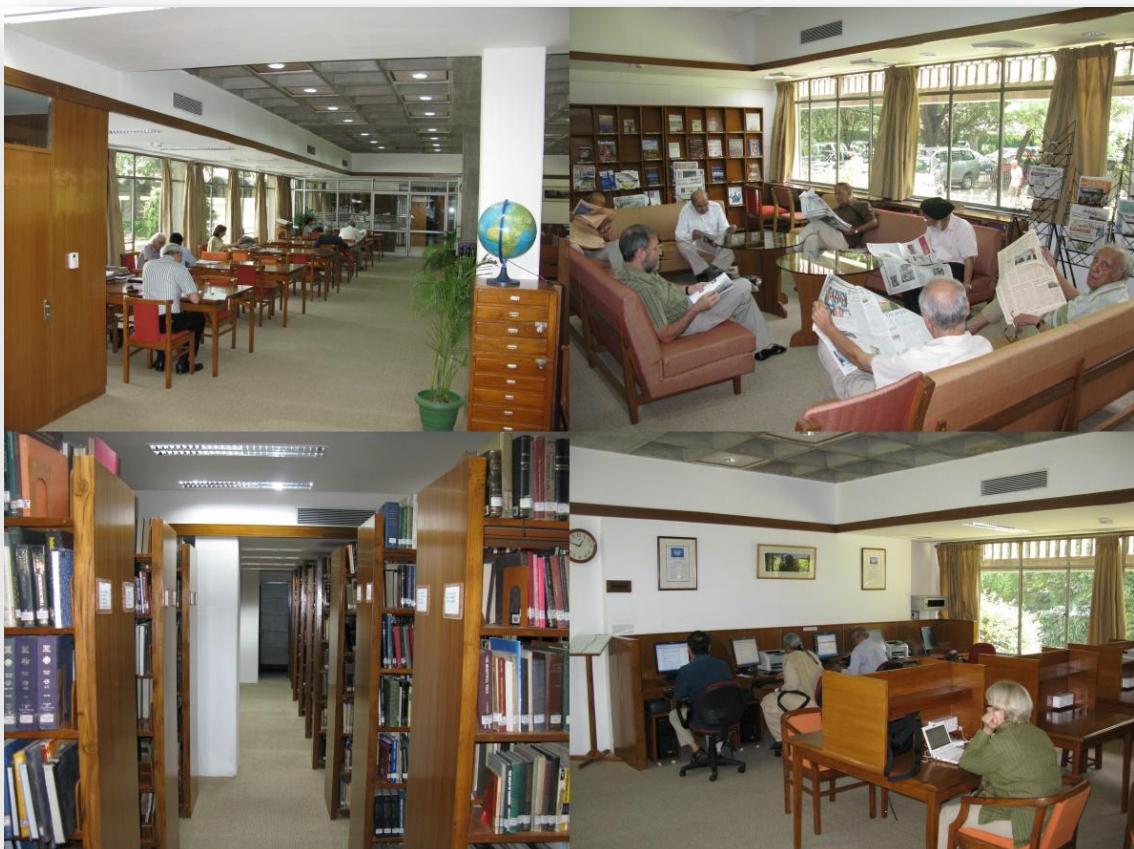


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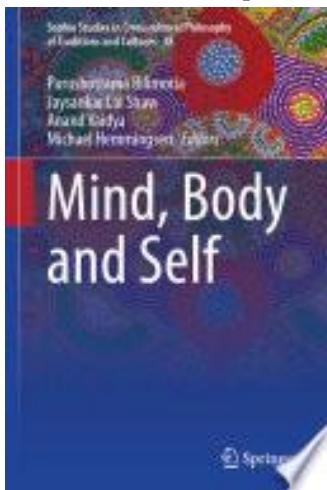
Mind, body and self

Edited by **Jaysankar Lal Shaw, Purushottama Bilimoria, Anand Vaidya, & Michael**

Hemmingsen | Cham : Springer Nature | 2024 | 9783031421228

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This book is a unique collaboration of philosophers from across the world bringing together



contemporary concepts of consciousness, the Māori conception of self, as well as Indian and Buddhist concepts of self and mental states. Contemporary concepts of consciousness include higher-order consciousness and phenomenological approaches. The idea behind this volume came from an international conference on 'Mind, Body and Self' held at Victoria University of Wellington; organised by the Society for Philosophy and Culture. The authors herein contribute to the relationship between concepts of self, mind and body. The wide variety of contributors from across cultural backgrounds add to a diverse and valuable conversation on the nature of human existence and thoughts of self. This book appeals to students and researchers working in philosophy and religious studies.

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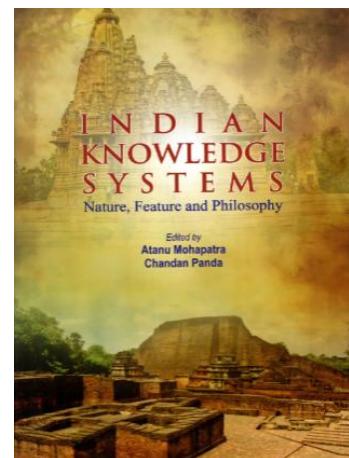
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Indian knowledge systems : nature, feature and philosophy

edited by **Atanu Mohapatra and Chandan Panda** | New Delhi: Research India Press | 2025 | 9789348309280

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The book Indian Knowledge Systems: Nature, Feature and Philosophy is an outcome of the intellectual exercise occasioned by the International Conference on 'Bharatiya Knowledge Traditions: Continuity and Significance from 01 to 03 February 2024 at Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar. The book covers various notable areas and discussions on the meaning, significance, historicity and unceasing continuity of the Indian knowledge traditions, epics, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, hermeneutics (Tantrayukti), Kashmir Shaivism, indigenous methodologies of social science research, Yoga, indigenous cultural ethos and structures, Vedic education, ecology, dharma, sustainability, temples as centres of culture and comprehensive social well-being, Ayurveda, Arthashastra, geometry, Shanti Parva of the Mahabharat, the Bhagavad Gita, ancient Indian weather science, etc. The book foregrounds Bharat's various knowledge traditions.



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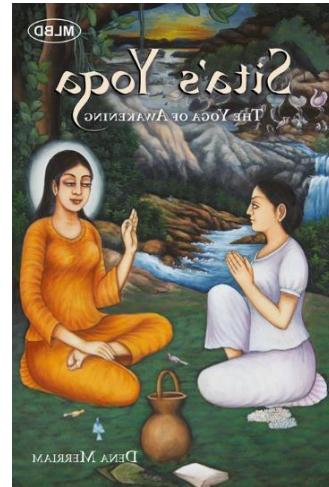
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Sita's yoga : the yoga of awakening

by Dena Merriam | Delhi : Motilal Banarsi Dass Publishing House | 2026 | 9789371007078

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Much attention has been paid to the outer circumstances of the life of Sita, a much-revered figure living in ancient India. But there is an inner story that is not often revealed, the teachings given by this great avatar. To those who encountered her, she transmitted transformative teachings on how to live a dharmic life and progress on one's spiritual journey. Sita's Yoga is the story of those teachings, a story of how to grow spiritually through life's challenges; how to overcome grief, live a life of gratitude, foster forgiveness and compassion for those who cause harm, practice generosity, find beauty and meaning in everyday life, and how to understand events in the light of complex karmic conditions. It is a story of coming to know our deeper Self and of coming into a consciousness of unity with all that is, overcoming the illusion of separateness and division, the source of all suffering. It is foremost a love story, for as Sita teaches, love is the foundation of all and the more we advance in understanding, the more we become pure unconditioned love.



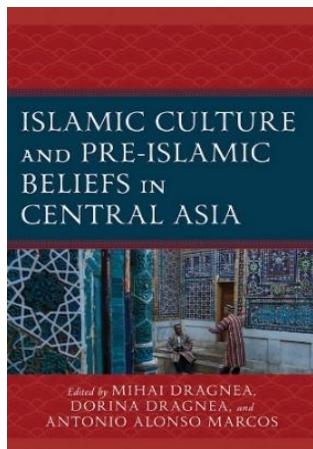
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Islamic culture and pre-islamic beliefs in Central Asia

edited by Mihai Dragnea, Dorina Dragnea & Antonio Alonso Marcos | London : Lexington Books | 2024 | 9781666969290

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The introduction of Islam ushered in an era of social and cultural change to the region. Some pre-Islamic sacred places have been transformed into Islamic ones, and the cult of saints absorbed elements of both local and Arab mythology. This volume which is a project initiated by the Balkan History Association, focuses on Islamic culture, traditions, and pre-Islamic beliefs in Central Asia. The chapters emphasize the importance of religious life, the significance of certain "sacred places," and their role in the socio-spiritual life. The volume includes research spanning a period from antiquity to the Post-Soviet era to explore how landscapes of religious places and practices were interpreted and reinterpreted through time.

