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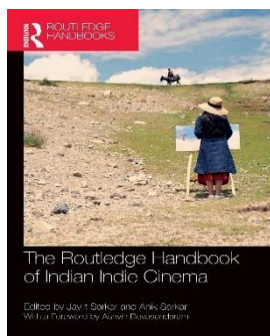
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The Routledge handbook of Indian Indie cinema

Edited by Jayjit Sarkar | Routledge, London | 9781032225005 | 2025

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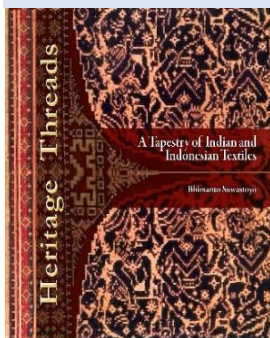
This handbook offers a critical introduction to Indian Indie cinema, exploring its subversion of dominant ideas, aesthetics and narratives; its inclusion of marginal and alternative experiences and ideologies; its relationship with audiences; and its defiance of norms followed by commercial Bollywood cinema.

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Heritage threads: a tapestry of Indian and Indonesian textiles

By Bhimanto Suwastoyo | Sulawesi: Toraja Melo Foundation | 9786021882726 | 2025

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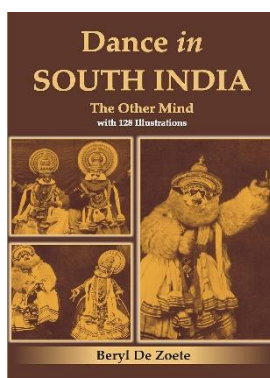
Heritage Threads explores the deep-rooted historical and cultural connections between Indian and Indonesian textile traditions, tracing their shared heritage through centuries of trade, ritual, and artistic exchange.

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Dance in South India: The other mind with 128 illustrations

By Beryl De Zoete | Delhi: B. R. Rhythms | 978-8188827831 | 2022

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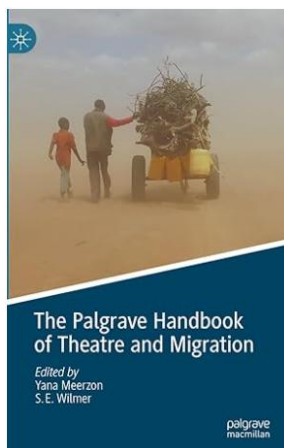
In the island of Bali the ecstasy into which the dancer's own movements sweep him is called 'the other mind', and the author has chosen this phrase, which so well describes the entranced state common to dancers all over the world, as the title of her present book. The Other Mind deals with dancing in South India, in particular with the two main forms of classical dance: Bharata Natya, a women's dance, descended from that of the dedicated temple-dancers, and Kathakali, the famous dance drama of Malabar, in which all the parts are taken by men, and masks are replaced by a most elaborate traditional make-up. Considerable space is also devoted to the trance dances of 'possession' by spirits, which form part of every temple ceremony among the lower castes, from whom the 'devil dancers' are drawn.

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The Palgrave handbook of theatre and migration

Edited by Yana Meerzon. | Palgrave Macmillan, Switzerland | 978-3031201950 | 2023

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The Palgrave Handbook of Theatre and Migration provides a wide survey of theatre and performance practices related to the experience of global movements, both in historical and contemporary contexts. Given the largest number of people ever (over one hundred million) suffering from forced displacement today, much of the book centres around the topic of refuge and exile and the role of theatre in addressing these issues. The book is structured in six sections, the first of which is dedicated to the major theoretical concepts related to the field of theatre and migration including exile, refuge, displacement, asylum seeking, colonialism, human rights, globalization, and nomadism. The subsequent sections are devoted to several dozen case studies across various geographies and time periods that highlight, describe and analyse different theatre practices related to migration. The volume serves as a prestigious reference work to help theatre practitioners, students, scholars, and educators navigate the complex field of theatre and migration.

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Three moderns

By Krishen Khanna, Himmat Shah and Thota Vaikuntam | IIC, New Delhi|| 2025

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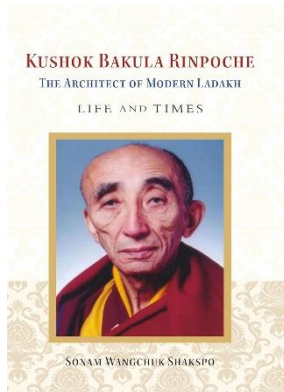


BIOGRAPHY

Kushok Bakula Rinpoche The architect of modern Ladakh : life and times

By **Sonam Wangchuk Shakspo** | Pentagon Press, New Delhi | 978-8198748409 | 2025

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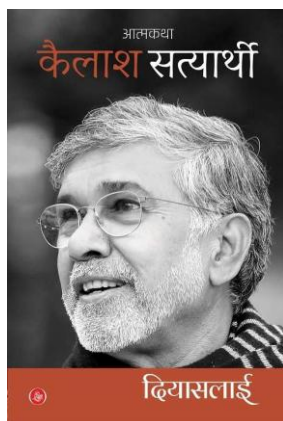
This is the compelling life story of Kushok Bakula Rinpoche, an Incarnate Lama whose destiny led him beyond spiritual leadership to become a protector of the masses, a visionary reformer, and a redeemer of Buddha Dharma in Mongolia and Russia. More than just a biography, this book stands as a comprehensive reference on the history of Ladakh, its complex political relationship with the Kashmir leadership, the plight of Tibet, and the state of Indian leadership during the formative decades after independence. It chronicles the inspiring journey of a towering personality whose legacy in India, Buddhism across Asia, and the wider Himalayan region deserves far greater recognition. Kushok Bakula Rinpoche is a name that India must know—and remember.

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Diyasilai (दियासलाई)

By **Kailash Satyarthi** | Rajkamal Prakashan, New Delhi | 978-9360867362 | 2025

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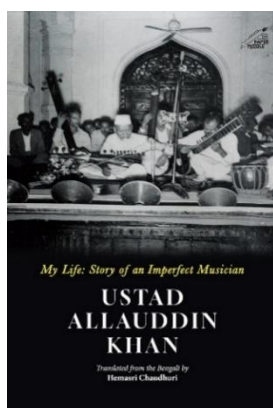
‘दियासलाई’ नोबेल शान्ति पुरस्कार से सम्मानित और भारत समेत पूरे विश्व में बच्चों के प्रति संवेदना को एक आवश्यक लोकतांत्रिक मूल्य के रूप में स्थापित करनेवाले कैलाश सत्यार्थी की आत्मकथा है। अपनी इस आत्मकथा में वे हमें अपने संघर्षपूर्ण जीवन की कथा भी बताते हैं और अपने उन प्रयासों की भी जानकारी देते हैं जो उन्होंने भारत और विश्व-भर के बच्चों की मुक्ति और कल्याण के लिए किए। वे ही थे जिन्हें ‘ग्लोबल मार्च अगेंस्ट चाइल्ड लेबर’ जैसे महा-आन्दोलन का विचार आया और जिसके तहत उन्होंने दुनिया के 186 देशों की यात्रा करते हुए लाखों बच्चों से सम्पर्क किया और उन्हें आजादी के विचार से अवगत कराया। शिक्षा के लिए भी उन्होंने विश्व-स्तर पर कैम्पेन चलाया। अपने मानवीय और सामाजिक कार्यों के लिए उन्हें अनेकों बार पुरस्कृत भी किया गया लेकिन अपना वास्तविक पुरस्कार वे उन बच्चों की मुस्कुराहट को मानते हैं, जो उन्होंने हर ओर से निराश और समाज के क्षुद्र स्वार्थों की भेंट चढ़े बच्चों को दी। सहज और सम्प्रेषणीय भाषा में लिखी हुई उनकी यह आत्मकथा हमें प्रेरित भी करती है, संवेदनशील भी बनाती है और उन भीषण तथ्यों से भी परिचित कराती है जो हमारे सामने दुनिया के विराट नक्शे पर बिलखते बच्चों का पता देते हैं।

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My life: story of an imperfect musician

By Ustad Allaiddin Khan | Niyogi Books, New Delhi | 9788119626397 | 2025

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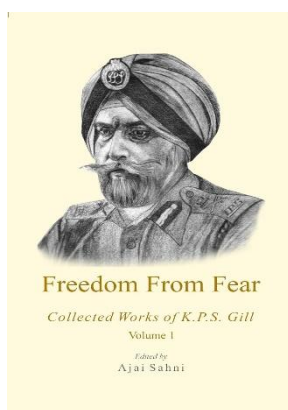
My Life: Story of an Imperfect Musician is the freewheeling autobiography of Ustad Allaiddin Khan, the legendary Indian classical musician and founder of the Maihar–Senia gharana. Transcribed from his spoken accounts at Santiniketan in 1952 and translated from Bengali to English for the first time, the book offers an intimate look into his tumultuous journey—from his modest beginnings in Tripura to becoming a revered guru and maestro. In his candid yet commanding voice, Allaiddin Khan recalls his spiritual devotion to music, years of gruelling training, battles with poverty and his uncompromising integrity. He narrates his encounters with saints, ustadhs, nawabs and commoners with equal vividness if punctuated by his humour, rage and humility.

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Freedom from fear : Collected works of K P S Gill

Edited by Ajai Sahni | Kautilya Books, New Delhi | 978-9390885039 | 2023

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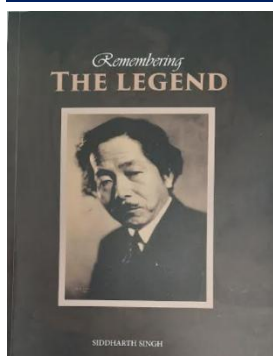


K.P.S. Gill was an extraordinary policeman, a counter- terrorism war-fighter without peer, a man who exercised and exuded power. All this is well known to those who have any sense of history. What is far less known is that few combined erudition, experience, realism, and empathy as he did. Gill's writings reflect a deep humanism, even as they consistently challenge received wisdom and dominant, politically correct tropes. He displays an extraordinary capacity to see through the manipulation of ideas, the subtle falsehoods of ideology, the exploitation of emotional and intellectual vulnerabilities, to arrive, again and again, at as close an approximation of the truth as the facts and circumstances permit. In an age where falsehoods have become rife, K.P.S. Gill's works demand not only to be read, but to be studied.

