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## **Arts and Architecture**

1. Bhalla, Seema. *Ganika : in the visual culture of the 19th - 20th century India*. New Delhi: Art & Deal,, 2023. (56807)  
793.319 GAN

The book presents various facets of courtesans that will inspire people to view these highly accomplished performers objectively. This pictorially rich book covers different aspects of courtesans, tracing the trajectory from the tradition of Devdasi to their depiction in Post-independence Hindi cinema.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Ganika-visual-culture-19th-20th-Century/dp/8196283784>

2. Barnes, Ruth. *Trade temple and court: Indian textiles from the Tapi collection*. Mumbai: India Book House, 2002. (56805) ARL  
746.0954 BAR

*Trade, Temple & Court: Indian Textiles from the Tapi Collection* introduces for the first time several of the most outstanding textiles in the collection with detailed text and over 240 lavish illustrations. Gatefold spreads enhance the reader's understanding of even the larger textiles, while diagrams elucidate intricate structural and design elements.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Trade-Temple-Court-Textiles-Collection/dp/8175083549>

3. Kapur, Geeta. *Speech acts*. New Delhi: Tulika Books, 2025. (56844)  
701.18 KAP

Art critic and curator Geeta Kapur's oeuvre engages with modernity, emphasizing alongside the need to identify and polemicize the contradictions that undergird it. She traverses a situated discourse across categories such as the Third World, the postcolonial and the global South. *Speech Acts* contains select interviews that annotate Kapur's contributions to modern Indian art criticism and trace her interrogations of the contemporary through various historical conjunctures. It also includes texts by her that enrich as well as complicate the relationship between art, subjectivity and the historical context. These writings and exchanges range from manifesto-like to the contemplative, offering an overview of a critic's praxis through art-thinking.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Speech-Acts-Geeta-Kapur/dp/8195639275>

4. Ashmore, Sonia, Roy, Tirthankar and Zaman, Niaz ,ed. *Textiles from Bengal: a shared legacy*. Ahmedabad : Mapin Publishing, 2025 (56824) [R]  
746.95414 TEX

The famed Bengal textiles which once 'clothed the world' have received little scholarly attention. With the systemic destruction of Bengal's textile industry, prompted by the Industrial Revolution in Europe, the muslins and Balucharis of Bengal were lost in obscurity. The partition of the Indian subcontinent and the consequent varieties of cultural



and social identity in present-day India and Bangladesh have contributed to this neglect. This pioneering publication explores in depth the lost textile traditions of Bengal from the 16th to the 20th century and traces its impact on the historical and cultural aspects of the region.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Textiles-Bengal-Shared-Sonia-Ashmore/dp/9394501266>

### **Biography**

5. Nandha, Sachin. Hedgewar: a definitive biography. Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025. (56828)  
923.254 M89 R25

Hedgewar chronicles the untold story of the enigmatic founder of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), whose vision for India's cultural revival continues to shape the nation's socio-political landscape. Through meticulous research and vivid storytelling, this biography traces Hedgewar's journey from an orphaned child in colonial India to the mastermind behind one of the world's most secretive organizations.

**Source:** <https://www.amazon.in/Hedgewar-Founder-Rashtriya-Swayamsevak-Sangh/dp/0143467662>

### **Economics**

6. Bhattacharya, A K. India's finance ministers: different strokes (1998-2014). Gurugram : Penguin Random House India, 2025. (56785)  
336.0120954 BHA.3

This is the third volume in the series of books on India's finance ministers, which capture the story of India's economic policies through the lens of the Union government's budget initiatives since 1947. The first volume covered the period of thirty years from India's Independence to the end of the Emergency in 1977. The second volume covered the twenty-one years from the formation of the first non-Congress government in India in 1977 to 1998, when the short tenure of the coalition government led by United Front ended. The present volume covers a period of sixteen years that saw just four finance ministers present Union budgets and steer their respective government's economic policies through them. A fascinating account of economic policymaking, the book analyses the role of India's finance ministers in the management of the Indian economy during the era of coalition politics. It also highlights the significant difference these ministers made to the policy evolution of the government and, thus, left an indelible mark on the psyche of Indian citizens. It attempts to measure the impact of their decisions not only on India's economic system but also on its political system, and to what extent their decisions were influenced by their socio-economic backgrounds. Foregrounded in rigorous research and full of interesting anecdotes, the book is the first in-depth account of the crucial role the finance minister plays in the functioning of India's economy.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Indias-Finance-Ministers-Different-1998-2014/dp/0143475282>

7. Marx, Karl. Capital: Critique of Political Economy, Volume 1. New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2024. (56772)  
335.42 MAR.1

Karl Marx (1818–1883) was living in exile in England when he embarked on an ambitious, multivolume critique of the capitalist system of production. Though only the first volume saw publication in Marx's lifetime, it would become one of the most consequential books in history. This magnificent new edition of Capital is a translation of Marx for the twenty-first century. It is the first translation into English to be based on the last German edition revised by Marx himself, the only version that can be called authoritative, and it features extensive commentary and annotations by Paul North and Paul Reitter that draw on the latest scholarship and provide invaluable perspective on the book and its complicated legacy. At once precise and boldly readable, this translation captures the momentous scale and sweep of Marx's thought while recovering the elegance and humor of the original source.

**Source:** <https://www.amazon.in/Capital-Critique-Political-Economy-1/dp/0691190070>

8. Mahadevan, Raman. Fortune seekers: a business history of the Nattukottai Chettiars. Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 (56832)  
381.095482 MAH

Nattukottai Chettiars were the most prominent business community from Tamil region and this book captures their spirit of enterprise that led many of them to seek their fortunes overseas. It's a story that connects South India, Burma, and South-East Asia across the Bay of Bengal and equally one that spans the British imperial era and that of the modern nation state.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Fortune-Seekers-Business-Nattukottai-Chettiars/dp/0670084867>

9. Denning, Glenn. Universal food security: how to end hunger while protecting the planet. New York: Columbia University Press, 2023. (56808)  
338.19 DEN

This book provides an accessible guide to making healthy diets from sustainable food systems available to all. Glenn Denning bridges the divisive worlds of science, policy, and practice and shares personal perspectives and insights gained over four decades working in more than fifty countries.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Universal-Food-Security-Hunger-Protecting/dp/0231197608>

10. Kumar, B V. Shadow economies: the hidden billions: causes, consequences and policy initiatives. New Delhi: Authors Press, 2025. (56806)  
337 KUM

The growth of the shadow economies can trigger a destructive cycle, with illicit funds stemming from fraud, cybercrime, drug trafficking, terrorism, corruption, and other serious crimes. Money generated in different forms of crime is laundered which is necessary to

disguise ill-gotten gains. It facilitates crime, distorts markets, and has a devastating economic and social impact on citizens. Money laundering allows drug traffickers, fraudsters, human trafficking organizations, and corrupt officials, to operate and expand their criminal enterprises.

Source : <https://www.amazon.in/SHADOW-ECONOMIES-Billions-Consequences-Initiatives/dp/B0F5NS33W1>

11. Park, R Jisung. *Slow burn : the hidden costs of a warming world*. Princeton : Princeton University Press, 2024. (56843)  
363.7 PAR

It's hard not to feel anxious about the problem of climate change, especially if we think of it as an impending planetary catastrophe. In *Slow Burn*, R. Jisung Park encourages us to view climate change through a different lens: one that focuses less on the possibility of mass climate extinction in a theoretical future, and more on the everyday implications of climate change here and now. Drawing on a wealth of new data and cutting-edge economics, Park shows how climate change headlines often miss some of the most important costs. When wildfires blaze, what happens to people downwind of the smoke? When natural disasters destroy buildings and bridges, what happens to educational outcomes? Park explains how climate change operates as the silent accumulation of a thousand tiny conflagrations: imperceptibly elevated health risks spread across billions of people; pennies off the dollar of productivity; fewer opportunities for upward mobility.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Slow-Burn-Hidden-Costs-Warming/dp/0691221030>

12. Cassidy, John. *Capitalism and its critics: a battle of ideas in the modern world*. London: Penguin Random House, 2025. (56835)  
330.122 CAS

At a time when we are faced with fundamental questions about the sustainability and morality of the economic system, *Capitalism and Its Critics* provides a kaleidoscopic history of global capitalism, from colonialism and the Industrial Revolution to the ecological crisis and artificial intelligence.