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Sociology

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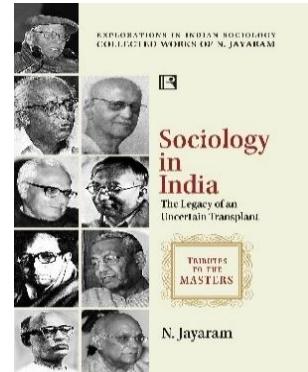
Sociology in India

the legacy of an uncertain transplant: tributes to the masters

by N Jayaram | New Delhi : Rawat Publications | 2025 | 9788131614143

Accession Number: 57044 | Call Number: 301.0954 JAY

This volume is a compilation of sixteen research articles and exegetical essays by N. Jayaram. The six chapters in Part One deal with the legacy of sociology in India as an 'uncertain transplant' from Western Europe. They reflect on the origin and development of sociology over one hundred years, the challenges it faced and continues to face both as an academic discipline and as a profession. The ten chapters in Part Two are lectures delivered or essays written as tributes to the memory of some of the masters who have shaped the development of the discipline in the country. The introduction strings together the chapters by highlighting their theme and the context in which the text of the chapters was originally prepared, presented, and published.



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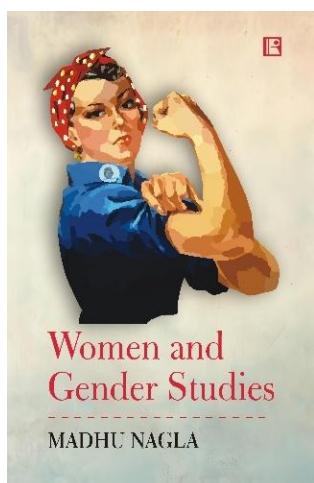
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Women and gender studies

by Madhu Nagla | New Delhi : Rawat Publications | 2025 | 9788131614259

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This book is one of the first self-contained textbook to present a comprehensive account of the situation of women from a social science perspective. It provides a lively, thorough and realistic introduction to a range of sociological issues and problems. It offers a thorough sociological exploration of women's roles in society, covering topics such as work, education, health, politics, law, religion, leisure, ecology, sports, technology and management.



Drawing from key feminist theories and interdisciplinary insights, it provides an in-depth introduction to the challenges and experiences of women, both historically and in contemporary contexts. The book fills a critical gap in existing scholarship, offering a much-needed resource for graduate and post-graduate students. It chronicles feminist perspectives, research methods, and the evolving roles of women at different life stages.

Essential for students in gender and women's studies, this book serves as an indispensable guide to understanding the complex realities of women's lives globally.

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What women want : understanding the female voter in modern India

by Ruhi Tewari | New Delhi : Juggernaut, 2025. | 9789353459062

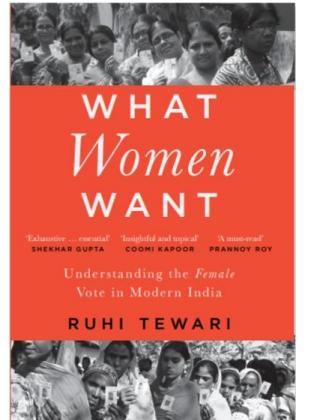
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For much of Indias democratic history, the woman voter was invisible and ignored at times spoken for, but never listened to. That has changed. Today, women vote in greater numbers than ever before, often making independent choices that overturn this independent choices that overturn conventional political wisdom. From the welfare state to identity politics, from kitchen economics to public protest, the woman voter now shapes outcomes at every level of Indias electoral landscape.

In this timely and deeply reported book, journalist Ruhi Tewari travels across states and communities to understand how Indian women vote and why. Blending fieldwork, data and political insight, this book the product of nearly two decades of reportage traces the rise of the woman voter from silent participant to decisive force. It asks hard questions: Do women vote as women? Does caste or religion override gender at the ballot box? Can development trump identity? What happens when welfare schemes become the new normal and get taken for granted? Does gender itself even matter in elections?

This is a portrait of Indian democracy through a different lens one that sees women not as passive beneficiaries of politics, but as its most ambitious stakeholders and perhaps even its kingmakers

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Confronting caste exclusion : academic journey in search of equity and dignity

by Sukhadeo Thorat | New Delhi : Rawat Publications | 2025 | 9788131614679

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This book encapsulates the academic engagement of Sukhadeo Thorat over the past forty years. Thorat has been deeply involved in researching some of the most contentious issues of inter-group economic inequalities – particularly those linked to caste, tribe, religion, and gender-caste intersectionality.

The book presents Thorat's lifelong research, condensed into seventeen articles, on the persistent poverty and deprivation faced by discriminated groups, and the roots of these issues in caste-based economic discrimination. Innovatively, it offers insight into the sources and motivations behind caste economic discrimination, drawing on general economic theories of discrimination and, more specifically, theories related to caste. Based on these theoretical frameworks and a wealth of empirical evidence on caste and untouchability-based economic discrimination, the book also reflects on remedies to address this deeply rooted and enduring problem.

Additionally, it explores a conceptual framework for studying caste-based economic discrimination and its consequences for poverty among marginalised groups – a resource that will be especially valuable to young researchers.

In today's context of growing demands for caste-, religion-, and gender-based policies, this book is both timely and essential reading for those engaged in research and policymaking on group inequalities and their remedies.

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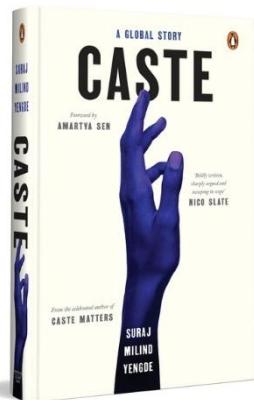
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Caste : a global story

by Suraj Milind Yengde | Gurugram : Penguin | 2025 | 9780670096312

Accession Number: 57014 | Call Number: 305.56880954 YEN

Caste, and caste-based discrimination, are not just Indian issues. They are experienced throughout the world, from Britain to Bahrain, Canada to South Africa. This is a global phenomenon, demanding global solutions.



Leading scholar Suraj Milind Yengde shines a light on the Dalit experience internationally, from indentured labourers in the nineteenth-century Caribbean to present-day migrant workers in the Middle East. Combining history, ethnography and archival research, he offers a compelling, comparative approach to caste and race from ancient times to today. What have been the impacts of colonialism, religion and nationalism on caste-based hierarchies worldwide? What can we learn from caste-related movements in India and internationally? Why hasn't the South Asian diaspora embraced the anti-caste struggles of the homeland? And what are the limits of Dalit–Black solidarity?

Exploring the global footprint of the anti-caste struggle—from its links with Black Lives Matter to the work of international Ambedkarite organisations—this is a powerful analysis of world politics from the perspective of one of the most oppressed communities on Earth. Asking probing questions about the nature of inequality, Yengde issues an energetic call for a cosmopolitan Dalit universalism, as a vital part of today's fight for social justice and equality.

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Place : intimate encounters with cities

by Ananya Vajpeyi | New Delhi : Women Unlimited Ink, 2026 | 9788197366338

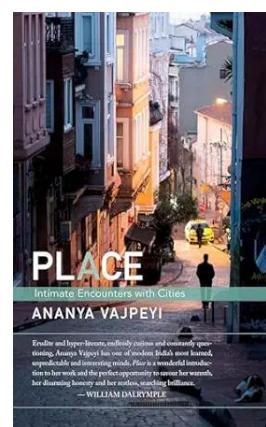
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When I ventured out, my line of sight was dominated by three beautiful monuments in three cities—Humayun's Tomb in Delhi; San Giorgio's Church in Venice; Cihangir's Mosque in Istanbul. Whatever else I had lost in the meantime, these structures remained steadfast in their unassailable loveliness: domes and minarets, arches and columns, steps and corridors. White and pink, grey and gold, shadowy and lit, all the poetry of built forms; each day that these pieces came together they gave me solace. But political troubles and environmental crises in all three places exacerbated my feelings of personal loss.

In the five years that I tacked incessantly between Delhi, Venice and Istanbul, two questions plagued me: How do we lose what we lose? Why do we love whom we love?

In this collection of essays written over 25 years, Ananya Vajpeyi recounts her experience of 13 cities across India and the world, engaging with them as layered spaces where history, memory and meaning converge.

Through elegantly crafted narratives, interwoven with cultural insight, political reflection and personal meditation, she evokes the emotional and intellectual contours of each place, offering readers her immersive, intimate encounters with cities she loves.



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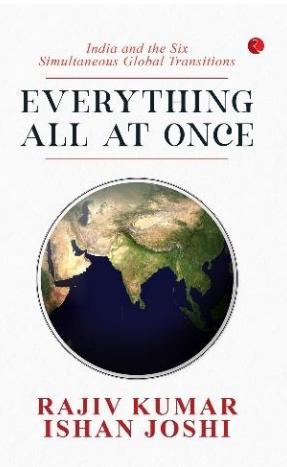
Political Science**11****Everything all at once : India and the six simultaneous global transitions**

by Rajiv Kumar and Ishan Joshi | New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2025 | 9789370039230

Accession Number: 57064 | Call Number: 320.12 KUM

A sense of uncertainty has clearly gripped the world as six transformative global transitions—ranging from geopolitical and geographical to geoeconomic and technological—unfold all at once. Policymakers are scrambling to make sense of these transitions even as people lurch to extremes in these times of insecurity laced with rising inequity. To make matters more complicated, today's certitudes can evaporate by tomorrow—for countries, companies and citizens alike. 'Chaos, contestation, and constant recalibration' will, therefore, be with us for a while yet.

