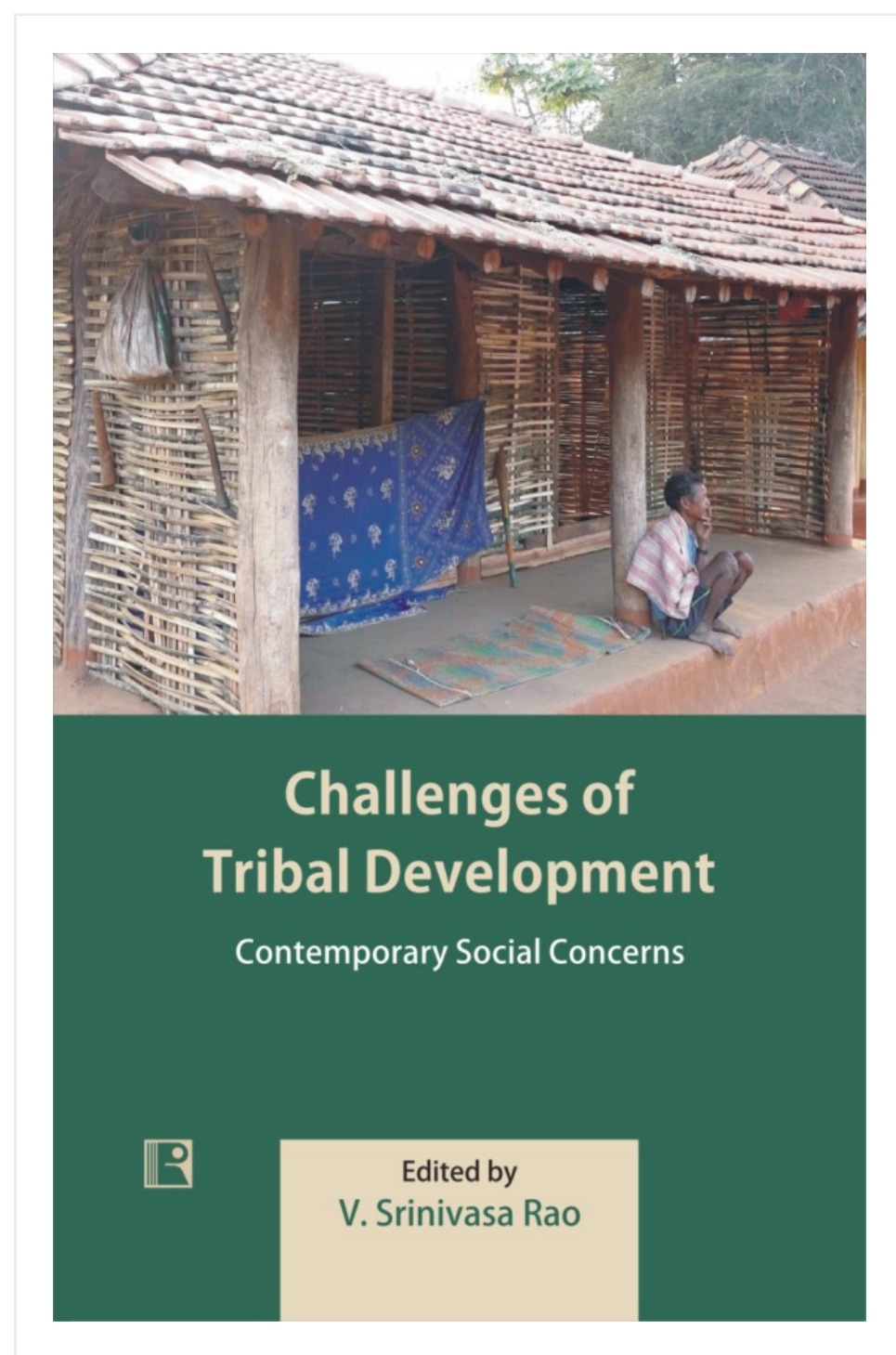


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The present volume, while discussing the issues pertaining to agriculture, decentralisation, displacement, education, forest rights, governance, health and livelihood with reference to scheduled tribes in India, also suggests some policy measures. It covers a range of research areas on tribal studies in the interdisciplinary perspective.

