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About the Book

This book provides a framework based on comparative analyses of different experiences of decentralisation measures in different countries, where the policy rationale to "bring services closer to people" originated in different socio-political backgrounds. Although decentralisation measures are potentially useful for attaining both political democratisation and economic efficiency, what is often packaged under the umbrella of "decentralisation" needs to be disaggregated analytically. Successful reforms need coherent approaches in which a range of stakeholders would become willing to share responsibilities and resources in order to achieve the ultimate outcome of poverty reduction in the developing countries. In India the Seventy third constitutions Amendment Act of 1992, by making PRIs mandatory, was a historic move towards deepening democracy and advancing development through decentralisation. The book offers a comprehensive account of development and governance at the grassroots through a broad canvas of multiperspective and interdisciplinary presentations.

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