sociologists, economists, policy-makers, as well as students and researchers

Pub: Dominant Publishers, New Delhi Year : 2002 Bib : viii, 400pp ISBN :
8178880431 Price : US\$ 22.50

Contents: Preface. 1. Socio-historical study of Indian urbanism. 2. Social structure of urban people. 3. Urban centres: origin and development. 4. Employment and occupational mobility. 5. Slum dwellers: socio-economic profile. 6. Urban scenario in the 21 century. Appendices.

Rethinking Social Transformation : Criticism and Creativity at the Turn of the Millennium edited by Ananta Kumar Giri

At the turn of the new century and the new millennium, we are confronted with an unprecedented challenge of rethinking the meaning and method of social transformation. The familiar models of and routes to it such as socialism and modernization do not help us come to terms with changes taking place in self and society. The present volume undertakes such a task and explores the implications of rethinking social transformation in various domains of our lives, viz., education,

politics, religion, spirituality, social movements and cultural criticism. Sixteen outstanding scholars from different vocations and disciplinary backgrounds have discussed different dimensions of contemporary transformations and have suggested new pathways of criticism and creativity. They draw our attention to both socio-political and socio-spiritual struggles and urge us to realize that social transformation involves both structural transformation and self-transformation.

"The book speaks to a wide readership of students of social theory and cultural transformation and would be of interest not only to scholars in such diverse fields as sociology, anthropology, philosophy, political science, history, literature, and cultural studies but also to activists in voluntary organizations and social movements and to seeking souls everywhere in the world

Pub : Rawat Publications, Jaipur Year : 2001 Bib : xv, 407p ISBN : 8170336988 Price : US\$ 24.25

Contents: Preface. 1. Introduction: the calling of creative transformations/Ananta Kumar Giri. 2. Social criticism, cultural creativity and the contemporary dialectics of transformations/Ananta Kumar Giri. 3. Cultural practice/social change: nurturing a self-critical ground/Nancy Weiss Hanrahan. 4. Rethinking social transformation: an eco-socialist perspective/Baas Weilinga. 5. Liberation beyond liberalism: new voices from Buddhism and Islam/Fred R. Dallmayr. 6. Culture and development: lessons from Swadhyaya/Ramashray Roy. 7. Integral education: the vision and an experiment/Chitta Ranjan Das. 8. Cross-cultural conversation and the making of a global community/Anindita N. Balslev. 9. The calling of a transformative politics: criticism and creativity in the work of Roberto M. Unger/Prakash C. Sarangi. 10. State, market and the voluntary sector: agragamee, social criticism and the contemporary dialectics of transformations/Vidhya and Achyut Das. 11. The dialectics of environmentalism/Amita Baviskar. 12. The trap of nationalism and the Chittagong hill tracts, Bangladesh/Amena Mohsin. 13. Expositions illiteracy's women: the lessons of hard non-work/Daniel Moshenberg. 14. Transformation in the Sri Lankan Tamil militant discourse: loss of the Tamil self, violence and the hermeneutics of recovery/Chitra Sivakumar. 15. Documenting dissent: a study of contesting memory/Badri Narayan Tewari. 16. The exemplar and the ideologue: the issue of friends and foes/K. Raghavendra Rao. Index.

Reconceptualising Caste, Class and Tribe

Author :K.L. Sharma

Once again Professor K.L. Sharma has questioned the recent conceptualisations of caste, class and tribe based on his understanding of the emergent social situations and new parameters of status-evaluation. Change in the ideology of caste as well as inter-caste relations, is the focal point of discussion in this volume. Inter-caste relations have disappeared in everyday life, and politico-economic considerations are shaping and reshaping socio-cultural alliances and activities. New situations, in which different castes and their members find themselves, not only negate caste ideology, but also superimpose a new pattern of social relations on groups, families and individuals. With the emergence of a small power elite and a new middle class among the weaker sections, two trends of change can be discerned: (i) a grave challenge to the hegemony of the entrenched classes, and (ii) the emergence of a new system of social stratification and mobility. Hence, caste is in class and vice versa.

Pub : Rawat Publications, Jaipur Year : 2001 Bib : 232p ISBN : 8170336953 Price : US\$ 16.50

Contents: Introduction. 1. Conceptualisation of caste-class nexus as an alternative to caste-class dichotomy. 2. Rethinking inter-caste relations as the basis of social stratification. 3. Caste and class in the emergence of Dalit identity and movement. 4. The peasant movement and caste-class-power nexus in Shekhawati. 5. The question of identity and sub-nationality: a case of Jharkhand movement in Bihar. 6. Cultural and ideological dimensions of Jharkhand movement in Bihar. 7. Social stratification among tribes in India. 8. Education and the scheduled tribes in India: a sociological analysis. 9. Social consequences of economic development in Chhotanagpur in Jharkhand. Index.

Poor in Urban India : Life in the Slums of a Western Indian City Author :Lancy Lobo and Biswaroop Das

The prominent features of urbanisation in India have been the increase in population, growth of slums, swelling labour force and its marginalisation, and increasing pressure on the urban space and infrastructural services. A growing need has been felt to investigate the reasons for the decay of our large cities and for the extremely unsatisfactory living conditions even in our non-metro as well as smaller and medium-sized towns.

The book deals with the modes, means and mechanisms through which the poor in urban India cope with their lives. By providing a portrayal of the lives of slum dwellers, through an exhaustive database on the slums of Surat and an intensive analysis of one of its slum localities, it captures the socio-economic world of the urban poor in India. The book will interest anthropologists, sociologists, human geographers and city planners

Pub : Rawat Publications, Jaipur Year : 2001 Bib : 203p. ISBN : 8170336902 Price : US\$ 15.00

Contents: Glossary. 1. Introduction. 2. Slums and slum dwellers of Surat city. 3. Panchsheel and its people. 4. Coping with livelihood and other problems. 5. Entertainment and celebrations. 6. Communal riots and coping mechanisms. 7. Governmental and non-governmental interventions. 8. Epilogue. Appendices. Bibliography. Index.

Dynamics of Political Sociology
Author :R.P. Verma

Pub : Rajat Publications, New Delhi Year : 2001 Bib : 325p ISBN : 8178800241 Price : US\$ 25.00

Contents: Preface. 1. Introduction. 2. Political sociology: a conceptual framework. 3. Socialisation of political behaviour. 4. Political parties and political sociology. 5. Civic modernisation in India: a sociological angle. 6. Student in power politics. Bibliography. Index.

Interaction of the Bhils with Other Communities (A Historical Perspective) Author :L.P. Mathur

The Bhils, one of the largest tribal community in India, are at present facing an 'identity crisis' more or less similar to that experienced by several other tribals of the country. Hence, great caution is needed for formulating policies towards their assimilation in the main stream of our national life. For this purpose a study of their ancient culture and their interaction with their neighbours since the historic period till the end of the colonial area, which is the main theme of the present study, appears to me a fruitful exercise.

"The study of based on original records of the Government of India and erstwhile princely states of the region inhabited by the Bhils. Along with these unpublished sources published reports, books and journals have been also utilised

Pub : Publication Scheme, Jaipur Year : 2001 Bib : v, 115p. ISBN : 8186782494 Price : US\$ 12.00

Contents: 1. Tribalness, interaction and acculturation. 2. Ancient culture of the Bhils. 3. Interaction with non-tribals in the pre-colonial era. 4. Acceleration of the process of interaction in the colonial period. 5. An overview. Bibliography. Index.

Identity, Gender and Poverty : New Perspectives on Caste and Tribe

Author :Maya Unnithan Kumar

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