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Remembering the legend

Preservation of master Kosetsu Nosu's mural paintings at Mulagandha Kuri Vihara, Sarnath



By Siddharth Singh | Maha Bodhi Society of India, Kolkata | 9789393291011 | 2022

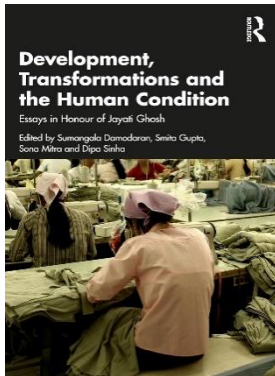
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Development, transformations and the human condition

Essays in honour of Jayanti Ghosh

Edited by Sumangala Damodaran | Routledge, New York | 978-1032866376 | 2025

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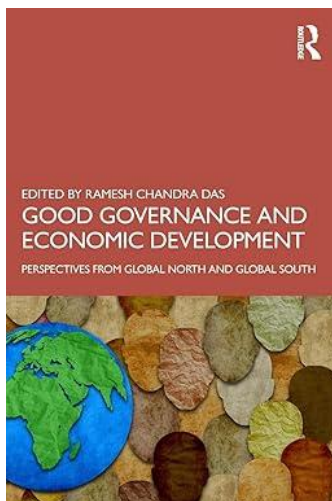
The world is grappling to come up with alternative imaginations for transformation despite repeated crises, inequalities and immiseration caused by the increasing dominance of the neo-liberal capitalist framework and the collapse of twentieth-century socialist models. This book looks at concepts that form the core of development economics and political economy and brings together perspectives that explore the inextricable relationship between development and human rights, social movements and the call for social transformation.

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Good governance and economic development: Perspectives from global North and global South

Edited by Ramesh Chandra Das | Routledge, London | 9781041027577 | 2025 |

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Good governance is a prerequisite to development, improving the quality of life, health and ensuring equity. This book examines the interdependency of good governance and economic development by exploring perspectives from the Global North and Global South.

It assesses the impact of good governance upon economic development of the countries such as USA, India, Nigeria, Turkey, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and others, and on groups of developing nations like BRICS or ASEAN. The book investigates the interrelationships between development indicators like education, health, gender equity, resource distribution, environmental preservation, quality of life, livelihood and others with governance and provides empirical verifications of the impact of good governance upon development. Further, it offers insights into the economic and governance challenges that developing countries face and highlights

strategies for governance that have proved effective in bolstering sustainable growth.

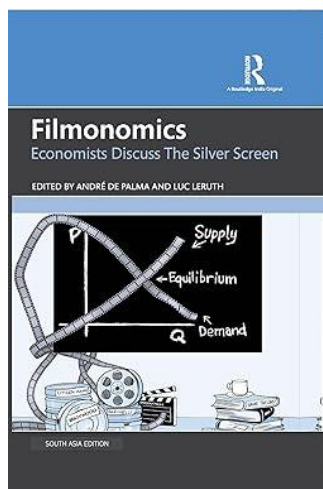
This volume will be of interest to students and researchers of economics, political science, social science, international relations, public administration, and sociology.

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Filmonomics : Economists Discuss the Silver Screen

By *Andr de Palma / Luc Leruth* | Taylor & Francis | 278 p.| 978-1041115632 | 2025

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What could movies as diverse as *The Last Samurai*, *Clo from 5 to 7*, or *Dr. Strangelove* have in common? *Filmonomics* has a simple yet intriguing answer: economics as the main driving force of the plot or as the main motivation of the characters? actions. This book analyses how movie makers use economic and financial motives in their plots or to build their characters. Have they done it in line with economic theory? Or are they proposing a new angle, a new perspective, that economists should take note of? The authors here do not discuss wages in the film industry or the economics of movies. What interests them is the economic motivations underpinning the behaviour of fictional characters in their favourite films. They argue that credible movie characters can behave in irrational ways, and movie makers occasionally introduce new ideas that economists should take note of.

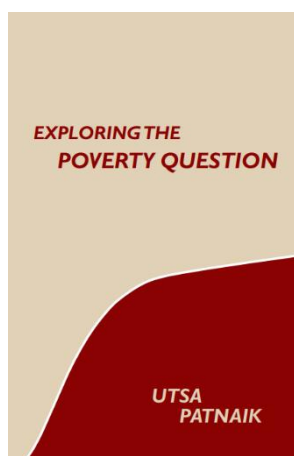
A unique contribution, this book will be of interest to readers eager to discover what economists have to say about films and film directors. It will be indispensable for students and researchers of economics, media studies, film studies, and cultural studies.

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Exploring the Poverty Question

By *Utsa Patnaik* | Tulika Books | 308p' | 978-8196580339 | 2026

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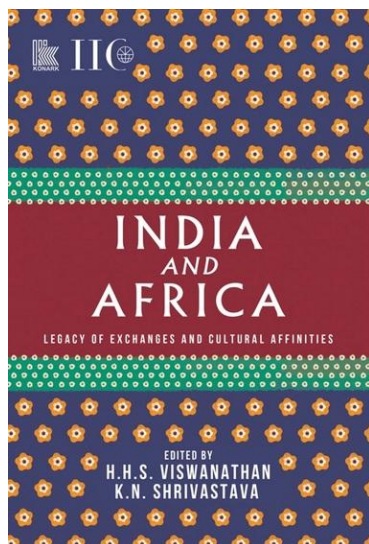
The author argues that the claim by individual governments and by the World Bank that Asia has seen a large reduction in poverty over the last three decades, is a spurious claim. It is the result of a logical mistake; while the original definition of poverty was on the basis of satisfaction or otherwise of specified nutrition norms, later without any discussion this definition was changed and delinked from nutrition, thereby committing the fallacy of equivocation. In practice, for many decades the poor have been improperly counted as those below a steadily declining standard of food consumption. Using data for fifty years from India's National Sample Survey, she shows that when we apply a constant nutrition standard over time, poverty is seen to have worsened considerably, in particular over the period of neoliberal reforms.

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India and Africa : Legacy of exchanges and cultural affinities

Edited by H H S Viswanathan and K N Shrivastava | New Delhi : Konark Publishers |
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INDIA AND AFRICA: LEGACY OF EXCHANGES AND CULTURAL AFFINITIES delves into the growing engagements between Africa and India in the 21st century, exploring the ties that are deeply rooted in centuries of exchange through trade, migration, and culture. Drawing from the proceedings of a 2020 India International Centre conference featuring scholars from 12 African nations and India, the volume offers rich interdisciplinary perspectives on the evolving AfroIndian relationship. The collection of essays traverses traditional knowledge systems, oral epics, and diasporic literatures, as well as the dynamic exchanges in music, cinema, textiles, and art. Moving beyond historical linkages, it envisions new collaborations in culture, media, and technology that can shape the future of the Global South. Thought-provoking and forward-looking, this collection invites readers to reflect on how shared experiences can inspire inclusive, creative partnerships in a rapidly changing world.

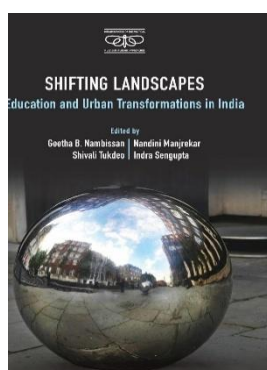
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EDUCATION

Shifting landscapes: education and urban transformations in India

Edited by Geetha B Nambissan. | Cambridge University Press; New York | 2025

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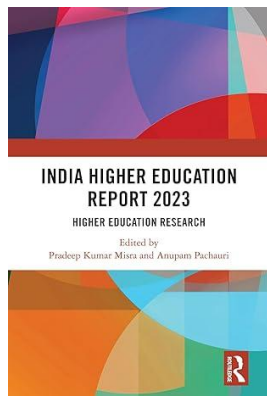
Shifting Landscapes is a rich, multidimensional exploration of urban education in the multiverse of India, adding value to the growing scholarship on broader connections between urbanisation and education. As cities have continued to develop, their spatial, social and cultural landscapes have also evolved to adapt to the global capitalist needs. Education has been an integral part of these transformations, and the upheavals within the education sector have given rise to privilege and exclusion in schooling and growing marginality of the poor. The volume takes on an interdisciplinary approach to examine how the idea of the urban and that of urban education are co-constituted and, more specifically, how spatial and educational inequalities in cities intersect. The chapters bring together diverse contexts to address the heterogeneity of urban social reality in India and similarly document the changes in educational access, provision, aspirations and politics in several parts of the country. This title is available as Open Access on Cambridge Core.

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India higher education report 2023: higher education research

Edited by Pradeep Kumar Misra & Anupam Pachauri | Routledge, Oxon | 9781041141402 | 2025

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This book traces the contours of higher education research in India. It analyses the Indian higher education system that has seen unprecedented expansion in the last couple of decades with increasing institutional and programme diversification, diverse participants accessing higher education, and curricula becoming more market oriented in a globalised context.

The book provides an empirical analysis of issues related to higher education research in the country including international collaboration; analysis of institutions and research programs; and state- and national-level policies determining higher education and research trajectories. It explores the extent to which sources and supplies of funding impact research agenda, research questions, and outcomes. The book conceptually engages with the role of higher education research in providing a direction for policymakers and paving the way towards quality higher education.

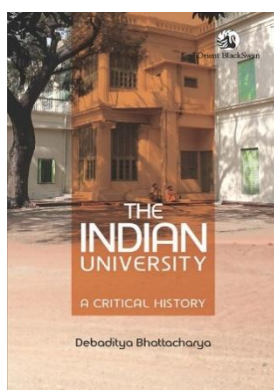
An important critique of higher education policy and planning, this book will be valuable for researchers and scholars in the field of education, public policy, political science, international relations, law, sociology, economics, and political economy. It will also be of interest to policy makers working in higher education and research.

