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Professor Krishnan's book *From Jugaad to Systematic Innovation: The Challenge for India*, published in February 2010 received good reviews (see <http://jugaadtoinnovation.blogspot.com> for details).

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