John Cassidy adopts a bold new approach: he tells the story through the eyes of the system's critics. From eighteenth-century weavers who rebelled against early factory automation to Eric Williams's paradigm-changing work on slavery and capitalism, to the Latin American *dependistas*, the international Wages for Housework campaign of the 1970s, and the modern degrowth movement, this absorbing narrative traverses the globe. It looks at familiar figures – Smith, Marx, Luxemburg, Keynes, Polanyi – from a fresh perspective, but also focuses on many less familiar, including William Thompson, the Irish proto-socialist whose work influenced Marx; Flora Tristan, the French proponent of a universal labour union; John Hobson, the original theorist of imperialism; and J. C. Kumarappa, the Indian exponent of Gandhian economics.

Blending biography, panoramic history, and lively exploration of economic theories, *Capitalism and Its Critics* illuminates the deep roots of many of the most urgent issues of our time.



**Source:** <https://www.amazon.in/Capitalism-Its-Critics-Battle-Modern-ebook/dp/B0DD6F4G6F>

## **Geography**

13. Bonnett, Alastair. What is geography? New York : Rowman and Littlefield, 2023 (56777) 911 BON [R]

Geography is fundamental to understanding the way the world works. This text offers readers a short and highly accessible account of the ideas and concepts constituting geography. Including discussion of both the human and the natural realms, the text looks at key themes such as environment, space, and place—as well as geography's methods and the history of the discipline—showing us how and why they are essential for a thriving planet. Introductory but not simplified, Bonnett provides students with the ability to understand the history and context of the subject without any prior knowledge. This short, elegant book will be of interest to all readers intrigued by the “geographical imagination.”

**Source:**[https://www.amazon.in/What-Geography-Alastair-Bonnett-ebook/dp/B0C4GCXG2L/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=IFKM42S8QYVH&dib=eyJ2ljojMSJ9.BdDBsjKUTqhrHwBKTJ2O1w.8Jj-PeaVdkY1s2-3yfihlS62C1GoOH3VIf7BTXvGmI&dib\\_tag=se&keywords=ISBN+9781538160800&qid=1758864397&s=books&sprefix=isbn+9781538160800%2Cstripbooks%2C199&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.in/What-Geography-Alastair-Bonnett-ebook/dp/B0C4GCXG2L/ref=sr_1_1?crid=IFKM42S8QYVH&dib=eyJ2ljojMSJ9.BdDBsjKUTqhrHwBKTJ2O1w.8Jj-PeaVdkY1s2-3yfihlS62C1GoOH3VIf7BTXvGmI&dib_tag=se&keywords=ISBN+9781538160800&qid=1758864397&s=books&sprefix=isbn+9781538160800%2Cstripbooks%2C199&sr=1-1)

## **History**

14. Bhattacharjee, Manash Firaq. Gandhi: the end of nonviolence. Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025. (56830) 954.035 BHA

Gandhi was 20th century's most acclaimed political thinker-practitioner of nonviolence. His method of nonviolence, however, was under trial during the ferocity of Partition. Why was it so? Gandhi: The End of Nonviolence explores this crisis in depth. Putting Gandhi center stage in significant political events ranging from the Khilafat Movement (1919-1922) to Partition (1946-1947), Manash Firaq Bhattacharjee critically engages with some of the key figures who had a stake on the Hindu-Muslim question: Maulana Mohamad Ali, Muhammad Iqbal, the Arya Samajists, B.R. Ambedkar, Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo and Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. The tragic repercussions of Jinnah's declaration of 'Direct Action Day' on 16th August 1946 leads Manash to ask probing questions on the persistent malady in our political history: How does communal politics descend into genocide? What is the psychology of communal violence? Attentively reading the exceptional witness accounts of Pyarelal, Nirmal Kumar Bose and Manu Gandhi, Manash throws light on the many shades of Gandhi's epic peace mission as he walks (often barefoot) through the devastated neighbourhoods of Noakhali, Bihar, Calcutta and Delhi, offering courage and healing wounds.

**Source:** <https://www.amazon.in/Gandhi-Non-Violence-Partition-Political-Unyielding/dp/0143471708>

15. Stephen R. Platt. *Imperial twilight: the opium war and the end of China's last golden age*. London: Atlantic Books, 2019. (56827)  
951 PLA

In 1839 Britain embarked on the first of its wars with China, sealing the fate of the most prosperous and powerful empire in Asia, if not the world. Motivated by drug profiteering and free-trade interests, the Opium War helped shaped the China we know today, sparking the eventual fall of the Qing dynasty and the rise of nationalism and communism in the twentieth century.

*Imperial Twilight* is a riveting and revealing account of the end of China's Golden Age and the origins of one of the most unjust wars in history.

Source : <https://www.amazon.com/Imperial-Twilight-Opium-Chinas-Golden/dp/1786494876>

16. Poptani, Jhilam. *Atal Bihari Vajpayee and India's foreign policy 1977-2004: initiatives, policy making and achievements*. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2024. (56771)  
954.053 POP

Atal Bihari Vajpayee and India's Foreign Policy: 1977-2004: Initiatives, Policy Making and Achievements examines the life and work of a humanitarian, a visionary, an orator par excellence, a writer, a mass leader, and a Parliamentarian who is still revered by both members of his own party and by the opposition. Vajpayee's long political career won him accolades as well as honors. Being closely associated with the Indian political arena from a very young age, Vajpayee with his knowledge, experience and charismatic persona became the 'Bhishma Pitamah' of Indian politics. He had achieved few major milestones during his long political tenure in the Parliament of India. Atal Bihari Vajpayee was unarguably one of the best and most influential Prime Ministers of India, serving the nation for a full term (five years) and two short terms, having impressive contributions to the development of India. He played a very significant role in shaping the foreign policies of India. Vajpayee's dedicated efforts to solve persistent and major issues in foreign policies are remarkable. His indomitable determination and spirit helped India to attain its justified place in international forum. Atal Bihari Vajpayee's legacy is preserved and reproduced by successive leaders of India honoring his accomplishments.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Bihari-Vajpayee-Indias-Foreign-Policy/dp/1666936294>

17. Gill, Rana Preet. *Ghadar movement: a forgotten struggle*. Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025. (56829)  
954.035 GIL

The Ghadar Movement was conceived in 1913 in the United States of America by Lala Har Dayal, Kartar Singh Sarabha, Sohan Singh Bhakna, Harnam Singh Tundilat and others, all of them Indian immigrants in the US. Inspired by Tilak, Savarkar, Madam Cama, Shyamaji Krishnavarma and others, the Ghadar plan was to smuggle arms to India and incite Indians in the British-Indian Army to mutiny. Many Ghadarites, most of them from Punjab, came back to India from the US in order to participate in the struggle. In India, revolutionaries like Rash Behari Bose and Vishnu Ganesh Pingle joined them.



**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Ghadar-Movement-Forgotten-Unveiling-Revolutionary/dp/0670099902>

18. Jalil, Rakhshanda. Basti & Durbar Delhi- New Delhi: a city in stories. New Delhi : Speaking Tiger, 2025. (56823)  
954.56 BAS

They say Delhi belongs to no one. For it seems everyone who lives in it calls someplace else home, from its slum dwellers to its ruling classes. As if its non-identity were its identity. Rakhshanda Jalil, who calls Delhi her home without reservation, searches for this invisible city, through stories—about Dilli, New Delhi, and everything in between.