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The Indian university: A critical history

By Debaditya Bhattacharya | Orient Blackswan; New Delhi | 978-9354426360 | 2025

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Is there such a thing as an 'Indian university'? Is there an 'idea' of an Indian university? Were universities in India living and breathing products of the soil, or were they conceptual imports from a colonial heritage? What is the relationship between universities in India and the 'publics' that have inhabited or are alienated by them? More pointedly, how 'public' is the Indian public university? This volume explores the historical makings of the Indian university as it stands today, by sifting through archives, colonial/postcolonial policies, textual-literary records and political-economic developments. What results is a 'critical history' – navigating the force of myth and promise, revolutions and reforms, communities and markets. From the glorification of ancient 'greatness' to the riskiness of 'platform futures', this book offers a time travel through one of the most exalted and yet most abused institutions of our age – the university.

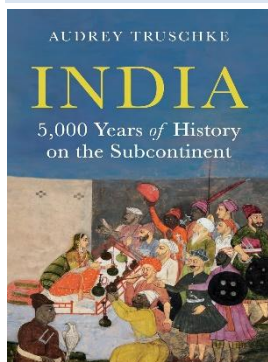
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HISTORY

India: 5000 years of history on the subcontinent

By **Audrey Truschke** | Princeton University Press | 978-0691221229 | 2025

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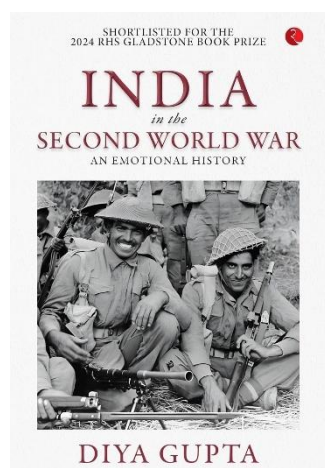
Much of world history is Indian history. Home today to one in four people, the subcontinent has long been densely populated and deeply connected to Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas through migration and trade. In this magisterial history, Audrey Truschke tells the fascinating story of the region historically known as India—which includes today's India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and parts of Afghanistan—and the people who have lived there.

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India in the Second World War: An Emotional History

By **Diya Gupta** | Rupa Publications India | 978-9361560996 | 2025

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In 1940s India, revolutionary and nationalistic sentiments surged against colonial subjection and imperial war. Two-and-a-half million men from undivided India served the British during the Second World War, while 3 million civilians were killed by the war-induced Bengal Famine, and Indian National Army soldiers fought against the British for Indian independence. This captivating new history shines a spotlight on emotions as a way of unearthing these troubled and contested experiences, exposing the personal as political.

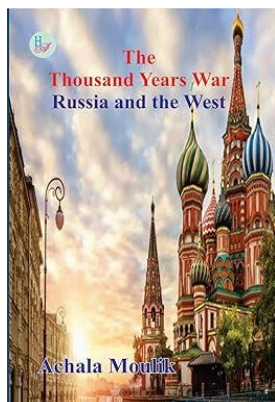
Diya Gupta draws upon photographs, letters, memoirs, novels, poetry and philosophical essays in both English and Bengali languages [More...](#)

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The thousand years war : Russia and the West

By *Achala Moulik* | Har-Anand Publication; New Delhi | 9788119798872 | 2025

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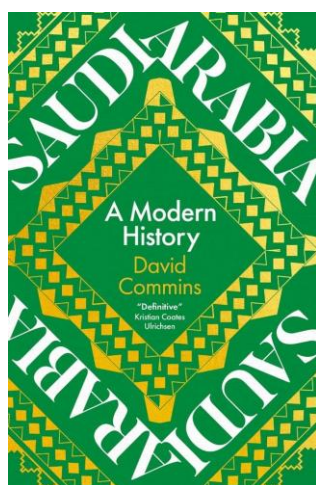
This is an unique book, with a theme never narrated before - about the wars and conflicts between Russia and the West seen through the eyes of a non-Western observer. The author-historian traces the story from the 9th century when the first recorded Western invasion occurred under Rurik the Viking, followed by the Teutonic Knights in 1241, the invasion by Charles XII of Sweden, the French invasion under Bonaparte, the terrible siege of Leningrad and battle of Stalingrad where Soviet Russia defeated Nazi Germany. All the invasions ended with Russian victory, She describes the proxy wars during and after the Cold War and now the NATO led war in Ukraine. The author has extensively quoted renowned Western analysts on the present Russian-Ukraine conflict. She describes how out of these tumultuous events has risen a new force comprising of non- Western nations who are shaping a multi-polar world and a new era of peace and equality between nations, a dream that was betrayed by the League of Nations and now the United Nations. About the Author Achala Moulik had her education in Washington, New York, Rome and London and graduated from London University where she studied Economics, Political Thought, World History, International Law, International Relations. Soon after she passed the civil service exams and joined the Indian Administrative Service where she served in various capacities, notably as Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India and Education Secretary to the Government of India when the Education for All Program was formulated and implemented. She has a parallel career as an acclaimed writer on political and cultural history, international relations and three best selling novels.

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Saudi Arabia: A modern history

By *David Commins* | Yale University Press; New Haven | 9780300258059 | 2025

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Saudi Arabia is one of the wealthiest countries in the world, a major player on the international stage and the site of Islam's two holiest cities. It is also one of the world's only absolute monarchies. How did Saudi Arabia get to where it is today?

In this comprehensive account, David Commins narrates the full history of Saudi Arabia from oasis emirate to present-day attempts to leap to a post-petroleum economy. Moving through the ages, Commins traces how the Saud dynasty's reliance on sectarianism, foreign expertise, and petroleum to stabilize power has unintentionally spawned secular and religious movements seeking accountability and justice. He incorporates the experiences of activists, women, religious minorities, Bedouin, and expatriate workers as the country transformed from subsistence agrarian life to urban consumer society.

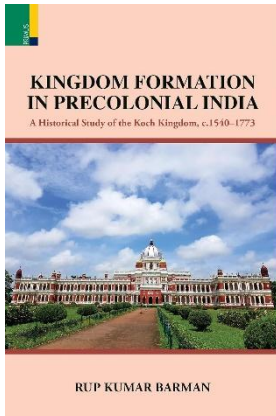
This is a perceptive portrait of Saudi Arabia's complex and evolving story—and a country that is all too easily misunderstood.

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Kingdom formation in precolonial India: A historical study of the Koch Kingdom, c. 1540-1773

By **Barman, Rup Kumar** | Primus Books, New Delhi | 978-9366278100 | 2025

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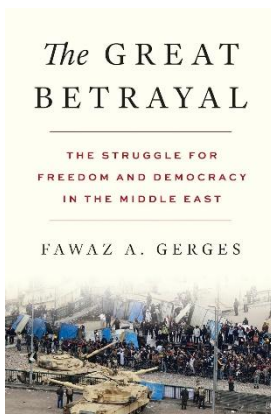
State formation in the Indian subcontinent has been a subject of research among historians and social scientists for decades. Based on their approaches and findings, scholars have conceptualized and propagated various models of early and secondary state formation. *Kingdom Formation in Precolonial India* explores the possibility of an alternative model of kingdom formation by examining the precolonial history of the Koch Kingdom, which flourished in the Tista–Brahmaputra region between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries. It provides new insights into the role of warfare in kingdom formation, centralization of political authority, surplus appropriation through unusual means, monetization of the economy, and the correlation between legitimization of the ruler and cultural change of the ruled. This book may be of interest to students, academicians, and scholars studying north-east India and north Bengal.

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The great betrayal: The struggle for freedom and democracy in the Middle East

By **Fawaz A. Gerges** | Princeton University Press, Princeton | 978-0691176635 | 2025

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The Middle East is in upheaval: a widening chasm between state and society, the failure of governing elites to address citizens' genuine grievances, massive economic mismanagement—all made worse by repeated interventions by Western powers. Why has political change been so difficult to achieve? In *The Great Betrayal*, Fawaz Gerges argues that the convergence of political authoritarianism, meddling by the West, and the effects of prolonged regional conflicts have produced political paralysis and economic stagnation. The agency of everyday people has been thwarted by an authoritarian status quo that is maintained by a powerful partnership of external and internal forces.

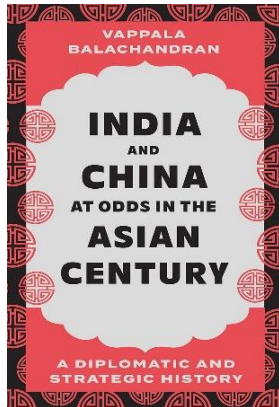
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India and China at odds in the Asian century : A diplomatic and strategic history

By *Vappala Balachandran* | Pentagon Press, New Delhi | 978-1805260622 | 2025

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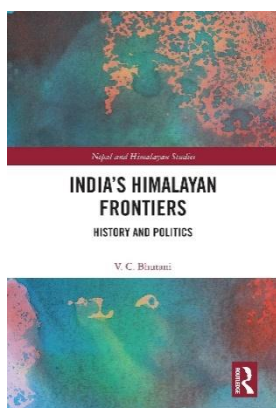
The term 'Asian century' was first coined by the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1985 when discussing the Asian economic leap forward. From 1988, diplomats and the media also started using the term, further to the successful Deng Xiaoping-Rajiv Gandhi summit held that December in Beijing, for which Vappala Balachandran, under Prime Minister Gandhi's express directions, led a small team of officials for more than a year of discreet 'off-line' talks with key Chinese counterparts--separate from the official diplomatic engagement. The Chinese-Indian thaw, which lasted until 1998, prompted highly optimistic visions of a 'China-India Century of Cooperation' enabling both powers to compete with the US and EU in terms of trade and military capacity. None of this happened, and instead the China-India relationship is highly rancorous, punctuated by trade spats and border skirmishing between the People's Liberation Army and the Indian Army. New Delhi has gravitated towards the US in the hope of checkmating an assertive Beijing's pursuit of global military and trade dominance.

