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Ageing in Southeast and East Asia: Family, Social Protection and Policy Challenges / (ed.) Lee Hock Guan

Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, c2008

264p. ; cm.

ISBN-13: 9789812307668 (hbk)

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\$ 49.90 (hbk)

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Southeast and East Asian countries are undergoing varying stages of population ageing. The social, economic and political implications of population ageing will be enormous, and because of the fast speed of ageing in the region, the countries cannot afford the luxury of time for time for the gradual evolution of social and structural support systems and networks for the older population.

Family planning / Rabindra Nath Pati

New Delhi : A.P.H. Publishing Corporation, c2008

xix, 333 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes bibliography.

978-81-313-0352-8

\$ 20.00

[This book provides insight for improving delivery of health care service in rural and tribal regions of Orissa through decentralized community participation and management. The effects of breast-feeding practice on birth spacing, family planning and child survival have been examined and validated with corroborative evidences. The socio cultural factors influencing the reduction in child and maternal mortality and promotion of population stabilization have been critically assessed. This book highlights various unexplored sensitive areas where appropriate inventions need to be made for effective public private partnership in health sector and curbing population growth. The goals of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) would be achieved through safeguarding peoples health rights and honouring socio cultural values attached to family formation and child survival among people living in diverse ecological niches.]

Marga : Ways of liberation, Empowerment, and social change in Maharashtra / Edited by M. Naito (et.all)

New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, c2008

474 p. ; 22 cm.

81-7304-762-6

\$ 30.00

[This volume which provides a comprehensive overview to Maharashtrian culture and society is divided into four sections,

Part 1 : Heritage of Sant Tradition

Part 2 : Literary Culture and Social Reform

Part 3 : Politics, Political culture and Religiosity

Part 4 : Pilgrimage and folk religious practices.]

Social Dynamics in Northern South Asia Volume 1 : Nepalis Inside and Outside Nepal / Edited by Hiroshi Ishii

New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, c2007

xi, 543 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

Japanese Studies on South Asia No. 6

81-7304-699-9

\$ 27.50

[This volume attempts to encompass these transformations and the resultant complexity through a series of in-depth case studies.

Part I focuses on Pokhara, an important urban hub in west Nepal, and deals with urbanization, evolving ethnic relations, and occupational shifts. Part 2, 'Marriage, Kingship, and Transformation of Intimacy', covers questions of gender, social relations, marriage, drug use, and coping with the Maoist insurgency, in various parts of the country. In part 3, 'Transnational Links', different chapters cover Gurgha soliders, tourist developments, migrant workers, and ethnic movements. Part 4 consists of one substantial chapter, 'Nepal as viewed from the Indian Himalayas', in which Gerald Berreman makes a series of direct comparisons between the Indian and Nepalese Himalayas.]

Social Dynamics in Northern South Asia Volume 2 : Political and Social Transformations in North India and Nepal / Edited by Hiroshi Ishii

New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, c2007

xvi, 520 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes index.

81-7304-729-4

\$ 27.50

[This volume analyses the dynamics of social categories, group identities, and social and political movements in the region.

Part 1 examines political and social processes, focusing on the different ways in which the rise of previously subordinate castes has changed the practical and normative bases of local life. In part 2 four contrasting chapters bring new perspectives, insights, and materials to bear on communal conflict and the rise of Hindu nationalism in India and on religious and ritual change in Nepal. Part 3 deals with various forms of activism including Bengalis in Delhi, movements of bonded agricultural labourers, ethnic groups, anti-dam movements, and the social basis of Maoism in Nepal. Part 4 consists of an 'Afterword' by Jonathan Parry analysing the changing significance of caste in the region.]

Local Initiatives in relocation the state and NGOs as partners? : From Research to Action / Maartje van Eerd

New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, c2008

361 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes bibliography and index.

81-7304-734-0

\$ 22.50

[This book analyses the impact of relocation on 2,640 poor urban households who were relocated from the city centre to the outskirts of Chennai in the 1990s. It describes a relocation programme of the government and the role of NGOs in the area. The main focus is on the local initiatives taken by the relocates in trying to rebuild their lives in the absence of services and employment.]

Dalit and Social Justice / Vidya Devi
New Delhi : MD Publications Pvt Ltd., c2008
viii, 280 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes bibliography and Index.
978-81-7533-112-9
\$ 25.00

[This book provides a detailed and comprehensive account of the status of Dalits in India. This book provides information about Dalit Movements in the India, their mode of organisation, engagement in politics and contribution to processes of democratization and egalitarianism. It explores the social, economic and cultural content of Dalit transformation in modern India.

The detailed conclusion outlines the policies required to facilitate the empowerment of Dalits. This book covers aspirations and struggle of the marginalised dalit masses and looks forward to a new humanity based on equality, social justice and human dignity.]

Invading the sacred : An Analysis of Hinduism studies in America / Edited by Krishna Ramaswamy
New Delhi : Rupa and Co., 2007
xxi, 545 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
987-81-291-1182-1
891-291-1182-9
\$ 20.00

[India, once a major civilizational and economic power that suffered centuries of decline, is now newly resurgent in business, geopolitics and culture. However, a powerful counterforce within the American academy is systematically undermining core icons and ideals of India culture and thought.]

