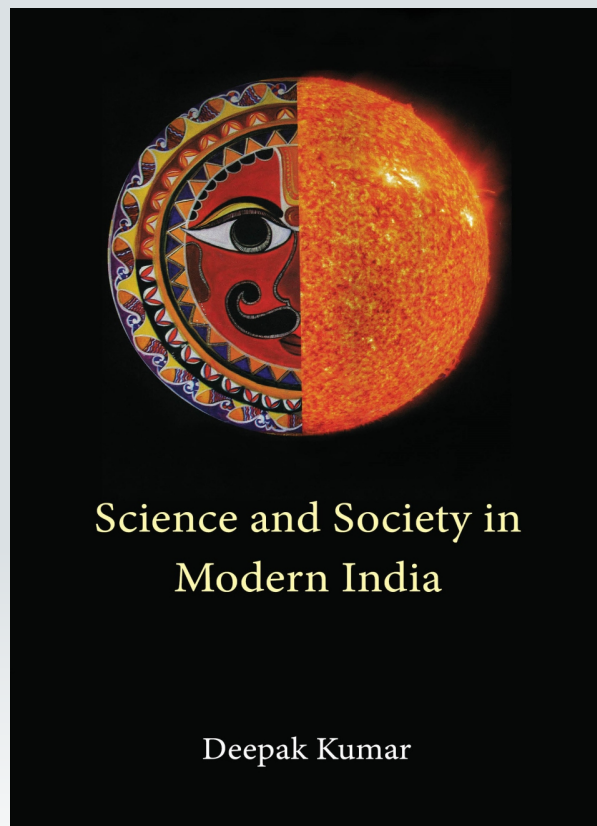


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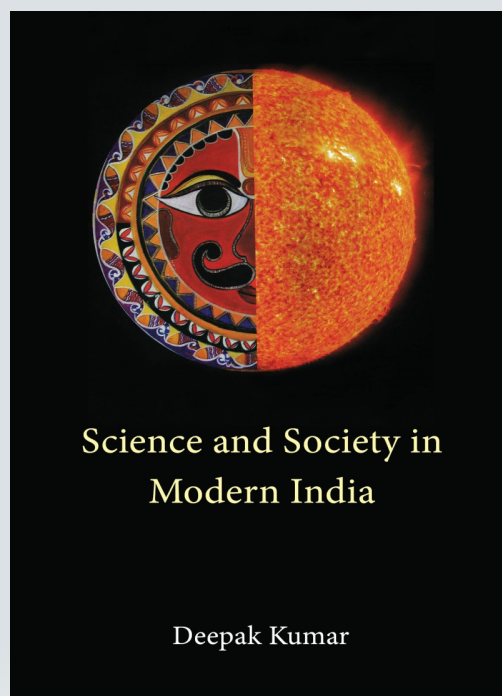
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1. The Inheritance
2. The Age of Exploration and Consolidation
3. Lost in Religion and Translation
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