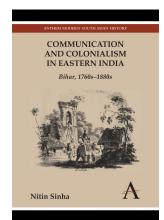


ANTHEM PRESS



Communication and Colonialism in Eastern India

Bihar, 1760s-1880s

Nitin Sinha

Pub Date: 01 September 2012 BISAC CATEGORY: HISTORY / Asia / India & South Asia

Binding: Hardback BISAC CODE: HIS017000

Price: £60.00 / \$99.00 **BIC CODE:** HBJF

ISBN: 9780857284488

Extent: 310 pages RIGHTS

Size: 152 x 229 mm / Exclusive: WORLD

6 x 9 inches

Illustrations: 30+ plates and tables

Series: Anthem Modern South Asian History; Anthem South Asian Normative Traditions

Studies

A detailed analysis of the way communication became an integral part of colonial governance in late eighteenth- and nineteenth-century India.

'[This is] a book which is not only nuanced and convention challenging, but also successful in simultaneously navigating several strands of historical investigation. There is something in here for the historian of transport, as there is for the historian of cartography, the economic historian and the historian of print culture. [It is] likely to become important reading for scholars of colonial South Asia.'—Amelia Bonea, 'H-Soz-Kult'

Through a regional focus on Bihar between the 1760s and 1880s, 'Communication and Colonialism in Eastern India' reveals the shifting and contradictory nature of the colonial state's policies and discourses on communication. The volume explores the changing relationship between trade, transport and mobility in India, as evident in the trading and mercantile networks operating at various scales of the economy. Of crucial importance to this study are the ways in which knowledge about roads and routes was collected through practices of travel, tours, surveys, and map-making, all of which benefited the state in its attempts to structure a regime that would regulate 'undesirable' forms of mobility.

Readership

Students and scholars of colonial and postcolonial South Asian history and study; social and urban geography and transport studies; and the history of science and technology.

Contents

Abbreviations; List of Illustrations; Introduction; Chapter 1. From Affective Forms to Objectification: Spatial Transition from Pre-colonial to Colonial Times; Chapter 2. India and its Interiors; Chapter 3. Going into the Interiors; Chapter 4. Knowing the Ways; Chapter 5. Controlling the Routes; Chapter 6. Changing Regime of Communication, 1820s–60s; Chapter 7. Of Men and Commodities; Chapter 8. The Wheels of Change; Conclusion; Bibliography; Index

About the Author(s) / Editor(s)

Nitin Sinha is a research fellow at the Zentrum Moderner Orient (Centre for Modern Oriental Studies) in Berlin. His current work focuses on the socio-historical dimensions of the River Ganga in India. He has published on issues of transport and the 'Mutiny' of 1857, mobility and criminality, and railway labour movements in nineteenth- and twentieth-century colonial India.

Ordering in the UK/Rest of the World

Marston Book Services
P.O. Box 269, Abingdon, Oxfordshire
OX14 4YN, United Kingdom
Tel: +44 (0)1235 465577 | Fax: +44 (0)1235 465556

direct.orders@marston.co.uk | trade.orders@marston.co.uk

Ordering in North America

Books International
P.O. Box 605, Herndon, VA
20172-0605 United States
Tel: +1 703 661 1570 | Fax: +1 703 661 1501
bimail@presswarehouse.com

75-76 Blackfriars Road | London SE1 8HA | United Kingdom | Tel: +44 (0)20 7401 4200 | Fax: +44 (0)20 7401 4225 244 Madison Ave. #116 | New York | NY 10016 | United States | Tel: +1 646 736 7908 | Fax: +1 646 839 2934 info@anthempress.com | sales@anthempress.com | publicity@anthempress.com | www.anthempress.com