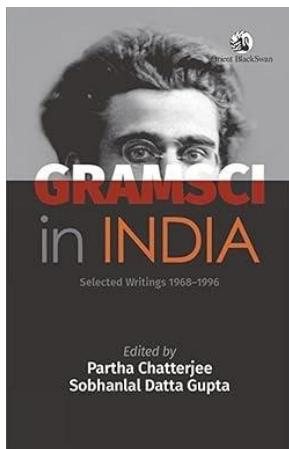
Where does that leave over 800 million young Indians with their burgeoning aspirations? In *Everything All At Once: India and the Six Simultaneous Global Transitions*, Rajiv Kumar and Ishan Joshi suggest how India's national goals could be defined and lay out the difficult but inescapable steps which will be required to achieve them. New Delhi has a historic opportunity to shape the ongoing transitions to its advantage. But the challenges are massive. Business-as-usual just won't do if we want to see India as *Viksit Bharat* in the next twenty-five years.

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edited by Partha Chatterjee and Sobhanlal Datta Gupta | New Delhi : Orient Blackswan | 2025 | 9789369730261

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Translations of Antonio Gramsci's works into English from the 1950s onwards drew the attention of Indian academics searching for alternative understandings of Marxism—especially the Subaltern Studies Group launched in 1982 by Ranajit Guha. The end of the 1977 Emergency saw the rapid spread of democratic mobilisations across India and contributed to a growing interest in exploring Marxist ideas outside the Soviet framework. Despite their differences, the parliamentary Left parties believed that the end of Congress's dominance would bring a change in political power where the Left would be the decisive force.



Instead, there was an emergence of regional parties supported by dominant peasant castes and headed by authoritarian populist leaders, and the Hindu-nationalist BJP rose steadily to power as a national party. This betrayal of the Left's expectations led a section of Marxist intellectuals towards Gramsci; they realised that an economic crisis may not push the masses

towards the Left—the greater need was for a better understanding of mass peasant consciousness, and of the cultural, ideological dimensions of dominance and subordination.

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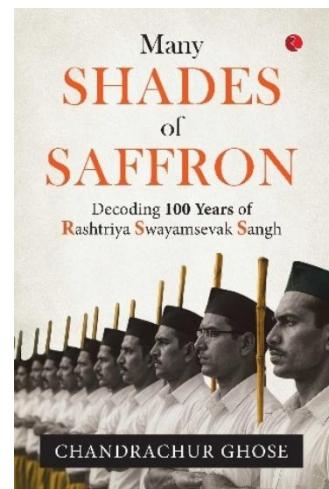
Many shades of safron: decoding 100 years of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh

By Chandrachur Ghose | New Delhi :Rupa Publications | 2025 | 9789370033795

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Is the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) an upholder of traditional Indian values, or is it a threat to the democratic, pluralist and secular idea of India? A large body of scholarship on the Sangh, its leaders and its activities has emerged in recent decades. However, an overwhelming share of that scholarship reflects a deep ideological division, either being in favour or against the Sangh. The consequence of this feature of the existing scholarship is twofold. Firstly, most of the literature focuses on specific aspects or periods of the Sangh's activities, often narrowing down to acts of key leaders interpreted either as heroic or as condemnable. Therefore, many of the Sangh's activities and parts of its history remain outside the scope of the narrative. The second result flows from the first in a way. It is striking that despite having been around for a century, there is such widespread lack of informed public opinion about the Sangh. The impact of a scarcity of dispassionate narration becomes evident from the prejudiced reaction that the mention of the Sangh evokes.

Many Shades of Saffron attempts to bring to readers a fuller story of the RSS and the role it has played in the context of the broader history of the country during the past century. Completing a hundred years by itself can be considered an achievement for any organization, but to have survived and grown in influence by negotiating diverse challenges, particularly official hostility for the most part, makes for a fascinating story. The book traces the leadership styles and visions of the sarsanghchalaks, as well as the attitude of the Sangh to the political developments through different decades and its ideological evolution.



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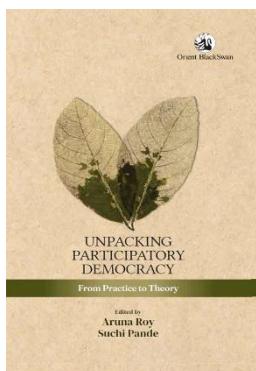
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Unpacking participatory democracy : from practice to theory

edited by Aruna Roy and Suchi Pande | Hyderabad : Orient Blackswan, 2025 | 9789369736706

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Democracy is hailed around the world as the highest form of political organisation. However, transparency, accountability, and participation, key to a functioning democracy, has globally come under increasing threat. With rising statelessness across the world, the concept of citizenship itself is now under question.



Unpacking Participatory Democracy offers some 'inclusive' approaches to the ideas of development and democracy. This volume brings together a range of practitioners who have spent decades building organisations and collectives that engage with the practice of democracy, in pursuit of equality and justice. Together, they explore the realities of democratic practice, and combine theoretical perspectives with empirical case studies.

This volume also examines the possibilities of recapturing the lost power of democratic dissent, dialogue, and disagreement, and platforms for debate in the last decade all over the world.

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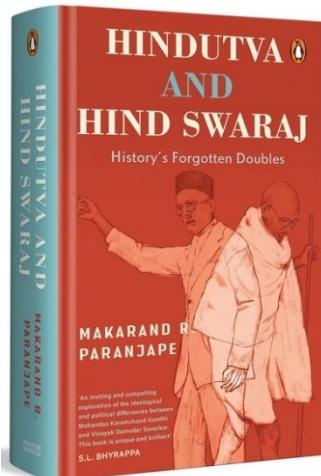
Hindutva and Hind swaraj : history's forgotten doubles

by Makarand R. Paranjape | Gurugram Penguin 2025 | 9780143477105

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A close reading of the persistent antagonisms in Indian history, Hindutva and Hind Swaraj focuses on the ideological clash between Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Vinayak Damodar Savarkar,

representing the broader ideological, political, and cultural factions within Hindu and Indian society. The central argument is that this antagonism continues to influence national life, both politically and personally, reflecting two contrasting ideologies: Hindutva and Hind Swaraj.



Divided into three parts, the first part addresses the lack of historical records in ancient India and the importance of creating a national history to reclaim India's past. In the part second part, the author examines the discovery of India's cultural and historical identity, the impact of colonialism, and the need for a balanced discourse that acknowledges the complexity and diversity of Indian society. While the third looks at the contemporary political landscape, the rise of Hindutva, and the ongoing struggle between Gandhi's vision of non-violent resistance and Savarkar's advocacy of armed rebellion. It highlights the unresolved tensions between these two ideologies and their implications for India's future.

The book emphasizes the need for a new approach to understanding and reconciling these differences, suggesting that a balanced discourse and a deeper inquiry into the nature of nationalism, democracy, and Indian society are essential for creating a new India.

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Seeds of hate: Bangladesh's extremist surge

Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh and other radical organizations

edited by Shahriar Kabir and Dipanjan Roy Chaudhury | New Delhi :Grin Media | 2025 |

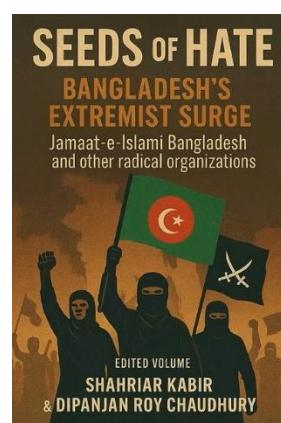
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Seeds of Hate: Bangladesh's Extremist Surge – Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh and Other Radical Organizations is a timely and hard-hitting volume that examines the disturbing rise of extremist ideologies in Bangladesh. Edited by Shahriar Kabir, a noted journalist, human rights activist, and researcher of fundamentalism in South Asia, and Dipanjan Roy Chaudhury, a veteran foreign affairs journalist, this book brings together a wide range of perspectives on one of the most pressing security and social challenges confronting the region today.

At its core, the book investigates how Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh and affiliated radical groups have entrenched themselves in the country's political, social, and educational fabric. It traces the ideological roots of these organizations, their violent past during Bangladesh's Liberation War, and their continuing influence in mainstream politics and society.

The contributors dissect the methods of radicalization, including manipulation of madrasa networks, infiltration of student unions, misuse of charities and NGOs, and the exploitation of religious identity for political gain. The volume also highlights the international linkages of these groups, with counterparts in Pakistan, the Middle East, and beyond and how these transnational networks fuel extremism within Bangladesh. [More....](#)



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People's rights : social movements and the state in the third world

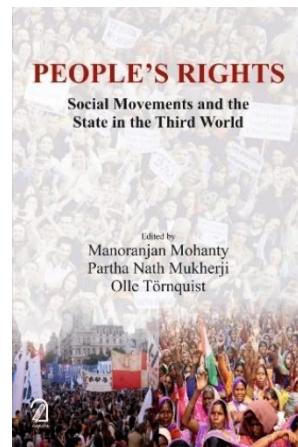
edited by **Manoranjan Mohanty, Partha Nath Mukherji & Olle Tornquist** | New Delhi : Aakar, 2025 | 9789350028872

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The end of classical colonialism did not result in complete freedom for the peoples of the third world.