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India's Himalayan frontiers: History and politics

By *V. C Bhutani* | Routledge, New York | 978-1138594579 | 2025

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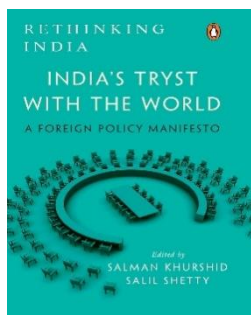
This book looks at the historical and political dynamics of the Sino-Indian border dispute in India's Himalayan Frontiers. Going back into Tibetan history, the author examines the making of the McMahon Line at Simla Conference of 1913–14. It also takes a look at some of the neighbouring areas that had interaction with Tibet, as well as the border areas of Assam and Burma, both of which were British Indian provinces. By using new archival materials, this study further goes to consider the events during the years following the defining of the McMahon Line, which, verily, did not have a sound juridical basis even if it has been regarded by scholars as a suitable boundary. It further explores different aspects of the northern frontiers of India and Sino-Indian border dispute and relations.

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India's tryst with the world: A foreign policy manifesto

Edited by Salman Khurshid | Penguin, Gurugram | 978-0670093045 | 2025

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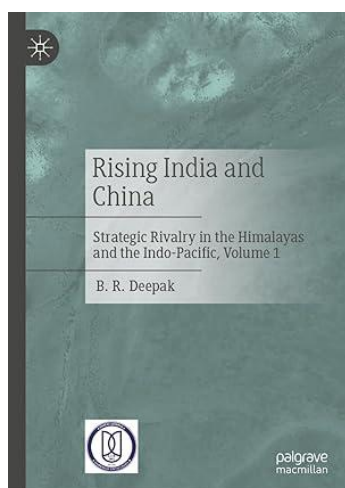
As technology, trade and affordable travel make our planet a much more interconnected place, and India's importance on the world stage grows, India's foreign policy attracts greater interest and scrutiny than ever before, both within and outside the country. How do we understand the evolution of India's foreign policy from the early years after Independence to the present day? How should India position itself as it moves towards 100 years of independence in 2047? These are among the big questions India's Tryst with the World seeks to address.

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Rising India and China: Strategic rivalry in the Himalayas and the Indo-Pacific

By B. R. Deepak | Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore | 9789819791897 | 2025

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This book, part of a two-volume exploration, examines the trajectory of India-China relations, spanning from the making of a common border to the events leading to the 1962 war. Relying on vast Chinese, Indian, as well as western sources, the study provides a detailed exegesis of the nature of conflict covering over a century of political contours in the British India, Manchu China, Republican China and finally the Republic of India and Peoples Republic of China. This includes the British as well as Manchu aggression in Tibet and the ensuing diplomatic manoeuvrability between various stakeholders, resulting in conclusion of various conventions and boundaries including the contentious McMahon Line and shifting line alignments of the Chinese in the Western Sector of India-China border. The

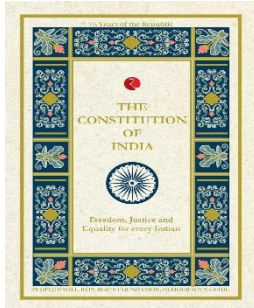
domestic socio-political and economic climate as well as the equations that resulted from the Cold War between India and China have been looked into and analysed reflecting the Chinese and well as Indian perspectives. The special case of Sino-Pak entente and India-China rivalry in Asia as a whole has been analysed vis-à-vis their security concerns.

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The constitution of India: Freedom, justice and equality for every Indian

Pirates, Jodhpur | 978-9370039278 | 2025

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The Constitution of India embodies the collective will of 'We the People'. It lays the foundation of the Republic, safeguarding liberty, equality and justice, while guiding the world's largest democracy.

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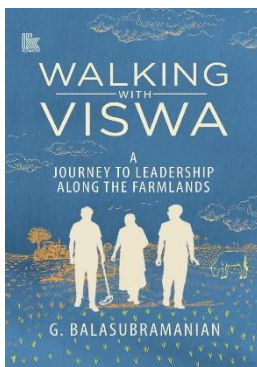
LEADERSHIP

Walking with viswa :

A journey to leadership along the farmlands

By G. Balasubramanian | Konark, New Delhi | 978-8198740571 | 2025

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In a world shaped by Western ideals of leadership, WALKING WITH VISWA offers a refreshing lens rooted in India's soil. Blending personal stories with thoughtful analysis, it reveals how India's villages embody ethical leadership and humanistic values. A tribute and a call to action, the book urges readers to reimagine leadership through the lived wisdom of village voices.

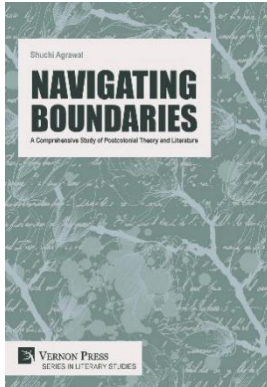
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Navigating Boundaries

A comprehensive study of postcolonial theory and literature

By **Shuchi Agrawal** | Vernon Press; Spain | 979-8881900953 | 2025

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'Navigating Boundaries: A Comprehensive Study of Postcolonial Theory and Literature' delves into the intricate area of postcolonial discourse, amplifying the voices emerging from the margins, challenging dominant narratives while exploring the themes of identity, mimicry, hybridity, power and resistance. Drawing from key theorists such as Edward Said, Homi K. Bhabha, Frantz Fanon, Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Philip G. Altbach, Deepesh Chakravathy, Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Gauri Viswanathan etc., this book offers a deep investigation into the multiple aspects of theoretical frameworks that shape postcolonial discourse. The analysis moves seamlessly from theory to literature, investigating how postcolonial literary texts navigate critical issues such as hybridity, mimicry, identity and resistance.

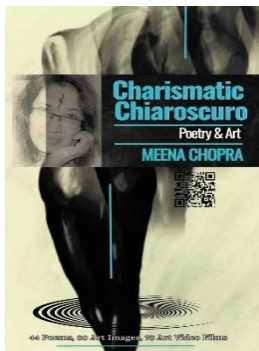
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Charismatic chiaroscuro

Poetry and art (poetry, digital and video art)

By **Meena Chopra** | Canada | 978-0993861345 | 2025

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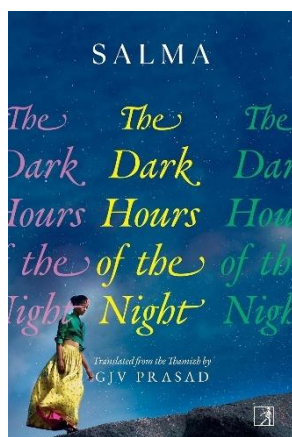
Charismatic Chiaroscuro-(Poetry and Art) and Shifting Silhouettes-(Poetry) complement each other, offering distinct yet interconnected experiences. Shifting Silhouettes serves as the harbinger, presenting a condensed, traditional collection of poetry designed to stir the soul and inspire introspection. In contrast, Charismatic Chiaroscuro builds on these themes with a multimedia approach, blending poetry, digital art, and video art to create a dynamic interplay of light, shadow, tradition, and innovation. QR codes link print to immersive visual experiences, transforming the extended edition into a layered, luminous, inter-sensory journey. Together, these books explore creativity's spectrum-from the simplicity of words to the richness of multimedia expression.

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The Dark Hours of the Night

By **SALMA** (Author), **GJV Prasad** (Translator) | Simon and Schuster India | 978-8198507273 | 2025

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Rabia is growing up in a conservative family in Tamil Nadu. She is subject to all the restrictions that young girls in conservative families experience, and looking forward, with some nervous excitement, to all the changes that puberty may bring to her life.

She does what all teens do—sneaks off to see a movie with friends, plays till the cows come home, and shares everything with her best friend, Mathina. Except the news of her Firdaus Chitti's failed marriage. But the family is already gearing up for another wedding. Rabia doesn't like the man chosen for Wahida Akka, though she dares not say a word.

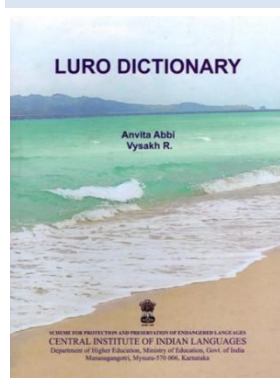
When people talk to her about one of the boys, Ahmad, as her chosen one, she is overcome by confusion. Does this mean she'll have to confine herself to her home now? Amid all this, a family secret is unearthed, threatening to undo them all. Will Rabia be able to complete her education? Will the joint family survive the pressures of the world? Will patriarchy be unyielding even when men going out of town and country change their lifestyles and partners with ease? In this masterful translation of Salma's first novel, [more..](#)

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Luro dictionary

By **Anvita Abbi & Vysakh R.** | Central Institute of Indian Language; Mysuru | 9788119411542 | 2023

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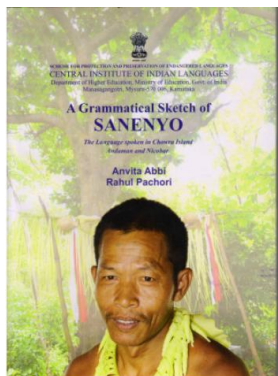
Luro Dictionary is a trilingual (Luro-English-Hindi) multiscritpal, interactive, semi-pictorial dictionary of Luro, an Austroasiatic language of the Mon-Khmer group, spoken in the Teressa Island of the Andaman and Nicobar group of islands in the Bay of Bengal. It has been declared "endangered" by UNESCO. This is based on first-hand data collected on location.

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A Grammatical Sketch of Sanenyo: The language spoken in Chowra Island Andaman and Nicobar

By Anvita Abbi and Rahul Pachori | Central Institute of Indian Language; Mysuru | 9788119411566 | 2023

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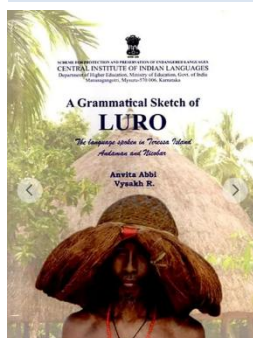
This is the first-ever sketch of the grammar of Sanenyo language of the Nicobarese language family spoken in Chowra and other islands of Nicobar and Andaman, India. The language has been declared "critically endangered" by UNESCO; however, our fieldwork establishes beyond doubt that it is a vibrant language, transferred inter-generationally and learnt by other islanders as it is considered easy to learn. The local speakers of Sanenyo are proud to retain and sustain their indigenous language. The grammar is based on the first hand intensive fieldwork conducted on the location.

