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An Introduction to Changing India provides a comprehensive view of the rapid changes occurring in India, particularly in the fields of culture, politics, economics and technology, population, environmental issues and gender. Having carried out anthropological research on kinship, gender issues, politics, class and caste, population issues and the appropriation of information technology in India since the 1990s, the authors draw from their own fieldwork and extensive reading of research reports in order to provide a comprehensive picture of Indian life.

Readership:

The book will be suitable for undergraduate students from a variety of disciplines who have an interest in India, as well as travellers and business people seeking to understand contemporary India.

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