In the thirty-two stories in this collection, there is a city that pushes through in its unbearable heat and cold and a city that plays rummy and talks golf at the Gymkhana Club; a phoenix city built by emperors and imperialists, by poets, by labourers, traders and fixers; a city that survived the Partition and shelters its victims; and a city of lovers and dreamers, but also of thick-skinned, cynical politicians and babus. Among the writers featured in this majestic anthology are legends and new voices—Khushwant Singh, Bhisham Sahni, Rashid Jahan, Kamleshwar, Mohan Rakesh, Gulzar, Kartar Singh Duggal, Krishna Sobti, Keki Daruwalla, M. Mukundan, Asghar Wajahat, Namita Gokhale, Uday Prakash, Navtej Sarna, Sujit Saraf, Vandana Singh, Palash Krishna Mehrotra, Manjula Padmanabhan, Ajay Navaria and Ankush Saikia.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Basti-Durbar-Delhi-New-Delhi-Stories/dp/9363362140>

19. Beinart, Peter. Being Jewish after the destruction of Gaza. London: Atlantic Books, 2025 (56831)  
956.94055 BEI

In Peter Beinart's view, one story dominates Jewish communal life: that of persecution and victimhood. It is a story that erases much of the nuance of Jewish religious tradition and warps our understanding of Israel and Palestine. After Gaza, where Jewish texts, history and language have been deployed to justify mass slaughter and starvation, Beinart argues, Jews must tell a new story. After this war, whose horror will echo for generations, they must do nothing less than offer a new answer to the question: What does it mean to be a Jew? Beinart imagines an alternate narrative, which would draw on other nations' efforts at moral reconstruction and a different reading of Jewish tradition. A story in which Israeli Jews have the right to equality, not supremacy, and in which Jewish and Palestinian safety are not mutually exclusive but intertwined. One that recognizes the danger of venerating states at the expense of human life. Being Jewish After the Destruction of Gaza is a provocative argument that will expand and inform one of the defining conversations of our time. It is a book that only Peter Beinart could write: a passionate yet measured work that brings together his personal experience, his commanding grasp of history, his keen understanding of political and moral dilemmas, and a clear vision for the future.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Being-Jewish-After-Destruction-Gaza/dp/1805464523>

20. Hinsch, Bret. Chinese empresses: the nature of female power. London: Rowman and Littlefield, 2024. (56773)  
951 HIN

Chinese Empresses highlights the stories of Chinese imperial women and how male authorities attempted to curb their power. It disputes the notion that Chinese empresses were simply hapless or powerless victims of the male-dominated political system. This book is not a compendium of biographies of Chinese empress. The objective is more fundamental. By analyzing details from the lives of representative empresses, it is possible to understand how women gained and used political power, and how male rivals opposed them. The significance of this topic extends far beyond the scope of Chinese studies. In China, monarchy stretches back to high antiquity, providing hundreds of case studies that can be used to understand the nature and applications of female power. Whereas the histories of most places describe only a few powerful women, Chinese chronicles offer numerous examples that reveal how rulers' consorts gained, maintained, and used power. The length and richness of Chinese history make it the best historical field for exploring female power in detail.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Chinese-Empresses-Nature-Female-Voices/dp/1538186160>

21. Shehadeh, Raja. Forgotten: searching for Palestine's hidden places and lost memorials. London: Profile Books, 2025. (56748)  
956.94 SHE

Forgotten is a search for hidden or neglected memorials and places in historic Palestine - now Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories - and what they might tell us about the land and the people who live on our small slip of earth between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. From ancient city ruins to the Nabi 'Ukkasha mosque and tomb, acclaimed writers and researchers Raja Shehadeh and Penny Johnson ask: what has been memorialised, and what lies unseen, abandoned or erased - and why? Whether standing on a high cliff overlooking Lebanon or at the lowest land-based elevation on earth at the Dead Sea, they explore lost connections in a fragmented land. In elegiac, elegant prose, Shehadeh and Johnson grapple not only with questions of Israeli resistance to acknowledging the Nakba - the 1948 catastrophe for Palestinians - but also with the complicated history of Palestinian commemoration today.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Forgotten-Searching-Palestines-Hidden-Memorials/dp/1805222414>

22. Mathur, Shubh and Beg, Mirza Saaib ed. Life, politics and resistance in Kashmir after 2019 : a multidisciplinary understanding of the conflict. London: Lexington Press, 2025. (56845)  
954.6 LIF [R]

The forcible integration of Kashmir into the Indian union has unleashed a new wave of intense political repression, human rights violations and resource appropriation in Kashmir and has once again made the conflict a focus of international attention. This has led to a paradigm shift in global perceptions and created space for new understandings of the conflict and its possible resolutions. Life, Politics, and Resistance in Kashmir after 2019: A Multidisciplinary Understanding of the Conflict brings together original research and

analysis by emerging and established scholars from a range of disciplines to offer a profoundly transformative understanding of the history and experience of Kashmir and the Kashmiris. This book builds a Kashmir-centric narrative of contemporary political and social developments through a discussion of topics ranging from struggles for human rights to environmental destruction and resource appropriation, as well as mental health and the experiences of women, children, political prisoners, and minorities.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Politics-Resistance-Kashmir-After-Multidisciplinary/dp/1793655278>

23. Vemsani, Lavanya. Reframing India in world history. London: Lexington Books, 2025. (56847)  
954 VEM

Reframing India in World History breaks the stereotypical portrayal of India based on misconstrued historical theories. Prevalent constructions of Indian history are tinged with colonial historical frameworks and presentation. It is important to understand India for what it is in the past based on self-determined frameworks derived from Indian history to reclaim India's place in the world history. Based on new evidence-based research, Lavanya Vemsani explores patterns of civilization that are indigenous to India to investigate its history from the beginning to the present. This book covers topics central to a comprehensive understanding of the nation including a discussion of long held cultural notions, civilization continuity, and the historical crises deriving from conquests and colonization.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Reframing-India-History-Lavanya-Vemsani-ebook/dp/B0D9RJB5WZ>

24. Lal, Vinay.,ed. Gandh, truth and nonviolence : the politics of engagement in post-truth times. Oxford : OUP, 2025 (56767)  
954.035 GAN

The anthology presents a diverse array of essays delving into Gandhi's political activities, ethical beliefs, and philosophical stance. Distinguished Gandhian scholars contribute to this collection, setting it apart from similar compilations by focusing not just on Gandhi's impact or the debate over his relevance, but on maintaining his bold ethical ideals and progressive views in an era of skepticism. The essays delve into Gandhi's comprehensive dissection of political logic, his concept of neighbourly political bonds, his fearlessness and adeptness as a yogi. The work also discusses the worldwide landscape of nonviolence, Gandhi's perspectives on Palestine, his legal work in South Africa, his dialogues with Tagore, the pursuit of his ethical goals, and the portrayal of his persona, as well as the ongoing relevance of his nonviolent resistance methods, as seen in India's anti-Citizenship Amendment Act protests. These pieces portray Gandhi as a perpetual participant in limitless endeavours, as described by philosopher James Carse. The book concludes with an interview with Rev. James Lawson, a pivotal figure in the American civil rights movement, which offers a fresh perspective. The Gandhi that emerges from these reflections and intellectual explorations has become all but a stranger to India, and especially to his native Gujarat.



**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/GANDHI-TRUTH-NONVIOLENCE-Professor-History/dp/0198936621>

25. Sabharwal, Mahendra. Kashmir under 370 : a personal history by J & K's former director general of police. New Delhi: Juggernaut, 2024. (56794)  
954.6 SAB

Mahendra Sabharwal was the first IPS officer to be directly assigned the Jammu and Kashmir cadre, in 1964. But when he retired in 2001, after serving as chief of the state's police, he was not permitted to buy land and settle down there. Sabharwal was seen as an outsider in the state he loved and had served for close to four decades. This book is a sharply observed and astutely analytical personal history of J&K. It is a lament for the years and lives lost, and a critique of the cynical politics that have hamstrung the state.