New forms of Western domination emerged in many post- colonial states which became dependent on the first world, for their very existence. This led to the emergence of people's movements which serve to articulate the aspirations of the disadvantaged and their resistance to various forms of oppression and domination. This volume of original essays articulates the issues raised by these social movements as a democratic assertion of people's rights. The distinguished contributors challenge the dominant political theory of capitalist globalisation and reaffirm some of the primary values of the anti-colonial struggle. Rather than ES ES locating rights in the individualist tradition of Western liberalism, they are seen as an affirmation of the political conditions of human existence involving a struggle against class exploitation and social oppression.

The case studies from Asia and Africa of both successful and unsuccessful movements illustrate the nature of the dilemmas faced by them while problematising the dichotomy between class politics and social movements. In the process, the contributors not only critique the dominant Western nations of rights, nationhood, civil society and citizenship but present original and alternative formulations in democratic theory transformation of the post-colonial state through liberation from new forms of bondage in order to affirm freedom and people's rights and to create a more decentralised, responsive and participatory state. [More.....](#)



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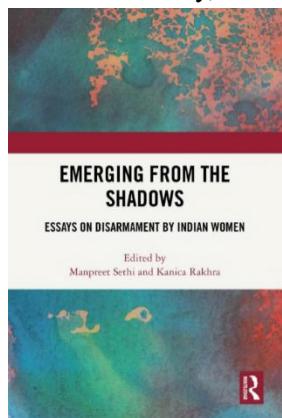
Emerging from the shadows: essays on disarmament

edited by **Manpreet Sethi and Kanica Rakhra** | New Delhi : Routledge | 2025 | 9781041087397

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National security, war and strategy are mostly considered male preserves across the world even when, as professional scholars or policy practitioners, women have made significant contributions. Women voices and the subject of disarmament have been hidden in the shadows of mainstream security discourse for far too long. The book seeks to right-stream these by bringing together writings of women security experts, scholars and diplomats in India on issues of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

International efforts towards sustainable nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament are struggling to find the 'right' way. This book shifts the focus to the imperative of disarmament with women authors who share their perspectives on what the future for disarmament looks like and where India—a leading voice on disarmament—stands on these issues. The volume explores India's nuclear disarmament journey; efforts towards and roadblocks in the implementation of nuclear disarmament verification; confidence building and nuclear risk reduction measures as pathways towards disarmament; nuclear energy and proliferation trends; linkage between nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament; and India's commitment towards the Women, Peace and Security agenda.



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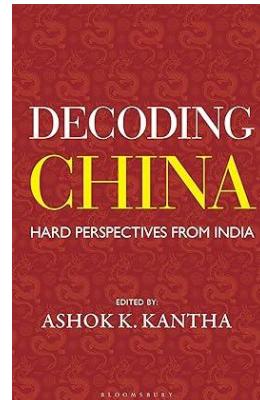
Decoding China: hard perspectives from India

edited by **Ashok K. Kantha** | New Delhi : Bloomsbury | 2025 | 9789361313608

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Chinas remarkable ascent, marked by significant achievements along with deep anxieties and its quest to reclaim its rightful role as the leading nation of the world, stands as the most consequential geopolitical development of the past forty years. Decoding China: Hard Perspectives from India explores this phenomenon through an Indian lens. Featuring insights from twenty-one prominent diplomats, military officials and scholars who have closely observed the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation under Xi Jinping, the book provides rigorous, evidence-based and accessible evaluations of Chinas internal and external dynamics and India China relations.

The essays are organised into four sections: decoding China the big picture; decoding Chinas strategic ambitions; decoding Chinas domestic preoccupations; and decoding Chinas military universe. The book aims to unravel the strategic challenge posed by China to India (and others), particularly in the context of the simultaneous re-emergence of the worlds two most populous countries, who coexist uneasily navigating their own distinct narratives, aspirations and concerns. This book promises to be a valuable resource for experts and general readers alike.



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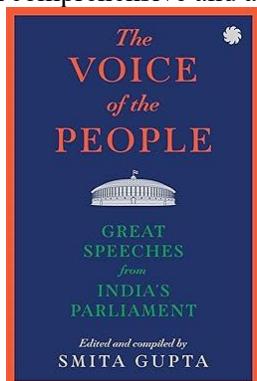
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The voice of the people : great speeches from India's parliament

edited and compiled by **Smita Gupta** | New Delhi : Juggernaut, 2025 | 9789353453336

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A comprehensive and authoritative anthology of the great speeches from Indias best lawmakers. Indias



Parliament has been a battleground like no other, featuring clashes of many ideas and interests. MPs have sparred on every possible issue and debated every crisis the nation has faced in its close to 80 years, in a bewildering array of languages. Read together, these speeches give us an insight into how lawmakers viewed the subjects that confronted them in real time as they made their decisions. Award-winning journalist Smita Gupta has collated and organized these extraordinary speeches thematically. Readers will learn about the evolution of Indias relationships with its neighbours, its financial policies and its quest for gender and caste equality, as well as national integration and harmony

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Economics**21****Beyond liberalism : economics, philosophy, politics**by **Prabhat Patnaik** | New Delhi : Tulika Books, 2025 | 9788195639236**Accession Number: 57024 | Call Number: 330.01 PAT**

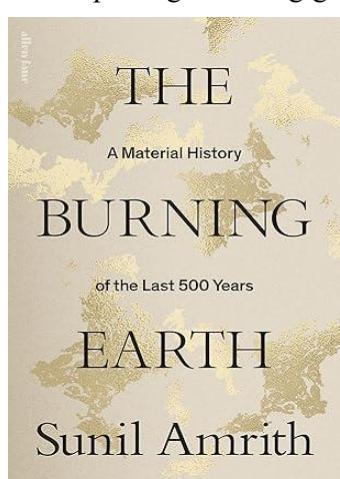
Liberalism holds that individual freedom can be realized under capitalism. “Classical liberalism” tends to focus on excessive state interference as the primary threat to freedom. More recent theorists, however, recognize that capitalism, left to itself, would be characterized by mass social ills and argue that state intervention is necessary to guarantee individual freedom.

This book is a Marxist critique of liberalism. Prabhat Patnaik demonstrates that liberalism and Marxism provide vastly differing accounts of individual freedom and the forces that restrict it. In the Marxist view, people, contrary to appearances, lack real agency under capitalism. Competition coerces individuals to act according to the impersonal logic of capitalism, making them mere instruments of the system. In this way, capitalism creates universal alienation, and true individual freedom is possible only through overcoming it.

Patnaik argues that socialism can secure individual agency in both economic and political spheres, though actually existing socialism has failed in this respect. He also considers what a socialist society should look like: not a planned economy but a highly decentralized system in which citizens are directly involved in taking decisions affecting their lives and enjoy fundamental economic rights as well as political ones. Readable yet rigorous, *Beyond Liberalism* brings together political philosophy and political economy to offer a renewed vision of socialism.

Source: [Click Here](#)**22****The burning earth: an environmental history of the last 500 years**by **Sunil Amrit** | Dublin : Allen Lane, 2024 | 9780241461983**Accession Number: 57069 | Call Number: 333.709 AMR**

In this paradigm-shifting global history of how humanity has reshaped the planet, and the planet has



shaped human history, Sunil Amrit twins the stories of environment and Empire, of genocide and eco-cide, of the expansion of human freedom and its costs. Drawing on an extraordinarily rich diversity of primary sources, he reckons with the ruins of Portuguese silver mining in Peru, British gold mining in South Africa, and oil extraction in Central Asia. He explores the railways and highways that brought humans to new terrains of battle against each other and against nature. Amrit's account of the ways in which the First and Second World Wars involved the massive mobilization not only of men, but of other natural resources from around the globe, provides an essential new way of understanding war as an irreversible reshaping of the planet. He also reveals the reality of migration as consequence of environmental harm.

The imperial, globe-spanning pursuit of profit, joined with new forms of energy and new possibilities of freedom from hunger and discomfort, freedom to move and explore, has brought change to every inch of the Earth. Amrit relates, on the largest canvas, a mind-altering epic – vibrant with stories, characters, and vivid images – in which humanity might find the collective wisdom to save itself.