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A grammatical sketch of Luro The language spoken in Terresa Islands Andaman & Nicobar

By Anvita Abbi and Vysakh R. | Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru | 9788119411313 | 2023

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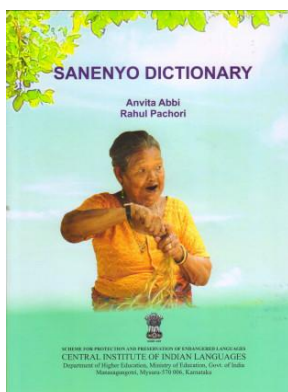
This is the first-ever grammatical sketch of Luro based on our fieldwork conducted between 2018-20. Readers will find many interesting and rare features such as spatial deixis and variants of a morpheme changing their pivotal position to maintain the syllabic structure of the language. We hope that the findings discussed in the book may help reconstruct the Proto-Nicobarese from a fresh perspective.

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Sanenyo Dictionary

By Anvita Abbi and Rahul Pachori | Central Institute of Indian Language, Mysuru | 9788119411887 | 2023

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Sanenyo Dictionary is a trilingual (Sanenyo-English-Hindi) multiscritpal, interactive, semi-pictorial dictionary of Sanenyo, an Austroasiatic language of the Mon-Khmer group, spoken in Chowra and Teressa of the Andaman and Nicobar group of islands in the Bay of Bengal. It has been declared "critically endangered" by UNESCO. The data is full of ethnographic information.

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Aainakhana

By 'Azīz Ḥājīnī (Author), Gaurishankar Raina (Translator) | Sahitya Academy, New Delhi | 9789361830143 | 2025

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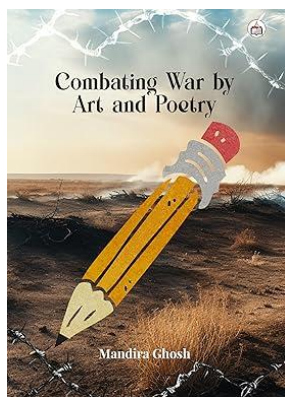
आईनाखाना: कश्मीरी भाषा के साहित्य की विभिन्न विधाओं पर लिखे गए आलोचनात्मक निवर्धों का संकलन है। कश्मीरी साहित्य की रचनात्मक चेतना में सार्वभौमिक विचार के साथ-साथ जो महत्वपूर्ण संकल्पनाएँ मिश्रित हैं उनमें संस्कृति, समाज, आध्यात्मिकता, इतिहास तथा ज़मीन की सुखद गंध शामिल है। संकलन में जहाँ 'कश्मीरी आलोचना की संक्षिप्त समीक्षा' पर एक महत्वपूर्ण लेख है, वहीं तलयद (लल्लेश्वरी) और शेख-उस-आलम (शेख नूर-उद्दीन) का तुलनात्मक विश्लेषण प्रस्तुत किया गया है। अन्य विषयों के अंतर्गत समकालीन कश्मीरी कविता, नातिया शायरी, नई पीढ़ी के लेखकों, सूफी कवियों, कश्मीरी साहित्य के स्वर्णिम युग तथा बीसवीं सदी के लोकप्रिय लेखकों के बारे में अनुपेक्षणीय तथ्य समन्वित हैं। नए मुद्दों पर चर्चा हुई है और कुछ ऐसे साहित्यकारों पर भी लिखा गया है, जिनकी रचनाओं का अच्छे से मूल्यांकन नहीं हुआ है या जिनके बारे में कुछ भी नहीं लिखा गया है। यह संकलन आलोचना के कुछ महत्वपूर्ण सिद्धांतों की ओर संकेत करता है तथा कश्मीरी साहित्य के साथ आत्मसात कराने के साथ ही हिंदी पाठकों के लिए नई जानकारी उपलब्ध कराता है।

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Combating war by art and poetry

By Mandira Ghosh | Authorspress, New Delhi | 9789360955137 | 2025

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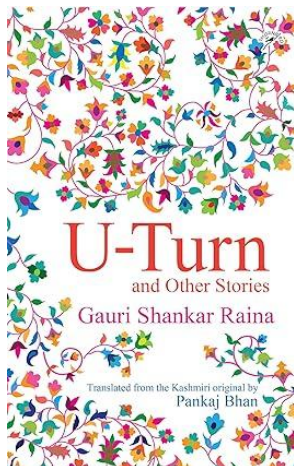
This collection is an impassioned plea against war from a poet who feels the need for peace deeply, first in her bones, and then in her verses. For she knows what she could give to life as a poet and on the occasion when she could not give. In this book, the keys to peace lie in the hands of artists such as Matisse, Renoir, Van Gogh and Dali whose works are invoked for their radiance and peace-givingness. Possessing the keys are also epic heroes who died futile deaths, poets who absorb the truths obscured by violence and women who suffer and endure but also speak: "Women will speak/ Will speak/ Again they will speak/Against wars, assaults and rapes". More power to them and to the poet who speaks for peace on behalf of all.

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U-turn and other stories / Gauri Shankar Raina : Translated from the Kashmiri original by Pankaj Bhan

By **Gauri Shankar Raina** (Author), **Pankaj Bhan** (Translator) | Niyogi Books, New Delhi |
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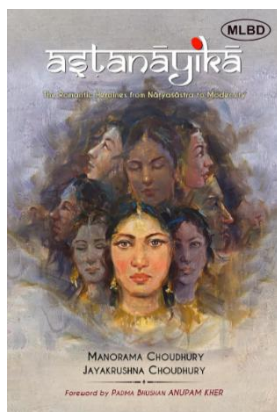
U-Turn and Other Stories unravel the lives of Kashmiri-speaking people, set against the socio-cultural backdrop of the land. There are stories that reflect the deteriorating environment of the valley, the plight of the minority community as well as the resolve of the younger generations to rise above the divides. From love at first sight between two youngsters from different worlds, colliding on a bus journey, to an archaeological longing for Kashmir's glorious past, there is hardly an aspect of the contemporary life in the valley and its environs that has not been explored by the author. In equal parts brooding and light-hearted, despondent and hopeful, these tales bring out the life and times of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in their manifold shades and echoes.

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Astanayika: The romantic heroines from Nāṭyaśāstra to modernity

By **Manorama Choudhury and Jayakrushna Choudhury** | Motilal Banarsidass Publishing
House, Delhi | 9789371001939 | 2025

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Aṣṭanāyika: The Romantic Heroines from Nāṭyaśāstra to Modernity explores the timeless archetypes of the Aṣṭanāyikā, the eight classical heroines of love and longing immortalized in Bharata Muni's Nāṭyaśāstra. These evocative figures have transcended their classical origins, leaving lasting imprints on Indian art, literature, music, and performance traditions. While the Aṣṭanāyikā theme has appeared in earlier works, this is the first comprehensive volume to firmly ground the subject within the original framework of the Nāṭyaśāstra, further enriched by poetic interpretations from diverse vernacular traditions.

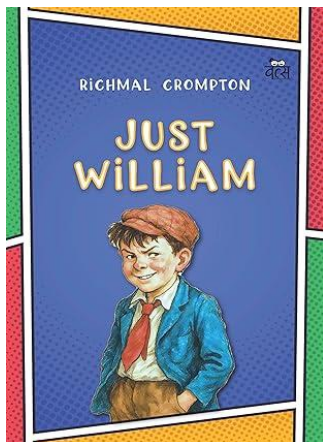
This book invites readers on a compelling journey into the heart of Śṛṅgāra Rasa, the rasa of love, as it manifests across all forms of artistic expression. Whether in the colors of paintings, the rhythms of dance, the melodies of music, the carvings of sculpture, or the metaphors of literature, love and passion emerge in myriad shades and moods. The Aṣṭanāyikā serve as powerful symbols that bridge the inner world of human emotion with the outer world of artistic imagination. [more.....](#)

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Just William

By **Richmal Crompton** | Vitasta Publishing; New Delhi | 9788119670468 | 2025

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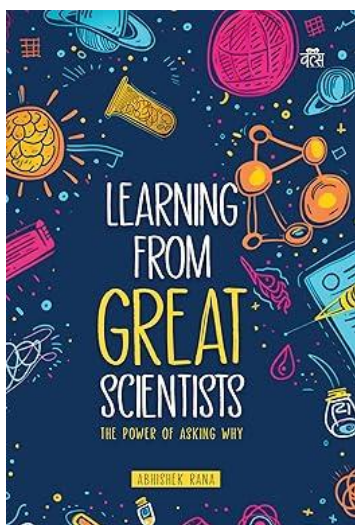
Meet William Brown: schoolboy, rebel, and accidental hero. He's scruffy, stubborn, and entirely convinced the world would be a better place if adults just did what he said. Whether he's forming secret societies, trying to right imagined wrongs, or staging grand adventures with his gang—the Outlaws—William's escapades never go to plan... but they're always unforgettable. First published in 1922, *Just William* introduced the world to Richmal Crompton's hilariously defiant schoolboy. With his sharp tongue, muddled morals, and genius for getting into trouble, William has charmed generations of readers and remains a comic icon of British childhood. Perfect for fans of mischief, mayhem, and marvellously bad behaviour.

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Learning from great scientists: The power of asking why

By **Abhishek Rana** | Vitasta Publishing, New Delhi | 9788119670079 | 2025

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What do these brilliant minds—Archimedes. Marie Curie. Alan Turing. Jagdish Chandra Bose. Rachel Carson—have in common? They all started their quest with a question. *Learning from Great Scientists—The Power of Asking Why* invites young readers to walk in the footsteps of history's most curious thinkers— not as unreachable geniuses, but as people who once asked, Why? or What if? This book brings science to life through the eyes of children who meet big questions the same way Archimedes did in his bathtub, or Bose did while watching a plant move. Each chapter blends science, storytelling, and real-life wonder to show how curiosity, perseverance, and imagination can lead to discoveries and inventions that change the world. Because behind every invention, every breakthrough, every 'Eureka!'—there was a child who once dared to

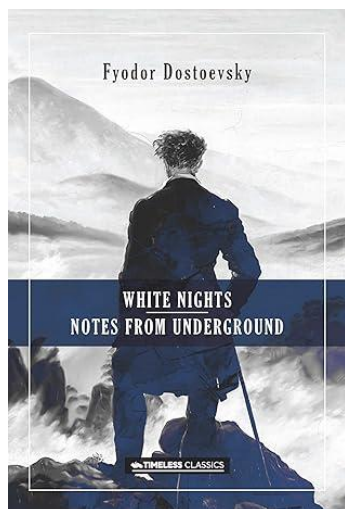
ask a simple question.

