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Publications: Books (contracted, in press, published, authored, edited)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Monsoon Economies: India's History in a Changing Climate</i>, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2022.2. <i>The Cambridge Economic History of Modern South Asia</i> (editor, with Latika Chaudhary and Anand Swamy), Cambridge University Press – in progress.3. <i>Economic Histories of Indian States</i> (editor, with Anand Swamy and Abhirup Sarkar), book series for Cambridge University Press.4. <i>Kerala since 1950: Beyond the Model</i>, with K. Ravi Raman, Cambridge University Press, in progress.5. <i>Oxford Research Encyclopaedia of Asian Commercial History: South Asia</i> (editor) – in progress.6. <i>Reserve Bank of India 1997-2007</i>, Cambridge University Press – in press.7. <i>An Economic History of India 1707-1857</i>, Abingdon: Routledge, 2021.8. <i>Law and the Economy in a Young Democracy: India since 1950</i> (with Anand Swamy), Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021.9. <i>The Economic History of India 1857-1947</i>, Fourth Edition, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2020.10. <i>The Economic History of Colonialism</i> (with Leigh Gardner), Bristol: Bristol University Press, 2020.11. <i>The Crafts and Capitalism: Handloom Weaving Industry in Colonial India</i>, Abingdon:

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