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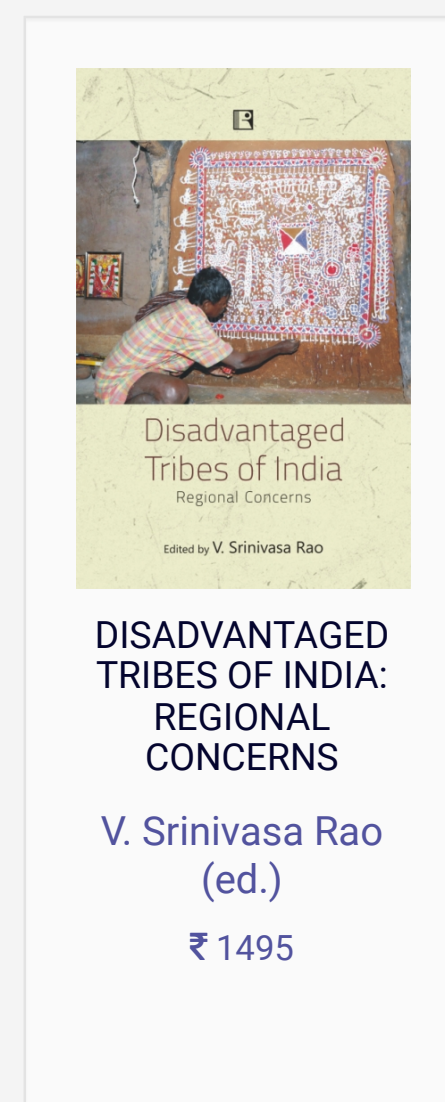
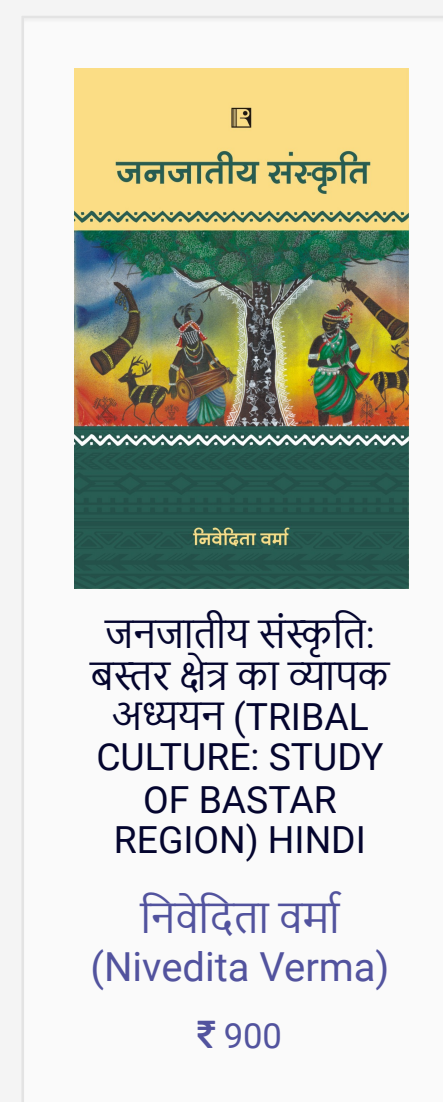
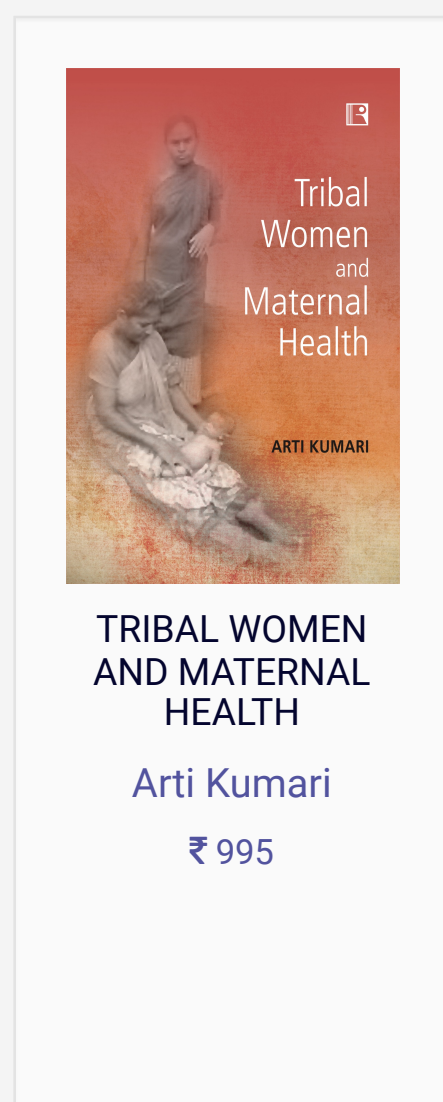
