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The media plays an important role in modern society. Throughout history the Press has played its role as a watchdog of democracy and a critique of governments and public officials. The existence of a free Press is the sine qua non of a democracy. The objective of this paper is to examine the role of the print media as an agency of social criticism. In studying print media I have followed the dialectical approach of Karl Marx. My method of enquiry is a detailed analysis of news reports and editorials of selected newspapers. My method of presentation is through a series of case studies. These case studies are divided into: 1) presentation of news reports and 2) editorials. 1) News reports are presented in a manner that catches the eye of the reader and makes compelling reading. The titles and contents of the items reveal that news is not presented in a neutral manner. Social criticism is evident in the manner in which a news item is presented. B. Editorials reflect the attitude of the newspaper towards various events and policies of the government. Unlike news items in which objectivity is sought to be maintained with a minimum of commentary, in editorials the leader writer is free to criticize the policies or events on which the item is being written. The editorials do criticize the activities of members of society and policies of governments. From an analysis of these case studies we may conclude that the print media in India is performing its job of acting as an agent of social criticism.

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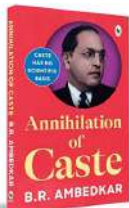
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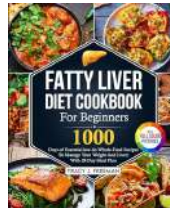
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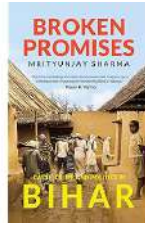
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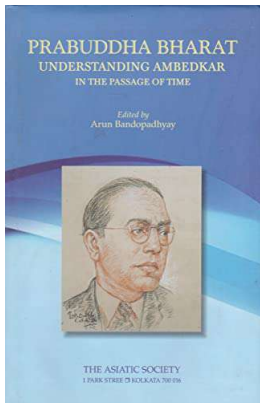
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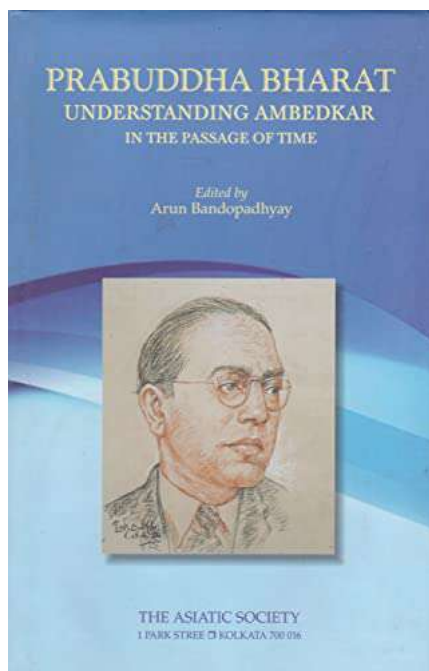
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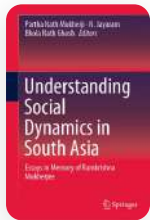
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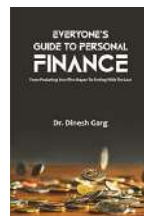
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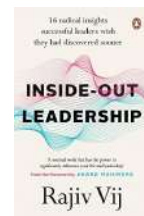
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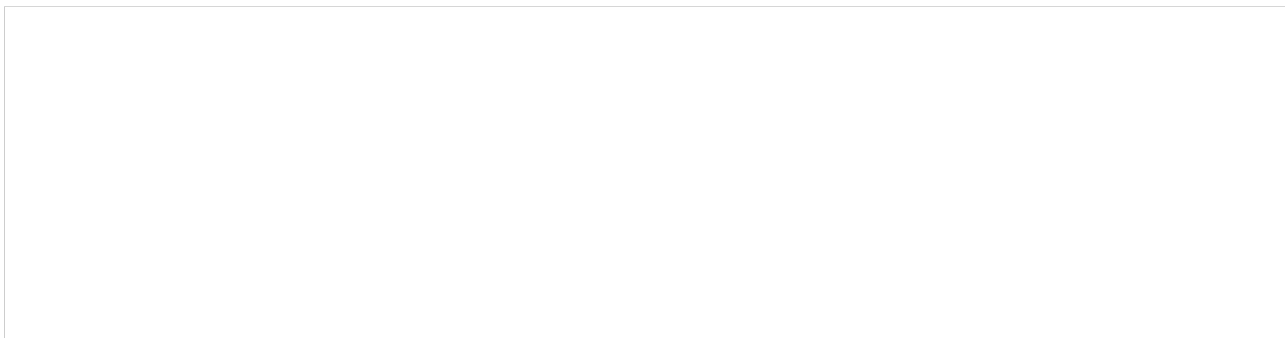
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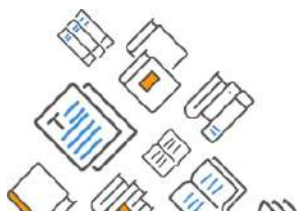
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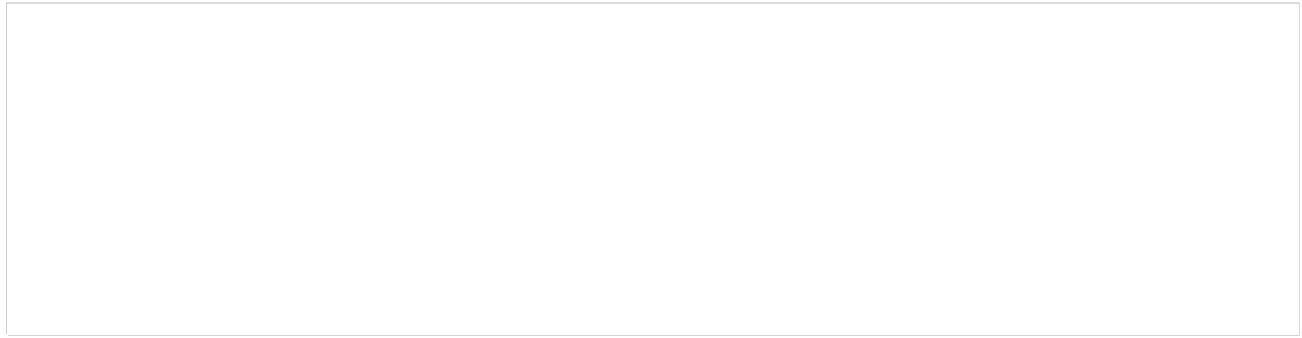
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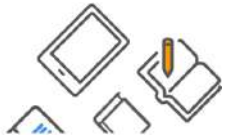
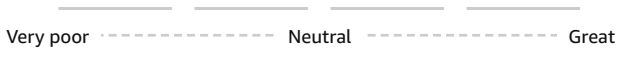
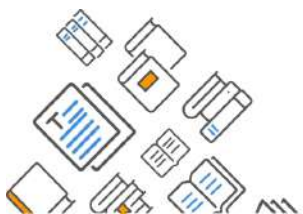
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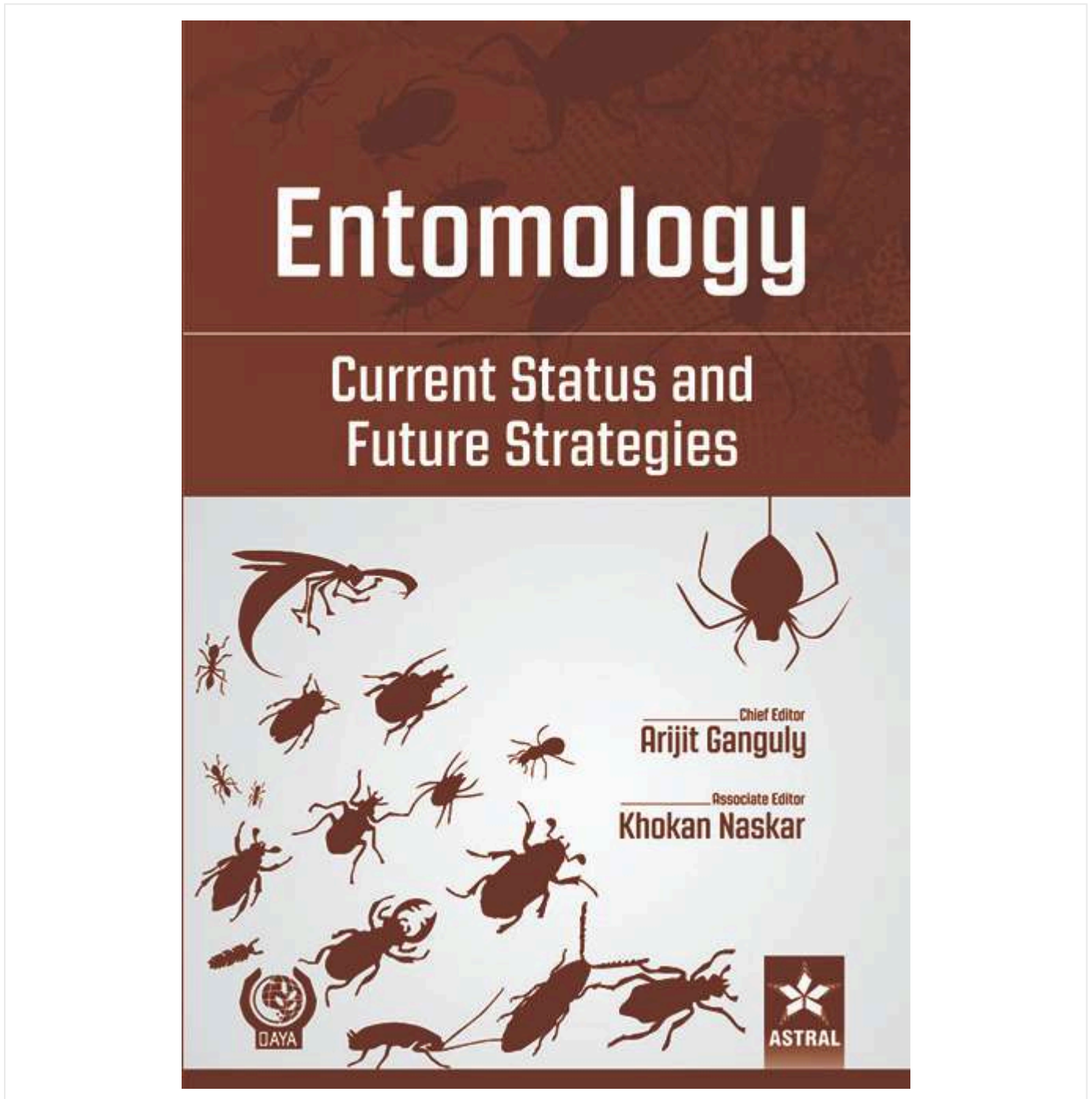
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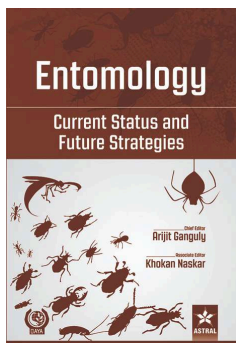
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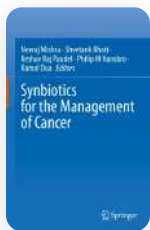
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