In *Kashmir Under 370*, we meet a cast of characters – the prime ministers, governors, chief ministers and politicians – who have controlled Kashmir's fate. We see them through Sabharwal's eyes and hear the words and thoughts they expressed behind closed doors. We get an unsparing assessment of key players, with an unusual moral clarity. But more than that we see and get a feel of what it means to be 'boots on the ground'. From dodging a mob and containing the fallout of Zulfikar Bhutto's hanging to handling the sieges of Hazratbal and managing the funeral marches of fallen separatists, we get an extraordinary ringside view of politics and policing in J&K. Based on intelligence gathered from captured Pakistani terrorists, he even warned American security officials – long before 9/11 – about plans to target them but he was ignored. With the abrogation of Article 370, audacious cross-border retaliation for Pakistan-sponsored terror strikes and India's economic rise, Sabharwal sees reasons for optimism. The ingredients, he argues, for a more hopeful future have come together for the first time in history. And while much yet needs to be done, a promising start has been made.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/KASHMIR-UNDER-370-Personal-Director/dp/9353454263>

### **International Relations**

26. Karabulut, Bilal. International relations: theories, concepts, and organizations. London, Lexington Books, 2024. (56781)  
327 KAR

*International Relations: Theories, Concepts, and Organizations* analyzes the changing dynamics of world politics on a rational scale. It presents the conceptual and theoretical codes of International Relations (IR) to academics, journalists, politicians, and thinkers. In addition to concepts and theories, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that have an important place in IR are examined. Under the influence of the globalization process, radical changes are taking place in world politics. Increasingly complex, world politics is transforming into a multi-layered structure. This book has been prepared to make IR understandable and accessible clearly.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/International-Relations-Theories-Concepts-Organizations/dp/1666958425>

27. Jaishankar, S. ed, Raisina chronicles: India's global public square. New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2025 (56818)  
327 RAI

Raisina Chronicles celebrates a decade of the Raisina Dialogue. It brings together voices from across the world—of leaders and thinkers reflecting on the Raisina Dialogue's impact on how we may navigate global challenges and create solutions that work. Putting India at the forefront of leading the change, the effect of these Dialogues is felt across policies and projections that the global family is working towards.

S. Jaishankar and Samir Saran, the editors, who are also the curators of the Dialogue, emphasize that diversity, dissent, discord, and divergence of opinion make for the necessary ingredients for a sustainable future, shaped and owned by all. Ten years since its inception, the Raisina Dialogue has become the paramount platform for bringing together cultures, peoples and opinions. It is now India's flagship geopolitical and geoeconomic conference, and has truly become a global public square—located in New Delhi, incubated by the world.

**Source:** <https://www.amazon.in/Raisina-Chronicles-Indias-Global-Public/dp/9361565087>

28. Mukhim, Patricia. From isolation to integration: navigating the geopolitics of India's northeast (1990-2023). Meghalaya: Martin Luther Christian University Press, 2025  
(56848, 56849)  
327.9541 MUK

This book delves into the complexities of India's Northeast, a region often homogenized despite its vast diversity of over 200 ethnic groups with unique cultures and languages. Challenging the notion that the British acted in the region's best interests, the author argues that colonial policies, such as the Inner Line Permit and the classification of communities, have created lasting divisions and conflicts, exemplified by the situation in Manipur. Written from an insider's perspective, drawing on personal experiences with activism, governance, and national advisory bodies, the book aims to provide a nuanced understanding of the region's politics, society, and economy, offering a counter-narrative to external interpretations and highlighting the importance of local voices in analyzing its history and present realities.

**Source:** <https://www.amazon.in/Isolation-Integration-Navigating-Geopolitics-Northeast/dp/B0F7LSSJCW>

29. Gordon, Leonard A. Missions, mantras, migrants and microchips: a history of the Indo-US encounter, 1492 to the present. Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025. (56819)  
330.954073 GOR

The fame of people like Priyanka Chopra, Satya Nadella, Sundar Pichai, Kumail Nanjiani, Indra Nooyi, Mindy Kaling, M. Night Shyamalan, Tata Consultancy Services' (TCS) sponsorship of the New York City Marathon, the ubiquitousness of Indian restaurants and yoga studios in many American cities and much else illustrates the close relationship the US and India enjoy today. From the 1780s onwards, there have been relationships of various kinds, all mediated, until India's independence, through the British Raj. While ties in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries were somewhat thin, the closer relationship through three-quarters of the twentieth century, has now become an extremely close one as

India has sent large rivers of people and goods to America, and Americans have responded with growing interest and involvement in India. This, despite occasional blips like the Bhopal industrial disaster.

Missions, Mantras, Migrants and Microchips takes the long view of the Indo-US encounter. Besides documenting well-known ties, it also brings into focus some ignored and forgotten people like Kumar Goshal, Ida Scudder, Charles Page Perin, John Bissell and Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. Deeply researched and engagingly written by veteran historian Leonard A. Gordon, this work is the definitive account of the Indo-US connection.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Missions-Mantras-Migrants-Microchips-Encounter/dp/0670099996>

## **Law**

30. Nayak, Nihar R. Nepal the making of an inclusive constitution: demands, debates, dissents. New Delhi: Pentagon Press, 2025. (56765)  
342.95496 NAY

This book delves into the intricate dynamics surrounding the creation of Nepal's Constitution and the persistent struggle for inclusion by marginalised groups. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the movements opposing the 2015 Constitution and their implications for Nepal's internal stability. The text is structured into six chapters, excluding the Introduction and Conclusion. The Introduction provides an overview of the key themes in the book as well as the research methodology employed in the study. The book begins by examining Nepal's ethnic-regional dynamics, highlighting the dominance of Hill elites and the marginalisation of Janajati and Madhesi communities despite Constitutional promises of inclusivity. It traces the evolution of Janajati and Madhesi movements, detailing their historical roles, internal divisions, and struggles to consolidate political power. It also discusses the Maoist movement's appropriation and neglect of Janajati demands, the challenges faced by Nepal's Constituent Assemblies in drafting an inclusive Constitution, and the growing public disillusionment with the democratic process. Finally, it analyses external influences on Nepal's internal politics. The study bridges a critical research gap by focusing on post-2015 developments in these movements and their evolution within the changing political landscape. The Conclusion warns that without empathetic efforts to address marginalised groups' demands, Nepal risks prolonged political instability and strained relations with India, given the latter's deep societal and strategic ties with Nepal. This book is essential for those seeking to understand Nepal's constitutional journey, its marginalised communities' aspirations, and the broader regional ramifications.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Nepal-Inclusive-Constitution-Demands-Dissents/dp/B0DYNMT9LM>



## **Language**

31. Mohan, Peggy. Father, tongue, mother land : the birth of language in South Asia. Gurugram: Penguin Random House, 2025. (56838)  
491.154 MOH

In Father Tongue, Motherland, Peggy Mohan looks at exactly how the mixed languages in South Asia came to life. Like a flame moving from wick to wick in early encounters between male settlers and locals skilled at learning languages, the language would start to 'go native' as it spread. This produced 'father tongues', with words taken from the migrant men's language, but grammars that preserved the earlier languages of the 'motherland'. Looking first at Dakkhini, spoken in the Deccan where north meets south, Mohan goes on to build an X-ray image of a vanished language of the Indus Valley Civilization from the 'ancient bones' visible in the modern languages of the area. In the east, she explores another migration of men 4000 years ago that left its mark on language beyond the Ganga-Yamuna confluence. How did the Dravidian people and their languages end up in south India? And what about Nepal, where men coming into the Kathmandu Valley 500 years ago created a hybrid eerily similar to what we find in the rest of the subcontinent? One image running through this book is of something that remains even when the living form of language fades. Tucked away in how we think and speak now are echoes of our history, and the story of ancestors who lived hundreds and thousands of years ago.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Father-Tongue-Motherland-Languages-Hardcover/dp/0670099740>

## **Literature**

32. Veluthat, Kesavan. Clio revisits calliope: a historian's excursion to the kavya literature. New Delhi: Primus Books, 2025. (56816)  
891.29 VEL

The essays included in Clio Revisits Calliope: A Historian's Excursion to the Kāvya Literature analyze kāvya literature in Sanskrit, bringing to bear on it a sense of history. Taken up for study are the kāvyas of Kālidāsa, Bhāravi and Māgha, as well as a few praśastis. There is also a study of the Maṇipravāḷam poetry from Kerala, which partake of all features of Sanskrit kāvyas. The burden of argument in these essays is that even when the theme taken up by two texts are the same, each has a different flavour and character and that it is the social formation which produced a literary piece that determines them. Although not planned and written as a disciplined monograph, the essays, when read together, will bring home the point that Clio, the muse of history, and Calliope, the muse of epic poetry, are not antagonistic to one another. They complement each other. A sense of history is essential in appreciating poetry; so also, a literary sensibility is a desideratum in understanding the past. It emphasizes that one will be able to understand by reading poetry what a thousand volumes of history books could not possibly tell us, i.e. it is possible to feel history rather than know it.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Clio-Revisits-Calliope-Historians-Literature/dp/9368831998>