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White nights: notes from underground

By *Fyodor Dostoevsky* | Vitasta, New Delhi | 9788119670185 | 2025

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Born in Moscow in 1821, Russian writer and philosopher Fyodor Dostoevsky remains startlingly relevant today. What makes him timeless is his uncanny gift for capturing our deepest fears and longings. This volume brings together two of his most striking works—vastly different in tone, but unmistakably his. *White Nights* is a gentle fever dream of loneliness and love. Set in the hush of twilight-lit St. Petersburg, it follows a young dreamer who meets a woman as lost as he is. Over four nights, they share stories, hopes, and heartbreak—a fleeting intimacy lit by the glow of possibility and the ache of knowing it won't last. *Notes from Underground*, on the other hand, is a jolt to the system—a searing monologue from a man who has turned his back on the world. Angry, funny, corrosively honest,

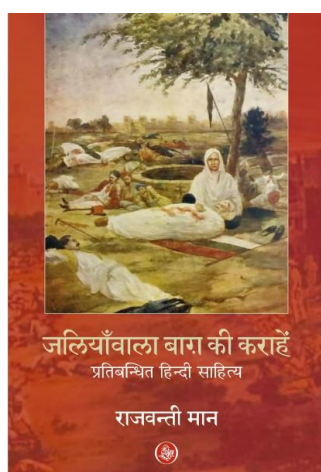
the Underground Man strips away every illusion of progress or virtue, forcing us to confront the strange pleasure of being wounded, and the freedom that comes with refusing to be healed. Translated into English by Constance Garnett, these two classics showcase Dostoevsky's unmatched emotional range: one tender and melancholic, the other jagged and unrelenting—both unforgettable

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Jallianwala Bagh Ki Karahein (जलियाँवाला बाग की कराहें): Pratibandhit Hindi Sahitya

By *Rajwanti Mann* | Rajkamal Prakashan, India | 9789360869120 | 2025

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गुलामी के दौरान पंजाब पर अकल्पनीय अत्याचार के प्रतिवाद में रचित तथा ब्रिटिश शासन द्वारा प्रतिबन्धित और ज़ब्त रचनाएँ 'जलियाँवाला बाग की कराहें' पुस्तक जलियाँवाला बाग के नरसंहार की अतिशय वेदना और अंग्रेज़ी जुल्मों की व्यथा-कथा है जिसे हिन्दुस्तानियों ने अपनी आत्मा पर झेला, अपनी आँखों से देखा और साहित्यकारों ने अपनी कलम से उकेरा। यह जनता का, जनता के द्वारा और जनता के लिए लिखा गया साहित्य है जो एक सदी तक अन्वेषकों की नज़रों से लगभग छिपा रहा। इन रचनाकारों ने अंग्रेज़ी राज की प्रताड़नाएँ सहते हुए औपनिवेशिक काल की त्रासद स्थितियों को कलमबद्ध किया। रचनाएँ मौखिक यात्रा करती हुई जन-चेतना के उद्देश्य तक पहुँचती रहीं। पुस्तक में कुल नौ अध्याय हैं जिनमें जलियाँवाला बाग हत्याकांड के बाद रचित वे नाटक, कविताएँ, दोहे, ठुमरी, लावणी, क़व्वाली, ग़ज़ल आदि सम्मिलित हैं जो अलग-अलग पुस्तिकाओं में प्रकाशित हुईं लगभग सभी विधाओं में रचित यह साहित्य जलियाँवाला बाग की पृष्ठभूमि से लेकर हर छोटी-बड़ी घटना, अंग्रेज़ों की क्रूरता, जुल्म और यातनाओं, लोगों की बेबसी, लाचारी, सामाजिक दशा-दुर्दशा का निर्भीक और वास्तविक विवरण प्रस्तुत

करता है तो दूसरी तरफ़ साहस से उठ खड़े होने का आह्वान भी करता है। इनमें नृशंस हत्याओं के साथ-साथ हरे-भरे पेड़-पौधों की खड़की-जली छालों, घास चरती हुई गाय-भैंसों का चरते-चरते मारे जाना, तोते, कोयल और मैना आदि पक्षियों तक का भी गोलियों से डरकर मरने का मार्मिक चित्रण है। इन रचनाओं की सत्यता पर कोई सन्देह इसलिए नहीं किया जा सकता कि आधिकारिक ऐतिहासिक दस्तावेज़ों में भी किसी न किसी रूप में इनका जिक्र है और इतिहास की पुस्तकों में भी इन्हें प्रायः उसी रूप में अभिव्यक्त किया गया है।

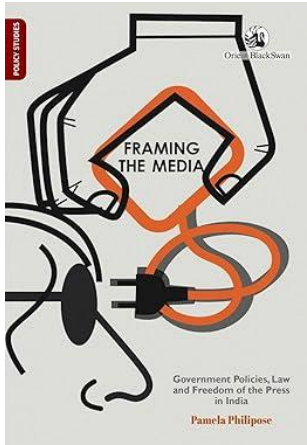
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MASS COMMUNICATION & JOURNALISM

Framing the media: Government policies, law and freedom of the press in India

By Pamela Philipose | Orient Blackswan, Hyderabad | 165p. | 9789354427893 | 2025

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The Orient BlackSwan 'Policy Studies' series is designed to address, investigate and analyse public policy in the field of governance. Considered the 'fourth pillar of democracy', news media is shaped by many stakeholders, including journalists, business owners, the State and, of course, the public. Caught between powerful competing interests, can the media truly function as an independent institution? Taking Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech and expression, as its starting point, *Framing the Media* assesses the impact of legislation and public policy on press freedom in India. Moving from the colonial era to the present day, the book covers critical developments: the Press Commissions in the 1950s–1970s; the Emergency of 1975–1977; economic liberalisation and the consolidation of media monopolies; and legislation on internet-based media, including the IT Rules, 2021. This concise volume is essential reading for anyone interested in how negotiations among citizens, the State, and news workers have shaped the media in India.

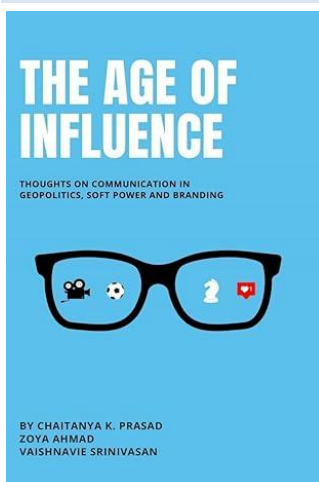
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PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The age of influence Thoughts on communication in geopolitics, soft power and branding

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This book is a curation of 50 articles we've written and published across prominent platforms over the past few years, each one a window into how communication is shaping, and being shaped by, the world around us. From film festivals to soft power, branding to diplomacy, AI to storytelling, these pieces reflect the evolving rhythm of public discourse in all its chaos and clarity. This isn't a textbook or a manifesto. It's a living archive, of thoughts, moments, shifts, and conversations. Our hope is that you don't read it start to finish but jump in wherever it speaks to you. Because at its core, this book is less about offering answers and more about opening questions.

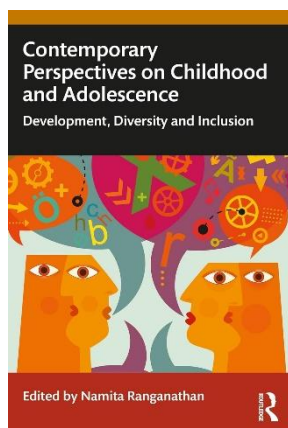
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PHILOSOPHY

Contemporary perspectives on childhood and adolescence: Development, diversity and inclusion

By Namita Ranganathan. Ed | Routledge, New York | 978-1032699134 | 2025

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This book offers fresh perspectives on childhood, adolescence, human diversity, and learning. With novel theoretical backing of Indian research studies that confirm, bolster, extend, or challenge established theories, it explores connections between prevailing ideas in educational psychology and the issues relevant to young learners of today. Authored by leading scholars and practitioners of Indian education, the volume covers a wide range of topics, including early childhood care and education, sociocultural, philosophical, and psychological perspectives on childhood and adolescence, contemporary lifestyle changes, and concerns about diversity. These concerns range from multilingualism and gender to intelligence and the development of self and identity. Structured in terms of historical progression, each chapter offers a theoretical context, emphasizing contemporary perspectives within the specific area of focus. Additionally, independent research studies are integrated into the chapters to provide a comprehensive framework of the addressed issues rather than existing as standalone research papers.

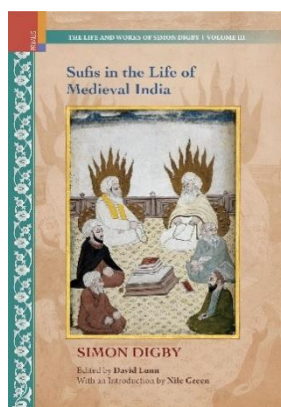
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RELIGION

Sufis in the life of medieval India

By Simon Digby | Primus Books, New Delhi | 978-9368831983 | 2025

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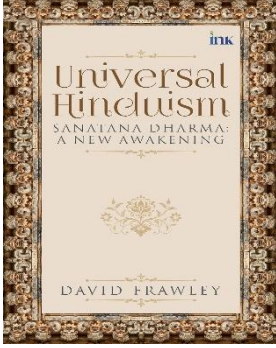
Sufis in the Life of Medieval India brings together ten of Simon Digby's incisive and revelatory essays on one of his greatest intellectual passions. Originally published between 1975 and 1994 in a diverse array of books and journals, their collection here offers a unique perspective on the roles and attitudes of Sufis in the medieval period, and also fulfils one of Digby's own unrealised ambitions of making these pieces available to new audiences. Drawing on a wide range of primary sources—some well-known to scholars, others treated for the first time by Digby—the chapters here range from medieval statecraft and the attitudes of famous Chishtī shaykhs towards rulers and noblemen in the capital Delhi, to the activities of more obscure Sufis in less glamorous, provincial settings. From strictly orthodox pīrs to rule-breaking qalandars, from the perils of travel to the treatment of ethics, and from legends of wonder-working to debates over spiritual succession, this volume offers invaluable insights into the world of Sufism in particular and the social, political, and spiritual life of medieval India more broadly.

