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Preface

This book has its origin in my “Modern Monetary Theory” published by Macmillan India Limited in 1999. While all chapters here are thoroughly revised and some new ones are added, there are some parts from earlier book that are left unchanged. Numerous copies of the, “Modern Monetary Theory” were sold in colleges and book-stores and, therefore, we are excited to bring out this version which we consider to be new and improved. While rewriting this edition, special care is taken to make the contents more applied to the current situation in India. This book, therefore is intended to be most useful to all courses that have monetary economics content, especially at the B.A., B.Com and B.Sc intermediate level. I would be delighted to see its adoption to many classes in Indian universities.

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