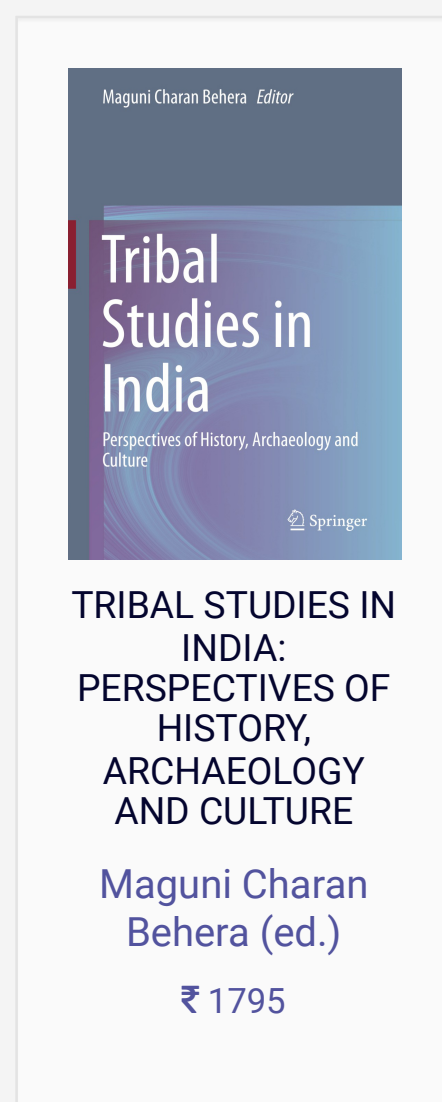
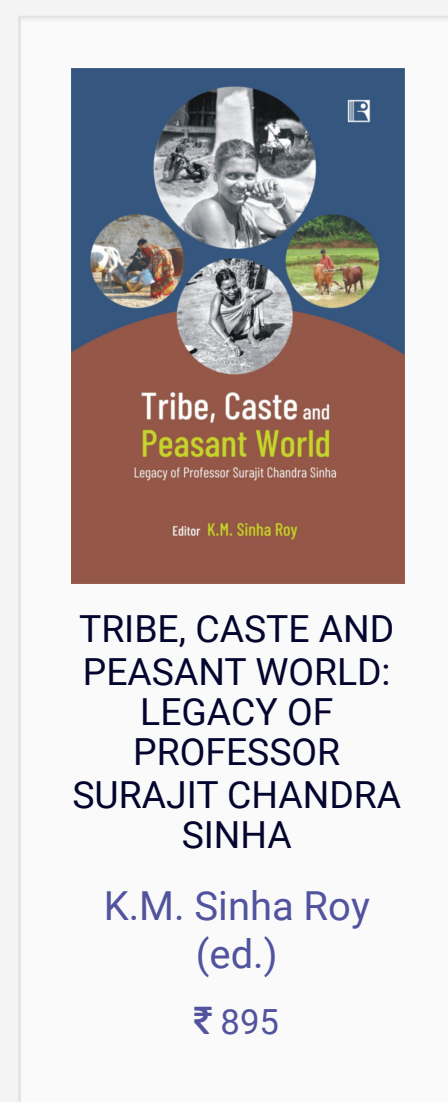
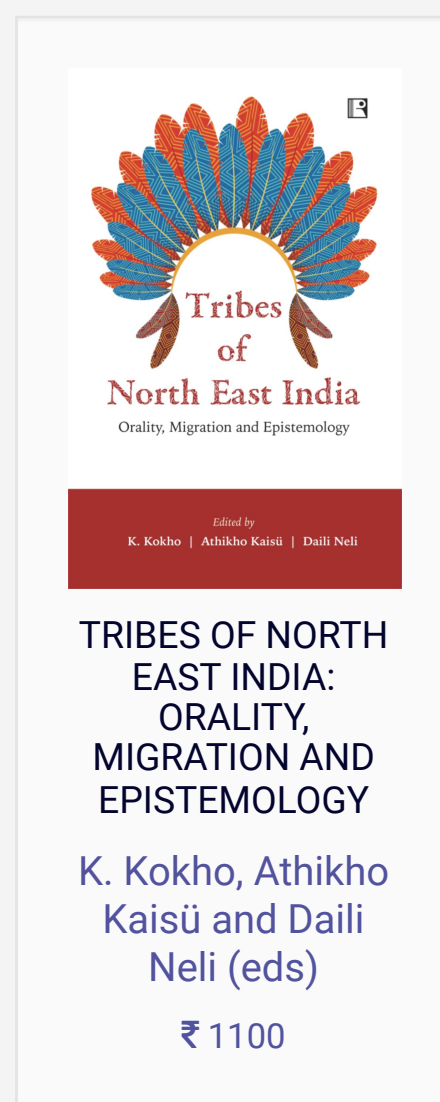
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