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The great sanctions hack

by Urjit Patel | New Delhi Rupa Publications 2025 | 9789370032613

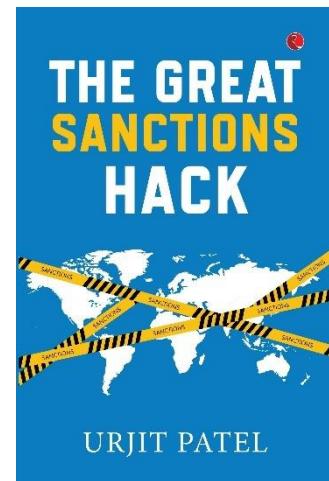
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In the 21st century, economic sanctions have become a widely used tool to control geopolitics, with the United States being the largest user of sanctions globally, followed by the European Union. Yet, mounting evidence shows that these measures often fall short of achieving their intended diplomatic outcomes. While sanctions are meant to pressure governments by targeting their economies, the actual impact tends to be slow, complex, and frequently ineffective.

In *The Great Sanctions Hack*, Urjit Patel, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, who now serves as Chairman of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, evaluates why the concept of sanctions needs a major overhaul. Their broader effects on global markets and unintended consequences for third parties must be considered. Economic damage unfolds gradually, not instantly, and should be tracked in more detailed stages. Moreover, the real cost to individuals, businesses, and global stability needs clearer and more transparent measurement.

Concerns are also rising about the role of international institutions that often fail to fairly assess the consequences of sanctions. This raises questions about their effectiveness in guiding international economic policy.

As global uncertainty grows, a more thoughtful, data-driven, and transparent approach to sanctions is urgently needed.



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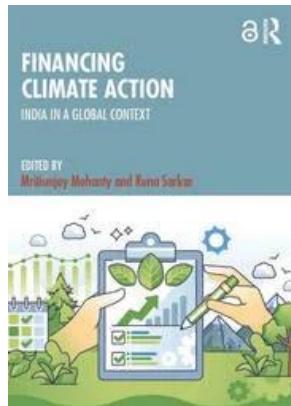
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Financing climate action : India in global context

edited by Mritunjay Mohanty and Runa Sarkar | London : Routledge | 2026 | 9781032962641

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The urgency of mitigating climate change is mounting globally, and developing countries have a key role to play in ensuring a sustainable future. This book provides a comprehensive overview of all aspects of climate finance from the perspective of developing economies, with a focus on India.



Catalysing climate action requires economic and societal adjustments, beginning with additional resource mobilisation, capital reallocation and financing structures supported by appropriate regulations, reasonably functioning markets and effective institutions. Through an integrated assessment of macro-financial policies and market microstructures, this book provides a thorough understanding of how countries in the Global South can effectively mobilise and deploy financial resources to address climate change challenges. It brings together the views of academics, bureaucrats, policy analysts and civil society organisations that are actively

engaged in climate finance to discuss challenges and options for India as it seeks to finance effective climate action. It offers a plurality of often-opposing ideas and observations, rooted in the reality of India's political economy. The volume presents novel solutions as well as lessons from international experiences to initiate and accelerate the flow of finance into climate related activities.

This book will be an essential resource for scholars in environmental studies, development economics, and public policy, while offering crucial insights for policymakers and practitioners engaged in sustainable finance.

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Constitution of India

by B. R. Ambedkar | New Delhi Abadhy Education | 2025 | 9788194597421

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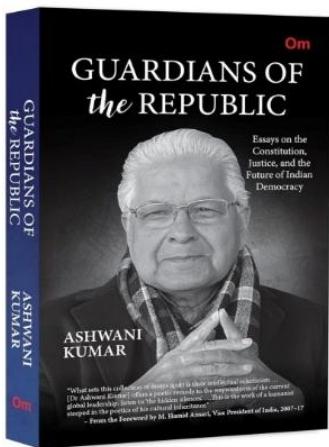
Guardians of the republic

essays on the constitution, justice and the future of Indian democracy

by Ashwani Kumar | Noida : Om Books International | 2025 | 9789363953970

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Guardians of the Republic takes you to the heart of India's democratic journey ? its promises, challenges, and the questions that define its future. At a time when constitutional values are tested by power struggles, polarization and public disillusionment, eminent lawyer, constitutional philosopher, thinker, author and veteran parliamentarian Dr Ashwani Kumar invites readers to look beyond headlines and reflect on the deeper issues. How do institutions like the judiciary safeguard our rights? Why is judicial review essential for protecting freedoms and what is its scope in parliamentary democracy? What happens when the Constitution's spirit is overshadowed by political expediency? Through thought-provoking essays, this work explores the meaning of liberty, equality and justice in everyday life. Written with clarity and conviction, Guardians of the Republic is both a critique and a call to action. It reminds us that democracy is not self-sustaining. It requires vigilance, courage, and a collective will to uphold the ideals enshrined in the Constitution of India. This book is for every citizen who cares about the future of Indian democracy and the values that hold it together.



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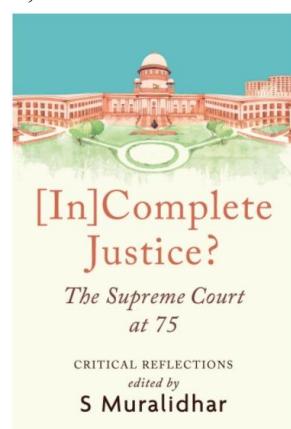
[In]complete justice? : the Supreme Court at 75 : critical reflections

edited by : S. Muralidhar | Harper Collins India, 2025 | 9789353452926

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Indias top legal minds on the issues that define justice In its seventy-fifth year, how should one view the Supreme Court of India an institution that has not only transformed in its composition and functioning but has also been a catalyst for change in other branches of the State? How has it fared in terms of accountability, transparency and its responsibility to both the law and the people? Has it consistently managed to strike the delicate balance between judicial activism and the imperative of accountability in the exercise of judicial power?

To what extent has the Court fulfilled its role as a countermajoritarian body capable of checking majoritarian impulses and the excesses of State power? Has it remained true to its constitutional mandate, interpreting the Constitution in the spirit of its foundational values liberty, equality, fraternity and dignity? And how consistent has its jurisprudence been in defending these ideals? This book brings together a range of voices former judges, practicing lawyers, legal scholars, researchers and a journalist to engage with these questions through a series of essays and interviews. Their reflections offer a critical exploration of the Supreme Courts evolving role and functioning. This volume aims to foster meaningful dialogue and deepen public understanding of the Courts challenges in retaining its legitimacy while striving to fulfill the constitutional promise of equal and fair justice.



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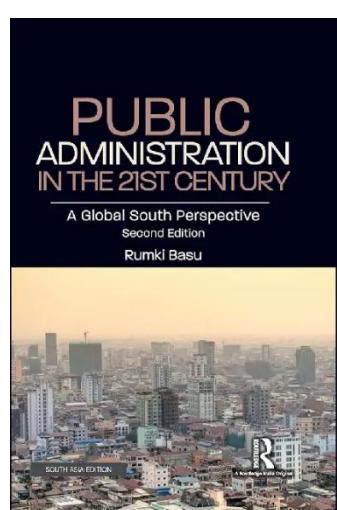
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Public administration in the 21st century : a global south perspective

by Rumki Basu | New York : Routledge | 2025 | 9781041035565

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This book examines the transformations happening in global societies, the economy and in politics, to trace the trajectory of public administration as an academic discipline as well as being a focus of social science research. It presents a reassessment of governance in heterogeneous developing countries that goes beyond the traditional Weberian bureaucratic model, toward new models of organization and management, informed by their legal, constitutional, economic and political needs, aspirations and ground realities. This is especially important in relation to the marginalized sections of society that primarily rely on citizen entitlements through public service delivery systems. The author looks at widening the range and scope of public administrative agencies with the gradual cooperation of multiple actors, such as the civil society, people at large and even the private sector, in a partnering role. The author revisits the discipline to tackle intellectual dilemmas that current governance theories and practices are confronting, or will have to confront in future administrative situations.



There will be key discussions on mandates and challenges for the state regarding the rising South; this book will be indispensable to scholars and researchers of politics, especially governance and public policy, sociology and development studies. It will also be of interest to bureaucrats, NGOs and government officials.

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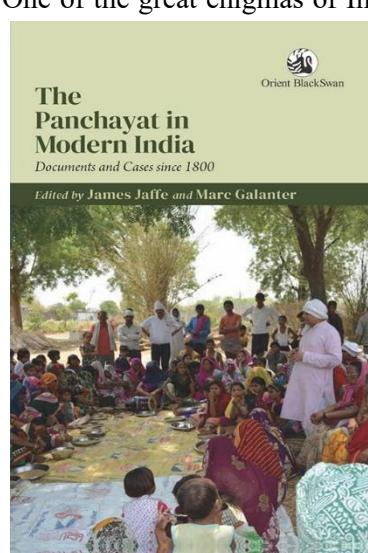
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The Panchayat in modern India : documents and cases since 1800

by James Jaffe | Hyderabad Orient Blackswan 2025 | 9789369737925

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One of the great enigmas of Indian society, the panchayat has been hailed by Gandhi as an authentic institution of Indian democracy, and decried by Ambedkar as a remnant of a primeval past and an organised conspiracy to oppress Dalits. It serves today as the foundation of Indian local governance as well as a 'kangaroo court' that orders honour killings. Thus, paradoxically, it is at once ancient and modern, democratic and despotic, judicial and legislative, idealised and demonised.



