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The book contains 15 scientific papers delivered at a Workshop held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in October 2005, conducted by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Delhi Office.

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