Challenges to the changing status of the Aged / Edited by Usha Kothari
Jodhpur, India : Books Treasure Publishers, Book Sellers, c2007
ix, 253 p. ; 23 cm
81-900422-2-x
\$ 14.50

[This book is a compilation of papers presented at the National seminar on "Challenges to the Changing Status of the Aged" by the Department of Home Science, Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India on 25th and 26th November, 2005. The seminar analyzed bulk of issues relating to our elders physical, psychological, social, economic, vocational and legal problems and evaluating their status. A focus of effort was made to help aged people strive towards happiness.]

Socio-Economic Conditions of Agricultural Labourers : A Study of Assam / Tiken Chandra Das
Delhi : Abhijeet Publications, c2008
xi, 203 p. : 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
978-81-89886-38-7
\$ 12.00

[The present volume deals with the income, consumption and indebtedness of agricultural labourers in Assam, India with special reference to Barpeta district. This is an empirical study based on a field survey of agricultural labourers of 12 villages of Barpeta district in Assam. It depicts the socio-economic condition of agricultural

labourers in respect of their income, consumption and indebtedness. The study finds that although the average levels of living of labourers has improved a little in recent years due to the efforts of different agencies and associations, their overall standard of living is below that of a decent standard. The study has made a number of pertinent prescriptions for improving the lot of the agricultural labourers in Assam, in particular and in India in general.]

Culture, Gender and Gender Discrimination-Caste Hindu and Tribal / R.P. Mohanty, D.N. Biswal

New Delhi : Mittal Publications, c2007

xviii, 208 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography References and Index.

81-8324-199-9

\$ 12.50

[In the present study apart from providing the theoretical base an effort has been made to focus on the social status of two broad social divisions of the Indian Population viz., caste Hindus and tribal communities comparatively. The study has highlighted various aspects of status identification of men and women including the process of gender discrimination that is culturally inherent in these two groups of the populace who are patriarchal, patrilineal and also patrilocal in nature. Moreover, the study has also highlighted the various legislative measures enacted for the empowerment of women at different points of time and their level of awareness about these measures. Considering the overall situational aspects their participation in the development process has also been highlighted and critically assessed.]

Ageing in rural India / K. Visweswara Rao

Ambala Cantt., India : The Associated Publishers, c2007

xiv, 219 p. ; 22 cm

81-8429-060-8

\$ 16.00

[The book Ageing in Rural India is an attempt to focus on different aspects of ageing and gives an overview of the concept of ageing, demographic profile, review of various research studies conducted on urban and rural elderly in India. Besides these, the programmes and facilities available for the elderly in India have been discussed. An attempt has been made to enquire into the social, economic, health and other problems of the elderly in rural Andhra Pradesh. Further, an attempt is made to measure the attitudes of two sample groups toward the elderly by administering an attitude scale developed by Tuckman and Lorge. The study reveals that the elderly belonging to the weaker sections of the community, landless, female elderly, especially the widows, are the worst sufferers among the elderly in rural areas. The attitudes of two study groups indicate mostly negative toward the older people. However, the persons living with elderly, women are held more positive attitude toward the elderly, suggesting more integrated and family based programmes are required for enhancing the quality of life of the elderly in India. The planners, policy makers and administrators need to look into these issues. This book would be of immense help to the students, research scholars, teachers, age care workers and the NGO functionaries, who are associated with the welfare of the elderly.]

Child and Female Workers in Agriculture / Haroon Sajjad

New Delhi : Mahaveer and Sons Publishers, Distributors, (Fauji Prakashan), c2007

xxiv, 266 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

978-81-904646-2-8

\$ 15.00

[The book presents coherent features of the socio-economic conditions of the child and female workers. Based on the findings of the study the author has suggested remedial measures for the improvement of the conditions of child labourers and female workers. The book will immensely be helpful for geographers, social scientists and economic planners in order to make policies and programs for the welfare of the children and women.]

Urban Child Labour : Abuse and Neglect / R.D. Sampath Kumar

Ambala Cantt : The Associated Publishers, c2007

viii, 255 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography

81-8429-050-0

\$ 18.50

Romance At Work Place : Indian Experience / H.L.Kaila

Ambala Cantt : The Associated Publishers, c2007

vi, 276 p. ; 21 cm.

81-8429-043-8

\$ 20.00

[The present work is an attempt to understand Indian employees' attitudes towards workplace romances, their experiences and the organizational policies related to romance at the workplace. The book highlights issues such as understanding intimacy at the workplace; are romances in offices successful; romantic relations at work; profit or loss; company policies on romantic relationships at workplace; do companies feel threatened by office romances; what do employees think could be the outcome to romance at the workplace? The book entails comprehensive literature review and a number of Indian case studies of individuals and organizations on the subject. An interesting information has been brought in by using a variety of questionnaires and interview formats. The book shall be useful for organizations as well as their employees.]

Bullying in Indian Organizations / H.L. Kaila

Ambala Cantt : The Associated Publishers, c2007

vi, 329 p. ; 21 cm.

81-8429-042-X

\$ 22.50

[This book contains a comprehensive literature review and a number of Indian case studies of individuals and organizations on the subject. A set of interesting information has been brought in through the use of a variety of questionnaires and interview formate.

The book shall be useful for organizations as well as their employees.]

Labour Sector Reforms in India / Sanjay Tiwari

New Delhi : Sarup and Sons, c2007

viii, 217 p. ; 22 cm.

81-7625-774-5

\$ 13.75