33. Begum, Mumtaz. Khari nadi. Nayi Deili : Rajkamal Prakashan, 2025 (56800)  
891.4 BEG

खारी नदी को आप मुमताज़ बेगम की कहानी कहिये, या फिर उनकी कहानी से हिम्मत बटोरती कई कहानियाँ कहिये, आपबीती कहिए, ज़िन्दगी के तजुर्बे कहिये, पर यह कहानी हमें अपने आप से और दुनिया की कठोर सच्चाई से रूबरू कराती है और आगे के रास्ते भी दिखाती है। इसलिए ये महज़ कहानी या आपबीती नहीं रह जाती बल्कि खारी नदी बन जाती है।

हमारे आसपास की दुनिया ने कुछ दस्तूर बना दिए हैं, कुछ ठप्पे बना दिए हैं, जो बस इंसानों पर लगा दिए जाते हैं, कि ये तो ऐसा ही होगा। एक तयशुदा नज़रिया और तयशुदा सज़ा! लेकिन खारी नदी तो इन सब नज़रियों से परे एक औरत का संघर्ष दिखाती है जो किसी भी वंचित समुदाय की औरत का संघर्ष हो सकता है।

Source : [https://www.amazon.in/Khari-Nadi-%E0%A4%96%E0%A4%BE%E0%A4%B0%E0%A5%80-%E0%A4%A8%E0%A4%A6%E0%A5%80/dp/9360864633/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=2SEVJU6DJNX7A&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.qQm\\_3Q7YY-OKbixkiUdICg.6lMJyQaGU38vhBXurz0UJL6WhfuWhqnnEWqjM6Z3HRY&dib\\_tag=s&keywords=Khari+nadi&qid=1758955395&s=books&sprefix=khari+nadi%2Cstripbooks%2C229&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.in/Khari-Nadi-%E0%A4%96%E0%A4%BE%E0%A4%B0%E0%A5%80-%E0%A4%A8%E0%A4%A6%E0%A5%80/dp/9360864633/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2SEVJU6DJNX7A&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.qQm_3Q7YY-OKbixkiUdICg.6lMJyQaGU38vhBXurz0UJL6WhfuWhqnnEWqjM6Z3HRY&dib_tag=s&keywords=Khari+nadi&qid=1758955395&s=books&sprefix=khari+nadi%2Cstripbooks%2C229&sr=1-1)

### **Military Science**

34. Vij, N C. Alone in the ring: decision making in critical times. New Delhi: Bloomsbury, 2025. (56782)  
355.030954 VIJ

When General N.C. Vij was the Chief of Army Staff from 2003 to 2005, he made decisions that have continued to influence national security. In *Alone in the Ring* he looks back at the choices he made under difficult conditions and their consequences. A bold one, with great impact, was the visionary decision to construct a fence of 740 kilometres along the Line of Control from the river Chenab to Zozila Pass. Erected in just about a year, it has since changed the security dynamics of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state. 'Operation Khukri' gives a gripping account of the rescue of 222 Indian peacekeepers in Sierra Leone. He also examines in detail different perspectives of Operation Parakram. As the author of the cold start doctrine, General Vij masterfully discusses doctrinal issues such as jointness, integration and theaterisation, all of which are of major concern today. These reflect the ability of the Indian armed forces to learn from good and bad experiences and emerge even stronger.

*Alone in the Ring* is a timely and significant book in a world of uncertainty with an ever-changing geopolitical landscape, where understanding the dynamics of decision-making is crucial for policy makers, military leaders, civil society and academics alike.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Alone-Ring-Decision-making-Critical-Times/dp/935640951X>

35. Subramaniam, Arjun. India's wars II: a military history 1972-2020. Gurugram : Harper Collins Publishers, 2025. (56815)  
355.00954 SUB

The armed forces have played a key role in protecting India's sovereignty and raising its stature as a stable democracy and responsible regional power. Though the nation's soldiers, sailors and airmen occupy a special place in people's hearts, standard narratives of contemporary Indian history rarely cover the military dimension. In his first book, India's Wars: A Military History, 1947-1971, Arjun Subramaniam attempted to set this right by taking readers on a journey until the liberation of Bangladesh in 1971.

Full Spectrum: India's Wars, 1972-2020 takes the story forward. It is a sweeping account of war and conflict in contemporary India over the past five decades. Covering every major operation that the armed forces have participated in - including the Kargil conflict of 1999, insurgencies in the north-east, terrorism and proxy wars in Jammu and Kashmir, separatist violence in Punjab, the IPKF intervention in Sri Lanka, and the continued stress along the LoC and LAC - it fuses the strategic, operational, tactical and human dimensions of war and conflict into a racy narrative that reflects their changing character in modern times.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Indias-Wars-II-Military-1972-2020/dp/9365696321>

36. Bhardwaj, Pawan. Artificial intelligence: military tactics, bridges, and aspirations. New Delhi: Pentagon Press, 2025. (56769).  
355.07 BHA

Writing about the Indian version of AI concepts and development is important for several reasons. Indian military requirements and battlefield scenarios are unique, and tailored solutions align better with Indian operational needs. Documenting Indian AI developments fosters a culture of technology innovation. A unique AI framework and action plan focus effort and maintain strategic autonomy. Documenting and disseminating information about Indian AI developments enhances academic and research pursuits within the country, stimulating interest among students and professionals, leading to a more skilled workforce. Positioning India as a responsible leader in AI is a significant result of this work. Writing about AI developments within India aids in formulating informed policies that support and regulate AI growth effectively. By contributing unique perspectives and solutions to the global AI landscape, India establishes itself as a key player in the AI domain.

Source : <https://www.amazon.in/-/hi/Pawan-Bhardwaj/dp/B0DX6KZTS3>

37. Subramaniam, Chitra. Boforsgate : a journalist's pursuit of truth. New Delhi: Juggernaut Books, 2025. (56833)  
355.62120954 SUB

When Rajiv Gandhi became the prime minister of India in 1984, he was promptly named 'Mr Clean'. So cherished was the young, articulate prime minister's reputation that when whispers of kickbacks in an arms deal with a Swedish company named Bofors began to



circulate, many could hardly believe it. On 16 April 1987, when this story hit the Swedish radio, twenty-nine-year-old Chitra Subramaniam, a stringer based in Switzerland, decided to follow it. Little did she know that Bofors would consume her life for the next decade, during which she would develop a network of shadowy whistleblowers, unearth a damning paper trail and uncover a 1.3-billion-dollar scandal! Her reporting would be instrumental in bringing down the Congress government in India, changing criminal laws in Sweden and, for the first time, would unveil how international arms dealers used their political connections to close multi-billion-dollar deals.

In Boforsgate, Chitra Subramaniam tells her side of the story for the first time. The book moves from Stockholm, Geneva, Bern and Davos to New Delhi, Bangalore and Chennai, spanning successive Indian governments, even as Subramaniam struggles with marriage, pregnancy and motherhood. She is also a woman in a man's world, fighting for her own byline on the pieces she investigates at considerable personal risk.

**Source:** <https://www.amazon.in/BOFORSGATE-Journalists-Pursuit-Chitra-Subramaniam/dp/935345509X>

### **Philosophy**

38. Wills, Vanessa Christina. Marx's ethical vision. New York: Oxford University Press, 2024. (56812)  
171.7 WIL

"The communists do not preach morality at all"; this line from The Communist Manifesto might seem to settle the question of whether Marxism has anything to offer moral philosophy. Yet, Marx issued both trenchant critiques of "bourgeois" morality and thundering condemnations of capitalism's "vampire-like" destructiveness. He decried commodity-exchange for corroding our ability to value one another for who we are, not how much our lives could be traded away for. He expressed apparently ethical views about human nature, the conditions necessary for human flourishing, and the desirability of bringing such conditions about--views that are interwoven throughout his life's work, from his youthful philosophical poetry to his unfinished masterpiece, Capital.

