PREFACE

The present work has been undertaken with a view to explicating the nature and process of modernization of individual and social structure in a rural setting. At individual level the work tends to measure modernism and find out its major sources, correlates, and causal factors. At societal level it analyses the nature of modernization in the structure and function of family, stratification systems, political and economic structures. The work not only deals with modernization of different societal isolates - individual, family, caste, relation of production and power structure but also focuses upon their inter-relations. And it also studies how the changes in one influences changes in others. In addition the study also attempts to unravel the nature and bases of major contradictions the rural social structure inherits and projects while it undergoes modernization and change. The propositions related to the problems have been tested at the level of a couple of villages - one each from Azamgarh and Jaunpur districts of Eastern Uttar Pradesh.

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