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Universal Hinduism: Sanatan dharma: a new awakening

By **David Frawley** | BlueOne Ink, Noida | 978-8196737559 | 2025

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Hinduism is the world's oldest religion, going back to the dawn of history in the ancient Vedas, and the third largest religion after Christianity and Islam with over a billion followers. It is the largest of non-Abrahamic religions and the basis of India's dharmic traditions that teach karma and rebirth. Hinduism has given the world Yoga and Vedanta, showing the depth of its spiritual practices and insights into the nature of consciousness that we can explore within ourselves. Yet Hinduism remains the most misunderstood of the world's major religions as it follows a very different view of humanity and the divine.

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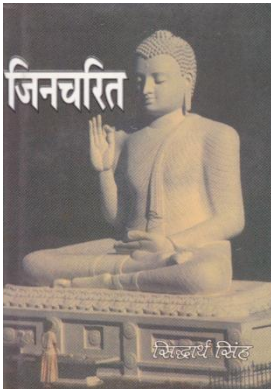
By **Master Daayuaan; Siddharth Singh** (Translator) | **Sahitya Bhandar, Allahbad** | 9788177795752 | 2017

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Jincharit (जिनचारित)

By **Sidharth Singh** | Pilgrims Publishing; Varanasi, India | 9788177695090 | 2007

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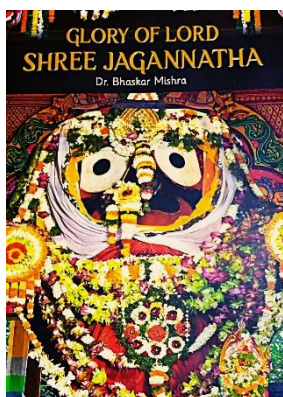
Jincharit ka boddh dharm ke paali kavy grantho me vahi sthan hai , jo sanskrit kavy-grantho me budhcharit ka. 13vi shatabdi me Shrilanka ke vanratan medhankar namak boddh bikshu dwara pali bhash me rachit yah granth Gautam Buddh ka jeevan-charit hai. 472 gathao me nibidh yah bhaktimulak kavy-granth shakyamuni budh ke jeevan ki sabhi mahatavpurn dharm, darshan evam itihaas ke adhyetao hi nahi balki samanya jagruk pathako ke liye bhi upyogi hai. Jincharit granth ka yah pahla hindi anuvad bhi hai aur devnagari lipi me pahli prastuti bhi.

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Glory of Lord Shree Jagannatha

By **Bhaskar Mishra** | Abhinav Publications, Noida | 978-8170175131 | 2025

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This book offers a comprehensive insight into the history, archaeology, rituals, festivals, management, and cultural heritage of the renowned jagannatha temple at puri dham, as well as the antiquities of this sacred kshetra. The information presented here is invaluable to scholars, tourists, and devotees alike, particularly those visiting puri dham, a town of immense cultural and spiritual significance in Odisha. Puri dham holds a special place in the hearts of Hindus, being one of the four cardinal “Dhams.” A pilgrimage to this sacred site is believed to cleanse one of impurities and pave the path to salvation. The book is enriched with rare photographs and maps of the Shree Jagannatha Temple in Puri. This publication is intended to reach a broader audience, both within India and abroad, allowing readers to appreciate the spiritual, cultural, and historical importance of this iconic temple.

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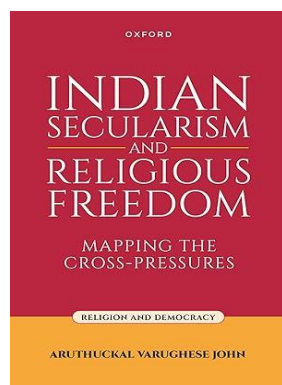
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Indian secularism and religious freedom:

Mapping the cross- pressures

By **Aruthuckal Varughese John** | Oxford University Press, New York | 9780198935124 | 2025

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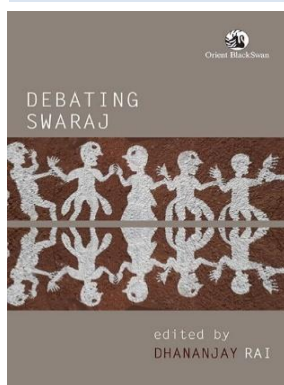
The book intricately examines secularism in India, presenting it as a complex tapestry of social struggles which introduces assumptions not shared by traditional Hindu culture. These cross-pressures influence both societal and legal realms, affecting how secularism is implemented. The work suggests that these pressures originate from the doctrines that shape India's social fabric and culture. It investigates whether secularism inherently assumes specific theological or cultural doctrines, thus affecting its cultural manifestation. By focusing on the intersection of religious freedom with human rights and legislation, concerning the contentious issue of religious conversions, the book delves into these complexities. The Ghent school attempts to address these tensions by advocating for a Hindu interpretation of religious freedom. However, acknowledging the truth claims of all religious beliefs offers a better approach to mediating between the constitution and Hindu tradition. Additionally, it highlights how Christian converts have developed adaptive mechanisms that blend their faith with traditional Hindu culture. This synthesis of beliefs and practices, or hybrid lifestyles, may provide a potential path forward, reflecting a response to the experienced cross-pressures.

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Debating Swaraj

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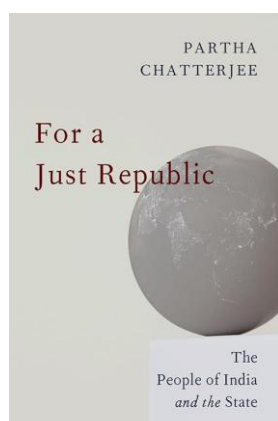
Debating Swaraj studies Gandhiji's notion of swaraj as a 'living concept', and extends it to various aspects of the political community. The book tries to understand political community by juxtaposing the state/government with the increasingly blurred distinction between peoples' participation and decision-making on behalf of the people. Studying Gandhi's view of swaraj as a 'living alternative' for current times, *Debating Swaraj* offers a detailed interpretation in a manner that reclaims the centrality of the people in a nation-state. Gandhi believed that real swaraj is not majoritarianism; it is rule by the people for justice. Taking this as the point of departure, the authors, who hail from diverse fields in the social sciences and Gandhian Studies, construe swaraj as a shared responsibility for collective living. The authors study swaraj in the context of: the early dissenting tradition of the Radical Enlightenment; the significance of non-violence; the primacy of civil society over sovereignty; the dichotomy between the economic agent and the political citizen; understanding technology, science and experience in the context of spinning swaraj; Naiy Talim and self-sufficiency; and the Ambedkar–Gandhi debate concerning texts and traditions.

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For a just republic: The people of India and the state

By Partha Chatterjee | Permanent Black, Ranikhet | 978-8178247113 | 2025

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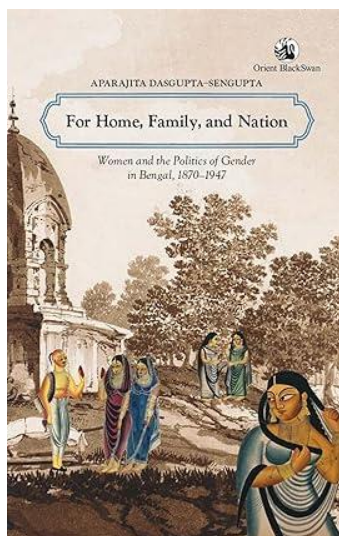
When the Constituent Assembly forged a constitution for the new republic of India, it settled for a limited agreement which allowed people from different parts of the country to come together, even while leaving the deep histories of cultural identity to the regions. This points, says Chatterjee, to the varying trajectory of the nation-state – as opposed to the trajectory of what he calls “the people-nation”. One of the core achievements of this book is to analyse the complex connection between the two. Among Chatterjee's other spinal ideas is that while the new constitutional arrangements show strong continuities with pre-1947 colonial institutions, there has been considerable variety in the formation of the people-nation – comprising communities shaped over more than a century by their habitation within diverse modern regional languages. Following this magisterial synthesis of Indian politics over the past seventy-five years, Chatterjee offers a persuasive political-economic analysis of the transition from the time of developmental planning to the present era of capitalist dominance. His study of changing caste-class-gender formations in the country's diverse regions combines with a close examination of the uneven regional spread of India's capitalist economy.

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For home, family and nation women and politics of gender in Bengal 1870-1947

By *Aparajita Dasgupta-Sengupta* | Orient Blackswan. Hyderabad | 9789354429187 | 2025

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The lives of the bhadramahila (generally, upper-caste educated women) and the rise of the 'New Woman' in late-colonial Bengal has attracted significant critical interest. However, *For Home, Family, and Nation*, is the first full-length study to focus on the evolution of gender issues in nationalist politics in Bengal and study the complex relationship between feminism, nationalism, and communalism, over a period of eight decades, from the 1870s onwards. This book examines the flexibility of this strand of nationalist thought, which constantly adjusted to new methods of selection and appropriation. It shows how the nineteenth-century nationalist 'resolution' of 'the woman question' accommodated material and political changes in the twentieth century, against a backdrop of growing economic crisis, rising unemployment, declining public health, rural degeneration, the dislocation of war, and

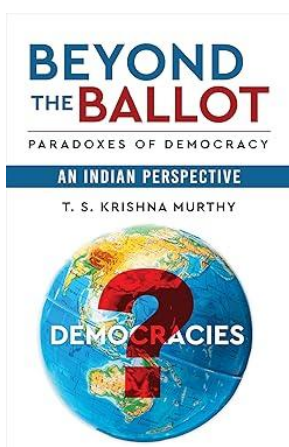
the increasing participation of women in employment and politics. It demonstrates how gender politics, among the bhadralok—Bengal's educated Hindu and primarily upper-caste middle classes—transformed from a movement against colonial interference in the 'private sphere' to a communally charged campaign to protect Hindu women from the 'Muslim threat'. In lucid prose, the author delves into women's writings, and critically examines elite perceptions in contemporary journals, newspapers, and popular politics in the pulp literature from Battala, to offer important insights, not only into the changing self-image of the bhadralok but also to show how the bhadramahila adapted to, or resisted, such discursive constructs.