This volume presents a collection of historically relevant documents and legal cases illustrating the history of the panchayat, especially its evolution and adaptation as it functioned as a judicial institution and arena for dispute resolution—its earliest and original purpose—through the nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first centuries.

These rare historical documents and cases record Europeans' first contact with panchayats and subsequent British attempts to integrate them into governance under Company rule, the British Raj to the end of World War I, early Indian nationalists' attempts to revive the institution, and British efforts to transform it into a local administrative body.

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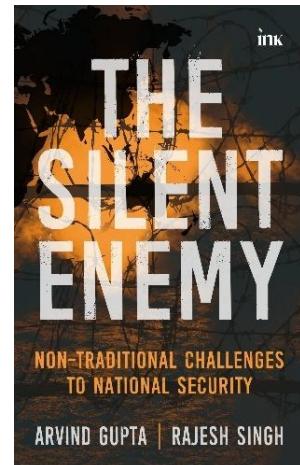
The silent enemy : non-traditional challenges to national security

by Arvind Gupta & Rajesh Singh. | ink publication | 9789365479485

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Strong militaries alone are not enough to secure a nation. A wide range of non-traditional issues—such as financial instability; food, water and health insecurities; energy shortages; organized crime; climate change; terrorism by non-state actors backed by a state; and technological disruptions—play a critical role. But they often receive insufficient attention as policymakers tend to treat them as secondary. This mindset must change, as old frameworks cannot address new challenges. Operation Sindoor is a good example of a new approach. Written from an Indian perspective, *The Silent Enemy: Non-traditional Challenges to National Security* argues that national security planning must take into consideration non-traditional security issues as well. The ‘silent enemies’ should not be addressed in isolation but holistically. This approach is critical for a nation’s security. The book also examines how issues of demographic shifts and narrative warfare affect national and global security.

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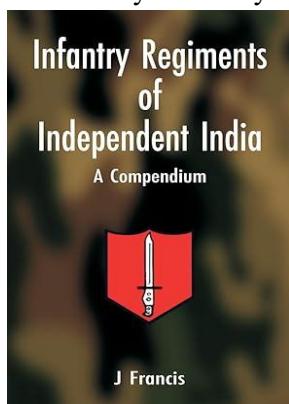
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Infantry regiments of independent India : a compendium

by J Francis | Delhi : Vij Books, 2025 | 9789348738066

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Indian Army's Infantry Regiments, as we know today, is the result of a major reorganisation of The British Indian Army in 1922; moving away from a ""Single Battalion Regiment"" to a large number of Battalions grouped under one Regiment. Each Regiment was based on a distinct regional and, or, class composition. Broadly, this distinctive composition of each Regiment prevails to this day, though in a more refined form.



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On the margins of protection : challenging the discourse on the refugee crisis

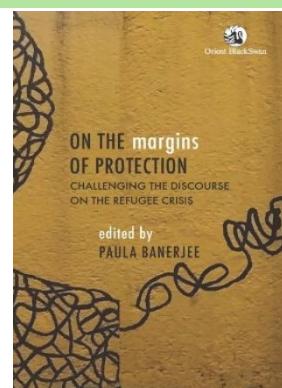
edited by Paula Banerjee | Hyderabad : Orient Blackswan | 2025 | 9789354425899

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In the summer of 2015, an ‘European refugee crisis’ hit the world, as thousands of desperate Syrian refugees seeking safety and survival tried to reach the borders of Europe.

This called for a re-evaluation of the global protection mechanism for refugees and migrants, and under the aegis of the UN, two new global compacts, a Global Compact on Refugees and a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, were signed in 2018.

On the Margins of Protection critiques the global protection regime and connects geopolitics in the Global North, their asylum policies, and dislocations in the Global South, highlighting how it all functions to serve the needs of late capitalism. [More.....](#)



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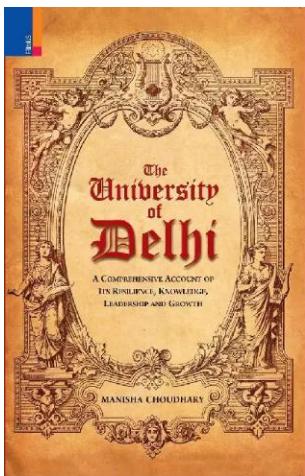
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The University of Delhi

A Comprehensive Account of Resilience Knowledge Leadership and Growth

by Manisha Choudhary | New, Delhi, Ratna Sagar | 9789370337558

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After the shift of the capital of British India to Delhi in 1911, the imperial administration noted the need for a new educational institution in the city. The University of Delhi was ultimately established in 1922, after many delays and a decade-long struggle. Though originally conceived to serve imperial interests, the university underwent transformative changes. It has played an important role in the growth and development of the nation—participating in the nationalist movement, aiding refugees during Partition, and embodying the democratic traditions of independent India even in turbulent times. Over its hundred-year-long journey, the university expanded across the city and evolved to represent the mosaic of the nation, mirroring its struggles and aspirations. It provided an environment for academic and non-academic learning, a vibrant and open space for discussion, and maintained its standard of education and research. This book presents and commemorates the long journey of the University of

Delhi. Based on hitherto-unused archival material, the research here covers the early days of the university's conception to its growth over the decades, revealing different and complex facets of a century-old institution.

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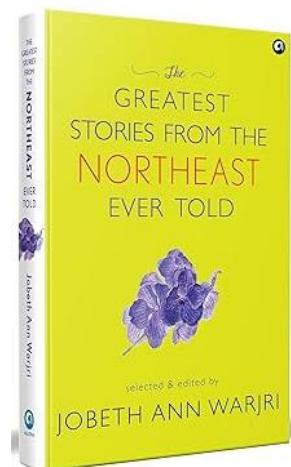
The greatest stories from the Northeast ever told

edited by Jobeth Ann Warjri | New Delhi : Aleph Book Company, 2025 | 9789365236784

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Selected and edited by Jobeth Ann Warjri, The Greatest Stories from the Northeast Ever Told is a magnificent collection of twentyseven short stories from the region. The anthology includes stories by established writers such as Saurav Kumar Chaliha, Bhabendra Nath Saikia, Temsula Ao, Mamoni Raisom Goswami, and Mamang Dai; contemporary writers such as Janice Pariat, Kynpham Sing Nongkynrih, Anjum Hasan, Avinuo Kire, Prajwal Parajuly, and Aruni Kashyap; and distinct new voices such as Gankhu Sumnyan, Mainu Teronpi, Shalim M Hussain, Mayookh Barua, and Lede E Miki Pohshna.

In Nini Lungalang's 'Child of Fortune', a mother is forced to make a choice between life and death as political unrest and violence strike a Naga village. Death, devastation, and daily life come together in Sudhiranjan Moirangthem's 'News of a Beloved Friend'. In Kynpham Sing Nongkynrih's 'His Mother's Pork and Why He is Not a Christian', the protagonist Ap Jutang criticizes organized religion and lays bare its hypocrisies with fire and wit. Janice Pariat's 'Boats on Land' is an evocative exploration of a teenager's inexplicable desire as she encounters a mysterious human being. In 'Sacred Pool' by Rishav Kumar Thakur, a recurring dream haunts the protagonist until he discovers his grandmother's diaries that force him to confront his long-suppressed sexuality.



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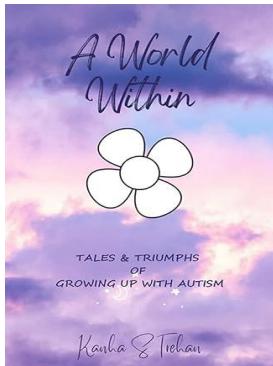
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A world within : tales & triumphs of growing up with Autism

by Kanha S. Trehan | New Delhi : Kanha S Trehan, 2024 | 9789334149647

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A World Within, Tales and Triumphs of Growing Up with Autism is a collection of short stories and experiences offering a rich window into the mind and world of the author, an Autistic youngster, navigating the complexities of life. It is entertaining, intriguing and inspiring, all at once! It has the potential to build character and a positive attitude in the face of challenges of life. A must-read by all youngsters! A must-have for all libraries!