**Source:** <https://www.amazon.in/Ethical-Associate-Professor-Philosophy-Christina/dp/0197688144>

39. Keating, Malcolm. Reason in an uncertain world: Nyaya philosophers on argumentation and living well. New York: Oxford University Press, 2024. (56810)  
181.43 KEA

In Reason in an Uncertain World, Keating teaches us what's distinctive in Nyaya approaches to knowledge and discussion, explaining these ideas in relationship to ordinary examples readers can understand. What are the limits of our reasoning? What counts as good evidence for our beliefs? How do we know if someone is a trustworthy source of information? What do we do when we are gripped by doubt? When is a debate with someone worth our time, and how can we discuss contentious topics? The answers to these

questions are as relevant today as they were in ancient India. There, they were the focus of Nyaya philosophy, one of the most influential traditions of Indian philosophy, which few outside of scholarly communities have heard of.

**Source:** <https://www.amazon.in/Reason-Uncertain-World-Philosophers-Argumentation/dp/0197634435>

### **Political Science**

40. Joseph, William A. Politics in China: an introduction. New York: Oxford University Press, 2024. (56811)  
320.951 POL

Politics in China is an authoritative introduction to how the world's second most populous nation and rapidly rising global power is governed today. Written by leading China scholars, each chapter offers an accessible overview of a key topic in Chinese politics. The opening section provides readers with a firm grounding in China's modern political history, covering the decline and fall of the last imperial dynasty and the rise to power of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), and the radicalism of the era of Mao Zedong (1949-76), the dramatic economic reforms carried out by Deng Xiaoping and his disciples (1978 to 2012) and the era of Xi Jinping (2012-present), who has consolidated more personal power than any CCP leader since Mao. The next section sets the framework of politics in the People's Republic of China (PRC) with chapters on the ideology of the CCP, the structure and dynamics of the political system, the role of law and legal reform, and the policies behind the country's spectacular economic transformation. The book then shifts to a discussion of a series of major political issues in China today: reform and resistance in the countryside; changes and challenges in the cities; the arts and culture; the environment and climate change; public health; population policy; and internet politics. The final chapters of the book covers politics in four important areas located on China's geographic periphery: Tibet, Xinjiang, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

**Source:** <https://www.amazon.com/Politics-China-Introduction-William-Joseph/dp/0197683215>

41. Ashutosh. Reclaiming Bharat : what changed in 2024 and what lies ahead. New York: Westland Books, 2025. (56817)  
320.954 ASH

In 2024, India cast perhaps its most important vote to date. There was a palpable fear that a clear majority for the Bharatiya Janata Party would pave the way for further constitutional amendments, fundamentally changing the republic's original contract with its citizens. The atmosphere was charged—Prime Minister Narendra Modi had recently led the consecration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, he and his star campaigners were campaigning hard on an unapologetically communal plank and chants of 'Abki baar, 400 paar' echoed confidently across the nation. Or so it seemed. Did the electoral outcome truly defy all expectations? Why did Ayodhya's grand temple not translate into a decisive victory for BJP and Modi—not even in the temple town's constituency? Was the result really as shocking as it appeared? Or were there signs all along, waiting to be discerned amidst the noise?

In this astute and expertly narrated account, Ashutosh leverages his experience as journalist to offer a rare view of India's evolving political terrain. Reclaiming Bharat meticulously dissects the 2024 elections, unravelling the subtle signals and underlying factors that impeded BJP's quest for a clear victory. By piecing together the political, social and economic currents at play, it presents a compelling narrative of a nation at a crossroads—and perhaps a way to understand what lies ahead.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Reclaiming-Bharat-What-Changed-Ahead/dp/936045155X>

42. Ashraf, Tariq. Election 2024: a complete documentation and analysis of Indian parliamentary election since 1952. 2 Vols. (56836, 56837)  
324.60954 ASH

This documentation of India's Parliamentary elections, providing a large amount of electoral data & statistics since 1952, was first published in the year 2004 when India went to elect the 14th Lok Sabha, the lower house of its Parliament. The current study is 5th in a row and has completed 20 years of its journey. This two-volume study of the election of 2024 provides a mine of information on all 18 Lok Sabha elections held so far. Sourced from several official authentic platforms, data has been extensively analysed, adding immense value to the study. Holding elections in the world's seventh-largest nation by area is a complex task and represents a convergence of traditional political campaigning and cutting-edge technology, with AI, social media, and the internet playing pivotal roles in shaping electoral dynamics. This study captures the entire complex electoral process and the data generated by this massive and mammoth exercise. The study has increasingly been recognized as one of the primary sources of data on electoral studies and has lately emerged as a vital reference source for social scientists, policymakers, researchers, and psephologists. It is hoped that in the coming years, the study will increase its reach and be found as an essential source of election data, both in India and abroad.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Election-2024-Documentation-Parliamentary-Elections/dp/9392958889>

43. Tewari, Saagar. Islands against civilisation: anthropology, nationalism, and the politics of scheduling, 1918-1950. Hyderabad: Orient Black Swan, 2025. (56809)  
342.0290954 TEW

In British India, 'scheduling' meant the act of placing certain areas under 'special administrative regimes', where the usual laws and regulations did not apply. After independence, similar provisions were included in the Constitution of India, in the form of the Fifth and Sixth Schedules, for predominantly tribal areas. This book provides a history of the late-colonial discussions around the future of tribal communities in South Asia. In this debate were first, the British anthropologists and administrators, who believed that the introduction of modern electoral democracy would harm the tribal people. They wished to 'exclude' or 'partially exclude' all tribal majority areas from the powers of elected assemblies. Against them stood the Indian nationalists, who were opposed to such a policy of territorial separation, seeing it as another instrument of the British policy of divide and



rule. Through the story of this history of scheduling, the author brings to life the intellectual debates, political mobilisation, and cultural assertiveness that lay behind the creation of the category of 'Scheduled Tribes'. Showing the connections between colonial and independent India that remain alive even today, this book offers an understanding of the forces and frameworks that continue to shape the tribal situation in current times.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Islands-Against-Civilisation-Anthropology-Nationalism/dp/9354426484>

44. Dutta, Sagnik. In the shadow of minority rights: decolonising gender, liberalism and the politics of difference. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2025. (56814)  
341.485 DUT

How and where do religious minorities claim their rights? This book challenges abstract liberal approaches to minority rights and colonial constructions of the minority. It charts a new way of understanding minority rights based on an exploration of the everyday life of Muslim women's activism in Mumbai and its intersection with transnational feminist networks and a global politics of Islamic reform. It shows how women deploy everyday ideas of ethics and bodily practices to challenge inequality in Muslim family law. They construct a just community based upon the ethical ideals of the Quran and rights guaranteed by the Indian Constitution and negotiate for rights within homes, police stations, and neighbourhoods in ghettos. Everyday familiarity is interlaced with violence in women's interactions with the state and non-state actors as they claim their rights, and practices of ethics and intimate negotiations with processes of ghettoisation and violence shape the everyday life of rights.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Shadow-Minority-Rights-Decolonising-Liberalism/dp/1009582038>

45. Minor, Ray C. A theory of citizen equality: a framework for democratic citizenship. London: Lexington Books, 2024. (56776)  
323.3 MIN

A Theory of Citizen Equality: A Framework for Democratic Citizenship advances a theory of citizen equality that provides a roadmap for leveling the playing field. Citizen Equality Model is a broad theoretical approach for establishing justice and equality in a political environment. The theory prioritizes economic, political, religious, and social domains. There are ten total domains with the other six being biological, physiological, psychological, legal, educational, and leisure. If these domains are optimized, then a person has a chance for equality and the benefits of social and economic advantages. It also lists and prescribes thirteen limitations on equality. The theory approaches equality from the viewpoint of citizen as a whole person. In this sense, a citizen is met at their status and assessed to determine requirements for elevation to full equality. The goal is to place citizens in the best position to maximize their ability to attain equality.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/-/hi/Ray-C-Minor-ebook/dp/B0D1M8C5WN>