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Beyond the ballot : Paradoxes of democracy: an Indian perspective

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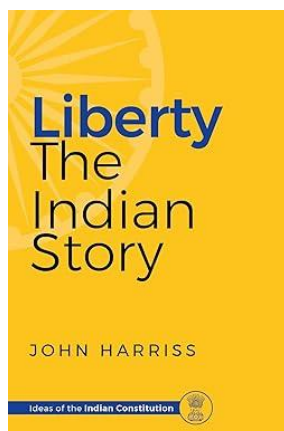
The book examines the current trends in global democracies its functioning, its processes including the electoral management, democratic institutions highlighting the good the bad and the ugly features therein. The book raises some current issues like decentralisation of governance, regulation of political parties, foreign interferences in democracies, subtle influences through individual and voluntary agencies etc. Finally it suggests solutions to arrest decaying of democracies especially smaller ones and to improve their performances in the future. It also indicates how India with its rich experience and its constitutional provisions can help struggling democracies to develop faith in Democracy.

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Liberty

By *John Harriss* | Speaking Tiger | 9789354477393 | 2024

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Few societies in the 19th and early 20th centuries remained untouched by the radical new idea of liberty, which implied both individual freedom and freedom from despotic rule. The leaders of India's anti-colonial struggle, in making the concept their own, expanded its purview. But this definition of freedom, understood as socio-economic justice, was found to be fundamentally at odds with its narrower meaning during the debates in the Constituent Assembly.

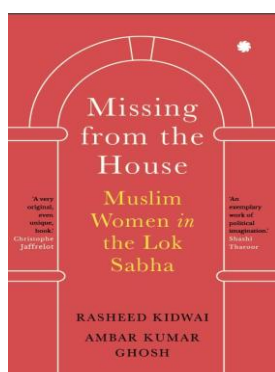
As Professor John Harriss shows in this book, a fierce battle has thus played out ever since the setting up of the Republic between what are referred to as negative and positive freedoms, or, broadly, the guarantees of the Fundamental Rights, and the goals of the Directive Principles of State Policy. The contest has often been one between a judiciary adhering to the Constitution and a Parliament pursuing what Nehru called 'real freedom' for the masses. Several Constitutional amendments—the 1st of 1951, the 24th and 25th of 1971, the 42nd of 1976—ended up placing restrictions on individual freedoms [more...](#)

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Missing from the house: Muslim women in the Lok Sabha

By *Rasheed Kidwai* | Juggernaut, New Delhi | 978-9353455842 | 2025

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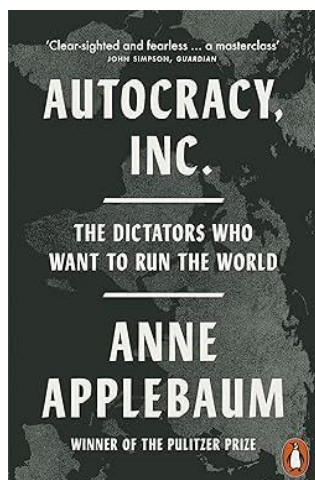
Muslim women in Indian politics are outliers, their lives and journeys shaped by patriarchy, religious orthodoxy and systemic exclusion. Yet, against formidable odds, eighteen have made it to the Lok Sabha since 1952. *Missing from the House* tells their stories for the first time. Through the lives of these trailblazing parliamentarians, this book uncovers the battles they fought, not only to win elections but also to challenge a political system designed to keep them out. From political dynasts like Akbar Jahan Abdullah, Abida Ahmed and Mehbooba Mufti, to grassroots activists like the Gandhian Zohrabai Chawda, doctor-politician Mamta Sanghamita and actor-turned-MP Nusrat Jahan, their journeys span privilege and struggle, silence and defiance. Urgent and deeply insightful, *Missing from the House* is a powerful account of political agency, representation and the unyielding fight to be seen and heard in Indian democracy.

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Autocracy Inc. : the dictators who want to run the world

By *Anne Applebaum* | Penguin, New Delhi | 9781802062120 | 2025

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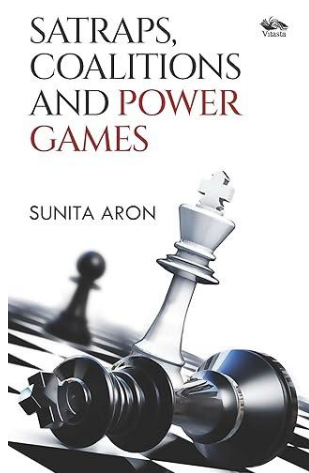
The celebrated historian and journalist uncovers the networks trying to destroy the democratic world. All of us have in our minds a cartoon image of what an autocratic state looks like, with a bad man at the top. But in the 21st century, that cartoon bears little resemblance to reality. Nowadays, autocracies are run not by one bad guy, but by sophisticated networks composed of kleptocratic financial structures, security services and professional propagandists. The members of these networks are connected not only within a given country, but among many countries. The corrupt, state-controlled companies in one dictatorship do business with corrupt, state-controlled companies in another. The police in one country can arm, equip, and train the police in another. The propagandists share resources—the troll farms that promote one dictator’s propaganda can also be used to promote the propaganda of another—and themes, pounding home the same messages about the weakness of democracy and the evil of America. Unlike military or political alliances from other times and places, this group doesn’t operate like a bloc, but rather like an agglomeration of companies: *Autocracy, Inc.* [more.....](#)

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Satrap, coalitions and power games

By *Sunita Aron* | Vitasta, New Delhi | 9788119670154 | 2025

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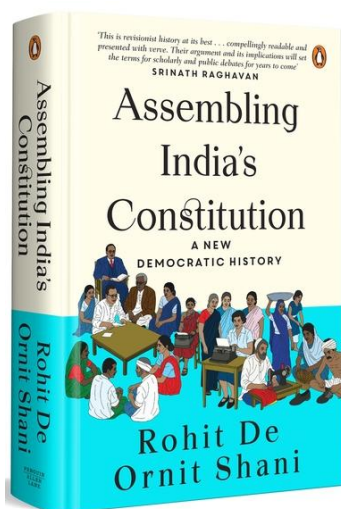
Who halted the BJP’s victorious march and yet paved the way for Narendra Modi’s third term? Not the Congress, but India’s ambitious regional parties. Defying the might of the BJP’s political aandhi, these powerful satraps and dynastic heirs have reimaged India’s electoral landscape. From Akhilesh Yadav and Tejashwi Yadav to Udhayanidhi Stalin and Nara Lokesh, a new generation of regional leaders has risen—blending local clout with national ambition. Are they simply power brokers, or do they represent authentic, local aspirations in a nation as diverse as India? Should the country gravitate towards a two-party system, or does its vast cultural diversity demand a multiparty system? In the absence of constitutional limits, regional parties negotiate hard, especially in coalition politics—and national parties are often willing partners in this high-stakes game. In this compelling political narrative, veteran journalist Sunita Aron chronicles the rise, reinvention, and resilience of India’s regional parties and their quirky family saga and electoral manoeuvres. *Satraps, Coalitions and Power Games* reveals how these regional players continue to script the story of India’s political future.

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Assembling India's constitution: A new democratic history

By Rohit De and Ornit Shani | Penguin, Gurugram | 9780670099658 | 2025

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In this paradigm-shifting history, two leading historians of India re-examine the making of the Indian constitution from the perspective of the country's people. In a departure from dominant approaches that foreground the framing of the text within the Constituent Assembly, Ornit Shani and Rohit De instead demonstrate how it was shaped by diverse publics across India and beyond. They reveal multiple, parallel constitution-making processes underway across the subcontinent, highlighting how individuals and groups transformed constitutionalism into a medium of struggle and a tool for transformation. De and Shani argue that the deep sense of ownership the public assumed over the constitution became pivotal to the formation, legitimacy and endurance of India's democracy against arduous challenges and many odds. In highlighting the Indian case as a model for thinking through constitution making in plural societies, this is a vital contribution to constitutional and democratic history.

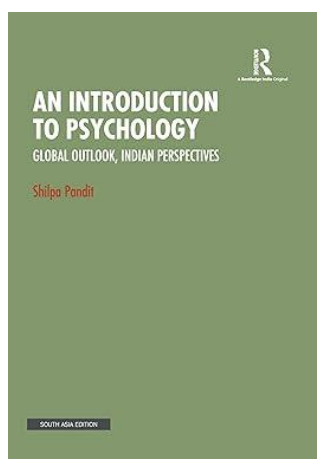
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PSYCHOLOGY

An introduction to psychology: Global outlook, Indian perspectives

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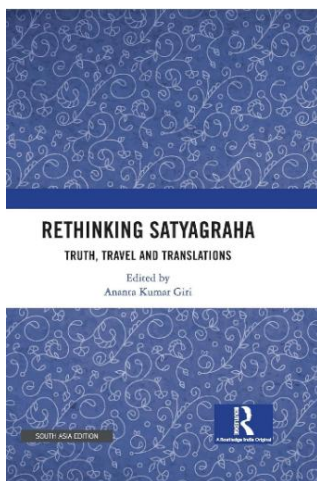
This textbook provides an essential, contextually sensitive and culturally relevant grounding in Psychology that sets the base for future studies. Replete with discussions on current themes and debates in the discipline, its interdisciplinary linkages are relevant in the current times in terms of their contributions and application. This volume addresses the overarching questions of the discipline, with chapters organised to discuss psychological concepts, theories and principles in the light of cultural world views, where culture and the psyche are interdependent. It discusses the indigenous views of self and consciousness as well as contemporary applications of psychology in the global world. This book, designed for a global readership, would be useful to the students and teachers of Psychology, Applied Psychology, and Sociology, and Social Work, Public Health, Gender and Women Studies.

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