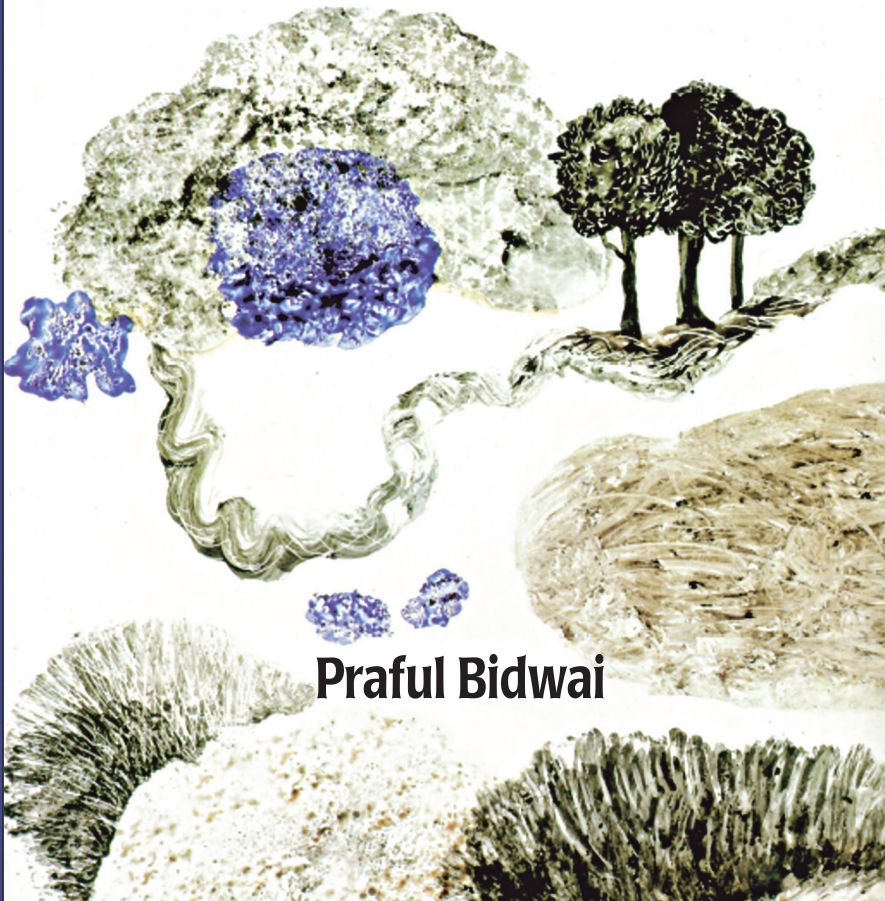




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In this timely volume, eminent political columnist Praful Bidwai discusses how the politics surrounding climate change increases inequity and exacerbates the global developmental crisis. This unique book focuses on two important issues relating to climate change: The impacts of climate change and the politics of the international climate negotiations; and India as an example of an 'emerging economy' major polluter, which can potentially both aid or obstruct the fight against climate change. It analyses the role of the new BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India, China) grouping and the short-term calculations of other major players in the climate talks.

Despite the current dismal situation, Bidwai is optimistic that alternatives based on equity, resource conservation, curbs on luxury consumption, promotion of renewable energy and new patterns of production and consumption that sustain low-carbon development—and the political will to implement these alternatives—will show the way out of the crisis.

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