## **Reference**

46. Bharat 2025: a reference annual. New Delhi: Publications Division, 2025. (56820)  
052 BHA

Bharat 2025 - A Reference Annual is a comprehensive digest of country's progress in different fields. The book deal with all aspects of development-from rural to urban, industry to infrastructure, science and technology to art and culture, economy, health, defence to education and mass communication. The sections on general knowledge, current affairs, sports and important events, are a must read for comprehensive understanding of these fields. With its authenticity of facts and data, the book is a treasure for students, researchers and academicians.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/INDIA-2024-Reference-Annual-English/dp/B0CXJD8142>

## **Religion**

47. Beldio, Patrick. The mother of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram: co-creator of the integral yoga. London: Lexington Books, 2025. (56780)  
294.5 BEL

The Mother of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram: Co-Creator of the Integral Yoga analyzes the contributions of the Mother (née Mirra Alfassa, 1878-1973) to the Integral Yoga that she and Sri Aurobindo (né Aurobindo Ghose, 1872-1950) co-created for his ashram. Scholars have ignored Mirra for Aurobindo, which prevents a full understanding of their spiritual practice. Scholars have also avoided examining work Aurobindo produced after they began their partnership in 1920 until his death in 1950, and privileged the written output in his journal Arya from 1914 to 1921. In this initial fertile period, he put forth his innovative teaching about what he called the “Supermind,” an emergent human faculty that he said would manifest a new humanity and a new earth through Mirra’s body. Mirra claimed that after his death in 1956 this manifestation happened as he foretold. Mirra’s work in the ashram from his death until hers in 1973 reveals important ways that she both fulfilled and changed Aurobindo’s initial vision. These developments are chiefly based on her experiences of mental dissolution while her body gained a new supramental form and consciousness.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Mother-Sri-Aurobindo-Ashram-Co-Creator/dp/1793624267>

48. Nariman, Rohinton F. An ode to fraternity: life, death and beyond in world religion: is there unity in diversity. Gurugram: Penguin Random House, 2025. (56822)  
291.3 NAR

Religion... Time and again, people have fought over it and divided the world into many fragments. Often, they have mindlessly imposed the superiority of one religion over another. News on 'forceful conversion', 'religious extremism' and 'religious hostility' is rightly, wrongly and maliciously disseminated through various means. Such acts have not only ruptured communal harmony and caused bloodshed but also damaged the foundation of humanity. History is witness to such man-made catastrophes. Shedding light on how people from various faiths can learn from each other to create a more inclusive world, An Ode to Fraternity is a brilliant meditation on world religion. From Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Buddhism and Bahai to Sikhism and Christianity, among others, this is an apt book for our times, one that opens a window to understand how multiple faiths, life philosophies and religions can create a panoramic peaceful world.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Ode-Fraternity-Religion-Diversity-Rohinton/dp/0143472003>

49. Harold, Philip J. Against values: how to talk about the good in a postliberal era. New Delhi: Rowman and Littlefield, 2024. (56774)  
230.046 HAR

Today's wholesale lack of trust in our institutions is a problem with deep roots in liberalism, and it cannot be solved by tweaking a liberal paradigm in which different conceptions of the good create conflict that is resolved by a sovereign state without reference to a nonexclusive common good. Ultimately, the essence of liberalism is contained in the language of values which serve as wedges to divide people. Philip J. Harold takes this problem head-on with a thoroughgoing survey, reaching back to the early modern era, to uncover the nature of liberalism's basic assumptions and diagnose its breakdown. As opposed to traditional liberal denial of a good superior to individual interest, Harold proposes a postliberal political philosophy able to understand the common good as friendship and social trust built up by loyalty. While critiquing values language, Harold also addresses the concept of sovereignty and the invention of morality as its supplement, the inappropriate distinction between the empirical and the transcendental, the true nature of the secular and the sacred, the necessarily symbolic expression of the common good, and the false conceptualization of religion and politics.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Against-Values-Talk-About-Postliberal/dp/1538174154>



50. Sharma, Arvind ed. Women in world religions: exploring the future. Singapore: Springer, 2024. (56841)  
305.486 WOM

This book delves into the future of the relationship between religion and the status of women. With contributions from distinguished scholars, it examines current trends in the following religions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, and Daoism. It envisions the implications of these developments for the future position of women. The method employed in this book is characterized by what is known as 'personalist epistemology.' The contributing authors blend their experiences as women within the diverse traditions, along with more comprehensive accounts of the role of women in these religions. By doing so, they combine the finest aspects of subjective and objective approaches to studying women in world religions. The contributors examine contemporary trends within their respective religious traditions by combining the finest aspects of subjective and objective approaches to studying women in world religions. It serves as a testament to the enduring interest in women's roles in religion and the dynamic nature of the field. The book intends to appeal to many readers, from the general public to academics. It offers valuable insights into the position of women in world religions, making it relevant to both the average person and those engaged in scholarly pursuits.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.com/Women-World-Religions-Exploring-Future/dp/9819759749>

51. Sharma, Arvind. From fire to light : rereading the manusmrti. Gurugram: Harper Collins, 2024. (56825)  
294.509 SHA

In *From Fire to Light*, acclaimed academic Arvind Sharma argues that the present understanding of the Manusmriti - regarded as a text designed by the higher castes, especially brahmanas, to oppress the lower castes and women - only tells one side of the story. As he demonstrates, this perception, when examined against textual, commentarial and historical evidence, is limited to the point of being misleading (and sometimes downright wrong).

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Fire-Light-Rereading-Manusmriti/dp/9356997764>

## **Sports**

52. Naha, Souvik. Cricket and nationhood in the twenty –first century: identity projects in uncertain times. Oxford: OUP, 2024. (56766)  
796.358 CRI

This book presents a comprehensive exploration of the contemporary global landscape characterized by unsettling dynamics in identity politics, state authority, capitalism, nationalism, and nationhood, during the twenty-first century. Using cricket as a lens, it argues that the sport plays a profound role in a global society. This sport has not only generated the contexts and tools for shaping, promoting, displaying, and legitimizing

nationalism and national identity, it has also served as a conduit for followers who express national optimism and aspirations. Cricket, as a political project, intricately interweaves territorial and emotional dimensions of belonging, attitudes, and involvement, thus offering a unique perspective for understanding the modern world across South Asia, Australia, Western Europe, Southern Africa, and North America. The chapters analyse how the audience of cricket -- about two billion people -- understand themselves in relation to their involvement in cricket, and what interactions among these groups tell us about global identity politics. Cricket provides communities with a dynamic space and social capital, facilitating the negotiation of gender, sexual, ethnic, and racial identities within their adopted environments. It has been a potent medium in shaping ethnic and racial identities, surpassing surface-level displays of national colours and unified chants. This book marks a significant step forward, delving into the comprehensive performative, emotional, and representational significance inherent in these circumstances.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Cricket-Nationhood-Twenty-First-Century-Uncertain-ebook/dp/B0DPVJ9NSG>

### **Social Science**

53. Singh, Amita.,ed. International handbook of disaster research. Singapore: Springer Nature, 2023. Vol 3. (56795, 56796, 56797).  
363.34 INT [R]

This handbook is a comprehensive source of information, analysis and directions in disaster studies. It goes beyond the oft-explored issues of management and science related to the topic and explores policies, governance, law and decision-making combined with the processes of implementation and enforcement, all the while integrating the latest science and technology updates related to the topic, such as artificial intelligence and early warning systems. It brings together studies which relate to sociology, politics and institutional economics, which work under the impact of resource availability, issues of leadership and international laws. Disasters are trans-boundary and disaster studies are trans-disciplinary. It is this aspect which would form the fulcrum of contributions and present a new, refreshing and innovative design for the handbook. The transformatory pedagogy which started with the Hyogo Framework for action 2005-2015 and The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 outlines seven clear targets and four priorities for action to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risks. The four priority areas around which the book would revolve are (i) Understanding disaster risk; (ii) Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk; (iii) Investing in disaster reduction for resilience and; (iv) Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to "Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/International-Handbook-Disaster-Research-Amita/dp/9811983879>

54. Heath, Deana., ed. Policing and violence in India: colonial origins and contemporary realities. New Delhi: Speaking Tree, 2025. (56783)  
363.23 POL

Why does India's police force, created under British rule, still echo the priorities of a bygone empire? And what is it about this institution, tasked with maintaining the law and order, that has led to a normalization of daily violence?

