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We hope, the volume will be found useful by those who are interested in the Social Anthropology of India.

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General Editor

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