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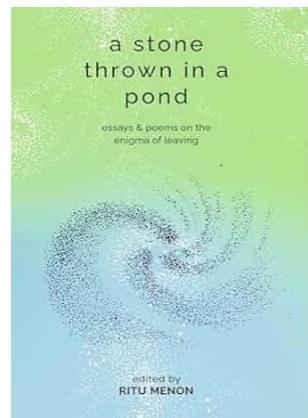
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A stone thrown in a pond : essays & poems on the enigma of leaving

edited by Ritu Menon | New Delhi : Women Unlimited, 2025 | 9788197366369

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Every day, we leave something behind—and every day, we return to something we thought we had let go. A love. A loss. A memory. A trauma. A friendship. A relationship. A city or a home. A life, even. A stone thrown in a pond is an intimate, deeply personal collection of essays and poems by fifteen critically acclaimed writers, each exploring the many registers of leaving, as well as the paradox that we never truly leave anything behind. These are reflections of uncommon depth and candour: on letting go, moving on, starting over. Because leaving is rarely simple... and sometimes, even impossible. Featuring Geeta Patel, Jerry Pinto, Sabyn Javeri, Stephen Alter, Aamer Hussein, Ritu Menon, Adania Shibli, Ranjit Hoskote, Bulbul Sharma, Anita Anand, Chaitanya Kalbag, Kshama Kaul, Gagan Gill, Manjula Narayan, Arundhati Subramaniam



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A firestorm in paradise : a novel on the 1857 uprising

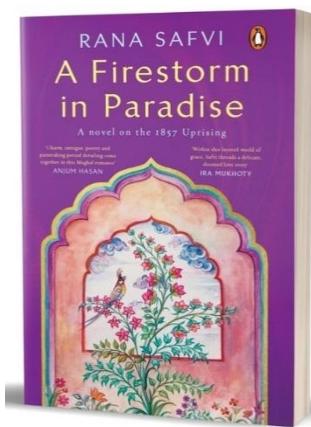
by Rana Safvi | Gurugram Penguin Books 2025 | 9780143466048

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Before the 1857 Uprising of India, the old Delhi, or Shahjahanabad is sprawling with life—like an ode wavering towards its end. The inhabitants of Red Fort and the splendored world around it, all subjects of Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar, lived on the cusp of a change with the arrival of the British. Yet, people's own stories continued against backdrop of this transition

At the centre of this sprawling narrative is a princess, Falak Ara, daughter of the Emperor. Beautiful and vivacious, Falak Ara is curious about the world outside the fort but never imagines being able to leave. Soon, she loses her heart to a salatin—a prince—and longs for a union with him. Her quest is made difficult by a changing Shahjahanabad, on whose horizon lurks a revolution.

Author Rana Safvi unspools the aches of a young heart as she pays homage to Old Delhi—which, like a living, breathing being, has many moods and survives a lifetime in this novel *A Firestorm in Paradise*.



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Quotes and clips from Dr. Karan Singh's life

by Mala Verma Thapar | Canada : Inspirational Education | 2025 | 97817380198

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Step into the timeless wisdom of Dr. Karan Singh - a statesman, scholar, and philosopher whose words continue to inspire generations. This collection brings together some of his most powerful reflections on life, purpose, and resilience, offering guidance for anyone seeking clarity in difficult times.

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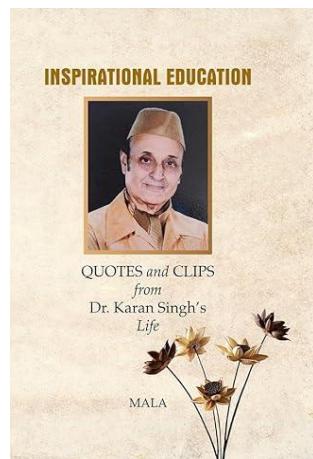
Life lessons drawn from decades of thought and experience

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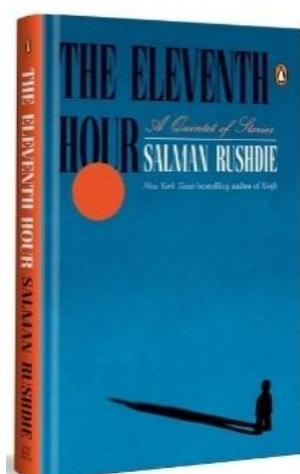
The eleventh hour: a quintet of stories

by Salman Rushdie | Gurugram : Penguin, 2025 | 9780143476955

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Rushdie turns his extraordinary imagination to life's final act with a quintet of stories that span the three countries in which he has made his work—India, England, and the US—and feature an unforgettable cast of characters.

“In the South” introduces a pair of quarrelsome old men—Junior and Senior—and their private tragedy at a moment of national calamity. In “The Musician of Kahani”, a musical prodigy from the Mumbai neighborhood featured in *Midnight’s Children* uses her magical gifts to wreak devastation on the wealthy family she marries into. In “Late”, the ghost of a Cambridge don enlists the help of a lonely student to enact revenge upon the tormentor of his lifetime. “Oklahoma” plunges a young writer into a web of deceit and lies as he tries to figure out whether his mentor killed himself or faked his own death. And “The Old Man in the Piazza” is a powerful parable for our times about freedom of speech.



Do we accommodate ourselves to death, or rail against it? Do we spend our “eleventh hour” in serenity or in rage? And how do we achieve fulfillment with our lives if we don’t know the end of our own stories? The Eleventh Hour ponders life and death, legacy and identity with the penetrating insight and boundless imagination that have made Salman Rushdie one of the most celebrated writers of our time.

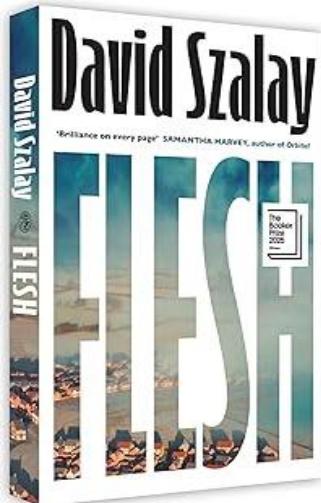
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Flesh

by David Szalay | London: Jonathan Cape | 2025 | 9780224099790

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Fifteen-year-old István lives with his mother in a quiet apartment complex in Hungary. New to the town and shy, he is unfamiliar with the social rituals at school and soon becomes isolated, with his neighbour – a married woman close to his mother's age – as his only companion. These encounters shift into a clandestine relationship that István himself can barely understand, and his life soon spirals out of control.

As the years pass, he is carried gradually upwards on the currents of the twenty-first century's tides of money and power, moving from the army to the company of London's super-rich, with his own competing impulses for love, intimacy, status and wealth winning him unimaginable riches, until they threaten to undo him completely.

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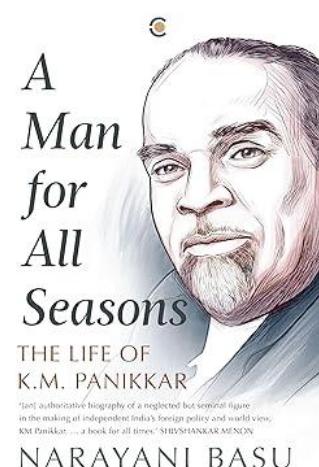
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A man for all seasons : the life of K. M. Panikkar

by Narayani Basu | Chennai: Westland | 2025 | 9789360455668

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K.M. Panikkar was a multifaceted man, one of India's first public intellectuals as India won its independence. His imprint is all over India's colonial and post-colonial history: from constitutional reform in the princely states, where he was a strong advocate for India's current federal model to charting India's maritime policy as a free country. He believed in an essential Hindu culture that held his land together, yet he was a committed secularist. He was Gandhi's emissary and the founder of the Hindustan Times. He was independent India's first and most controversial ambassador to both Nationalist China and the People's Republic of China. He was Nehru's man in Cairo and France and a member of the States Reorganisation Commission. He had enemies in the CIA as well as in India's own Ministry of External Affairs. He frustrated his admirers as much as he provoked their reluctant respect. [More....](#)



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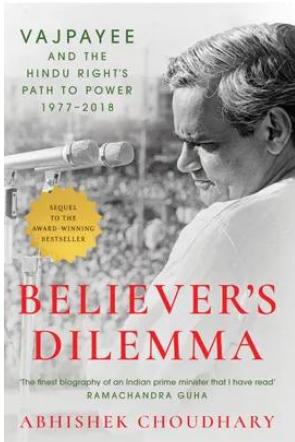
Believer's dilemma

Vajpayee and the hindu right's path to power 1977-2018/ Abhishek Choudhary

By Abhishek Choudhary | New Delhi : Macmillan, 2025 | 9789361137761

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Believer's Dilemma concludes Abhishek Choudhary's landmark two-part study of Atal Behari Vajpayee



(1924–2018), the RSS propagandist who established himself as an imaginative moderate, drawing the Hindu Right from the fringes to displace Congress as the natural party of power.

This magisterial second volume combines new archival documents with revealing interviews to present an unsentimental history of India's ongoing political moment, beginning with the short-lived Janata coalition and the Vajpayee–Morarji Desai tussle to steer foreign policy; Mrs Gandhi's ad-hocism in Assam, Punjab and Kashmir; Rajiv's cynical turn toward the Hindu vote; Vajpayee's failure to secularize the newborn BJP; the Sangh Parivar's meticulous plan to raze the Babri, and much more. Choudhary traces these machinations of the previous half-century to cast fresh light on major events from Vajpayee's term in office (1998–2004), including his desperation to conduct nuclear tests; his cold pragmatism and heartbreak in

negotiating with Pakistan and China; his wide range of emotional strengths, which allowed him to manage an unwieldy thirteen-party coalition and turn India into a multi-party democracy; his role in propping India up as a potential superpower and embedding capitalist aspiration into its socio-political imagination.

Mapping the evolution of the Sangh Parivar, this book reveals a deeper pattern in Vajpayee's character: his reflexive loyalty to his ideological family in moments of crisis – be it the 1983 Assam riots, the 1992 Babri aftermath, the 2002 Gujarat pogrom, or his tragic last public appearance in 2008, when the stroke-battered patriarch voted against the Indo-US nuclear deal he had earlier helped seed.