These are the key questions that inform the analyses in this volume by lawyers, academics and activists. Divided into four broad sections, it begins by looking at the origins of the modern police force in the 1860s and demonstrates their role in maintaining socio-cultural, economic and political hierarchies even in post-Independence India. The second section explores how the law and legal infrastructure, as well as the bureaucracy in India, work to effectively facilitate police violence and to further marginalize and criminalize certain groups, like lower castes and Muslims. The penultimate section complicates this picture, examining how police violence is shaped by historical ambivalence towards democracy, the personal and systemic dynamics between police personnel and the accused, and the fraught identity of police in conflict zones like Kashmir, where authority is both granted and withheld by the state.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Policing-Violence-India-Contemporary-Realities/dp/9363367533>

55. Sati, Someshwar., ed. Narrative universes of disability : global perspective. Singapore: Springer Nature, 2025. (56839)  
362.4 NAR

This volume explores and critically examines how disability is communicated to and comprehended by individuals and societies, focussing on the shaping of these narratives within diverse disciplinary environments, and their interrelation with institutions like academia. It delves into the intersection between disability and several new areas of study, such as translation studies, citizenship, inclusive design and accessibility, thereby broadening the scope of the discipline of disability studies. The volume highlights how disability embodiment shapes narrative structure, and challenges deeply entrenched ableist stratifications, hegemonies and hierarchies that prevail in the humanities and social sciences. It examines the theoretical, methodological and ethical narratives of human embodiment and disability by bringing together papers from various parts of the globe, from multiple disciplinary perspectives, focusing on diverse time segments, and dealing with different kinds of disability. Read together, the contributions to this volume reevaluate how disabled body-minds have been historically devalued down the ages, suggesting new ways of understanding/re-thinking this oppression and marginalization. This anthology is a valuable resource for students and researchers in cultural and critical disability studies.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Narrative-Universes-Disability-Global-Perspectives/dp/9819633834>



56. Pandey, Gyanendra. Men at home : imagining liberation in colonial and postcolonial India. Hyderabad : Orient Black Swan, 2025. (56790)  
305.31 PAN

In *Men at Home*, Gyanendra Pandey offers a detailed exploration of men's comportment and conduct in the home and the implications of their ambiguous commitment to this critical part of their lives. The author draws on a wealth of archival materials—autobiographies, memoirs, fiction, and ethnographies—to situate Indian men firmly in the domestic world, underlining their dependence on the family and home. He investigates how men negotiate marriage, intimacy, and conjugality and focuses the effects of the humiliating and constant assertion of gender, caste, and class power in familial interactions. To uncover the nuances of these relationships, Pandey attends to the domestic commitments of upper-, middle-, and lower-class men across religion and caste. He considers issues of honor and shame, rights and responsibilities, citizenship and belonging through this exploration of how men across the subcontinent understand themselves in and beyond their domestic relationships. As much as it is a book about masculinity and conjugality, this is a book about Indian modernity, nationalism, and society as seen from the location of men in the home.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Men-Home-Imagining-Liberation-Postcolonial/dp/1478031387>

57. Singh, Hira. Annihilation of caste in India: Ambedkar, Gandhi, Weber and Marx. Switerland : Palgrave Macmillan, 2024. (56842) [R ]  
305.5122 SIN

This book offers a critical re-examination of the relationship between caste and class. Singh demystifies caste based on a comparative analysis between a Weberian and Marxian understanding of power. He rejects Max Weber's account of caste as rooted in culture which Weber saw as analytically distinct from the economic and political power. In contrast, Singh offers a Marxist analysis of caste as a matter of land (means of production) and labor (social relations of production). Extending his critique of the cultural understanding of caste, Singh examines one of the most prominent accounts of caste as a religious phenomenon specific to Hinduism. The book aims to show the intrinsic interconnectedness of class and caste.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Annihilation-Caste-India-Ambedkar-Gandhi/dp/3031787048>

58. Bhandari, Parul, , Dissent with love : ambiguity affect and transformation in South Asia. London: Routledge, 2025. (56840)  
306.840954 DIS

This book presents a unique rendering of love in South Asia by reading love through the specific lens of dissent. It presents multiple articulations of dissenting love in contemporary South Asia including negotiations with parents to assert choice of partner, migration, elopement, live-in relationships, singlehood, 'new' ideas of masculinities, and embracing diverse sexual identities. It studies these forms of dissent in the context of changing legal discourses, impact of media in everyday life, and transforming social attitudes. As such, this book is the first of its kind to analyse the myriad ways in which love and dissent constitute each other shaping the social, political, and cultural mores and movements of South Asia. The contributions are based on ethnographic research cutting across diverse religious, ethnic, and gender and sexual identities of South Asia.

Part of the Social Movements and Transformative Dissent series, this book will be of interest to students and researchers of sociology, anthropology, history, geography, political science, gender studies, and media studies. It will also appeal to academics who study South Asia with a special focus on love, intimacy, sexuality, marriage, migration, history, politics and media.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Dissent-Love-Ambiguity-Transformation-Transformative-ebook/dp/B0DB2Q86YQ>

59. Rawat, Ramnarayan S and Mohan, P Sanala.,ed. Dalit journeys for dignity : religion, freedom and caste. Ranikhet : Permanent Black, 2025 (56791)  
305.5688 DAL

This book focuses on the theme of Dalit struggles for dignity in India. It begins by documenting the role of India's Dalits in ensuring inclusion of the term "dignity" in the Indian Constitution of 1950. Introducing Ambedkar's concept of "moral stamina", which emphasised the role of ethical ideas in democracy, the Introduction pairs this idea with the notion of dignity and demonstrates the foundational influence of these two concepts in Dalit activism and writings. Six essays explore the distinct trajectories of Dalit groups in search of religious alternatives. They reveal an ethical understanding of religion in which conversion to Christianity as well as the appropriation of indigenous religious traditions – such as Buddhism and the Sant religion (associated with the poet-saints Kabir and Raidas) – are shown as initiatives to reconstitute untouchable selfhood by challenging the discourse of caste orthodoxy. Three of the essays show the struggle against caste-Hinduism by analysing changes in the sartorial, spatial, and occupational arenas. These essays take Dalit Studies into under-explored territories and suggest ideas for further research. By focusing on the theme of dignity, this volume highlights shifts in the study of Hinduism, caste inequality, and Dalit Studies over the past decade. It will be seen as indispensable by all students of caste, religion, politics, and history.

**Source:**<https://www.amazon.in/Dalit-Journeys-Dignity-Religion-Freedom/dp/8178246880>

60. Shroff, Rukshana. At home in the capital: the Parsis of Delhi. (56799)  
301.45290954 SHR

Parsis began settling in Delhi in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as traders, entrepreneurs, and professionals seeking new opportunities in the rapidly expanding city. With Delhi becoming the capital, first of British India and then of independent India, the Parsis (though never exceeding 800 at any given point of time), played a key role in helping build the institutions and infrastructure of modern India – the railways, civil & defence services, the judiciary, educational and scientific institutions to name a few.

This first-ever comprehensive account of the Parsis of Delhi includes amusing anecdotes, interesting incidents and some first-hand accounts that bring to life the ethos of the community.

It contextualizes the growth of the community within the larger framework of the socio-political and economic changes taking place in Delhi and the National Capital Region and highlights the role of the Parsis in this transformation.

This book is a tribute to their contributions and an attempt to ensure that their history is preserved for posterity. It celebrates the adaptability and pragmatism of this microscopic community that has enabled it to maintain its unique identity while making itself at home in the Capital.