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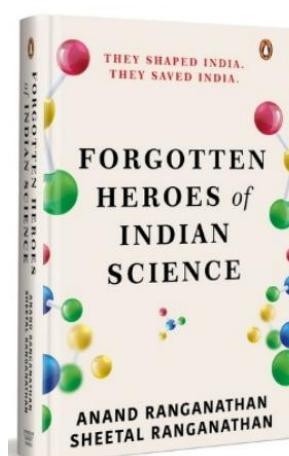
Forgotten heroes of Indian science

by Anand Ranganathan and Sheetal Ranganathan | Gurugram : Penguin, 2025 | 9780670096282

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Upendranath Brahmachari conjured a potent drug to vanquish the spectre of kala-azar, saving millions from the deadly disease. Ram Nath Chopra explored ancient ayurvedic knowledge, extracting a natural compound from sarpagandha to treat seizures and high blood pressure. Azizul Haque and Hem Chandra Bose etched a novel cipher for fingerprints, birthing the science of forensics with their elegant method. Though pilfered by Scotland Yard, it found mention in the intricate plot of Arthur Conan Doyle's The Sign of the Four. Yellapragada Subbarow sculpted five monumental discoveries that reshaped modern medicine, saving countless lives—yet, in a poignant twist of fate, could not save his own.

These stories are not mere chronicles of inventions, but sagas of lives devoted to the pursuit of brilliance. They bring alive the history and sociocultural milieu of the times these men lived in, how they changed the landscape of Indian science and how they proved that the only difference between the ordinary and the great is this: the ordinary think they are great and the great think they are ordinary.



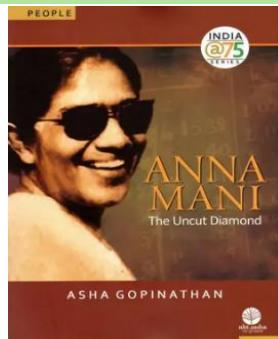
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Anna Mani : the uncut diamond

by Asha Gopinath | New Delhi: NBT, 2025 | 9789367194805

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To commemorate the 75 years of India's independence, National Book Trust, India under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Government of India programme has launched a new publishing series India@75 for young and general readers. The books under this series will reflect the momentous, yet wonderful journey of India. As part of the series, books on freedom fighters, major achievers and events/themes that have shaped modern India are being developed.

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M S Swaminathan : the man who fed India

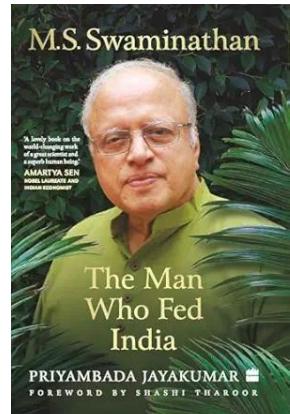
by Priyambada Jayakumar | Harper Collins India, 2025 | 9789369890231

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This was the turning point a young undaunted scientist named Monkombu Sambasivan Swaminathan (M.S. Swaminathan) was looking for. It was that giant leap of faith that would help him engineer the agricultural transformation christened the 'Green Revolution' that would be the crucial hinge on which the fortunes of the country would eventually turn and leapfrog her destiny from the 'begging bowl' to the 'breadbasket'.

Swaminathan worked tirelessly against tremendous odds to disprove doomsday prophecies and Malthusian theories, with a simple but profound four-letter word philosophy--food; and the idea that food and nutrition security were paramount for human progress.

This remarkable and moving biography captures the life and times of this extraordinary hero, tracing his life from his childhood in Kumbakonam and his early introduction to agriculture and his eventual association with Nobel laureate, Norman Borlaug, which ultimately led to the Green Revolution.



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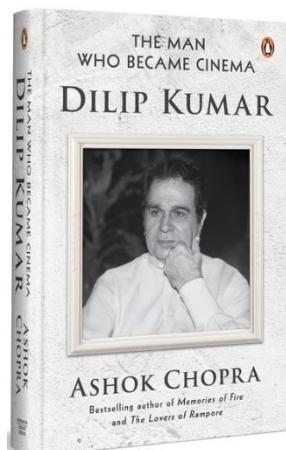
Dilip Kumar : the man who became cinema

by Ashok Chopra | Gurugram : Penguin, 2025 | 9780143475842

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Discover the magic of Indian cinema's greatest legend with this in-depth analysis which delves into the art and craft of the cinema of Dilip Kumar. This volume intricately explores film by film, scene by scene, song by song coupled with some of the most epochal and quintessential dialogues from the iconic films of the 'world's first Method actor'. It fosters a profound understanding of the psychological, behavioural, and improvisational aspects of film acting and cinematic character as interpreted by the greatest phenomenon of Indian cinema. It minutely observes and comprehends the intricate characterizations he meticulously portrayed across various genres: from tragedy to comedy, from romance to malevolence, and from a bumpkin to a sophisticate. He could seamlessly change his persona on screen from a gangster to a law-abiding cop as also convincingly portray triple roles with each character distinct from the other two.

Supported by astute research ensuring authenticity, it also explores the world of Hindi film music and those who made it an essential part of filmmaking in general and its significance to the films of Dilip Kumar in particular. Additionally, it also sheds light on the collaborative efforts of filmmakers, music composers, lyricists, writers, cinematographers and film critics and authors who contributed to the enduring legacy of his work.



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The rise of ancient Indians : their cities, art, trade and science

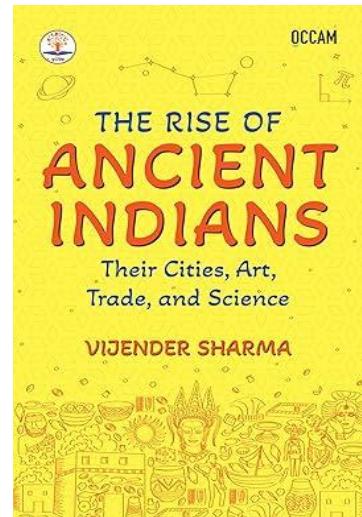
by Vijender Sharma | Noida : blueOne Ink, 2025 | 9789365479928

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The Rise of Ancient Indians: Their Cities, Art, Trade, and Science is an effort to connect with children and young adults, bringing them a part of our history that forms the foundation of our society. Spanning a vast timeline, the book takes a non-chronological approach to keep the narrative engaging rather than monotonous. It explores how our civilization and culture evolved over millennia—discovering art and science, building great cities, and embarking on adventures to distant lands.

Written in an engaging style, the book not only presents evidence-based historical facts but also encourages readers to ask questions and seek answers. It includes multiple interactive activities that enhance learning, some of which require parental guidance and involvement, making the reading experience immersive for the whole family.

The book simplifies complex historical concepts, making them accessible to young readers. It aims to foster an evidence-based appreciation of history and culture while introducing the importance of fact verification through footnotes that substantiate the author's claims. By the end of the book, readers will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of their history and heritage.



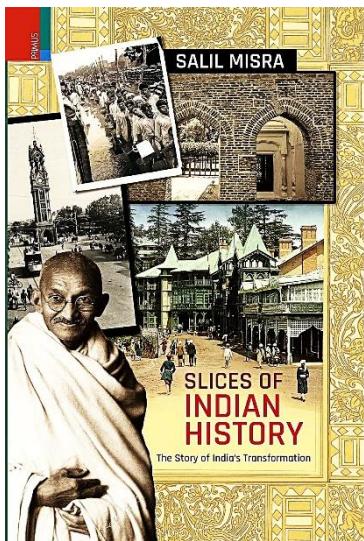
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Slices of Indian history : the story of India's transformation

by Salil Misra | New Delhi Primus Books 2025 | 9789370335707

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The essays in Slices of Indian History touch upon diverse facets of modern Indian history, including the major episodes, processes, institutions and personalities. Put together, they tell the story of India's transformation in modern times and in the direction of modernity. The chapters underscore that the traditional social structure, comprehensive domination by British imperialism, and a powerful nationalist mass struggle against it, played a critical part in this process. India's journey towards modernization carries the stamp of all three building blocks. Most of the essays in the book focus on India's encounters with modernity and some major milestones in this encounter. It portrays a picture of India as a large civilizational society with its own distinctive features. In its transition towards acquiring a modern structure, it confronted many dilemmas and challenges, and the crucial choices made by the national leaders.

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Many ideas of nationalism in India : priorities and challenges

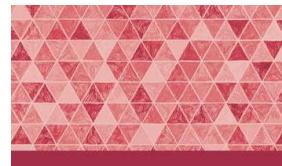
by Bidyut Chakrabarty | London : Routledge, 2026 | 9781041209690

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This book is a comprehensive analysis of the many visions of nationalism and nationalist leadership that emerged during India's struggle for independence. The volume examines key nationalist thinkers such as Aurobindo, Gandhi, Tagore, Nazrul, Savarkar, and Ambedkar. It delineates different strands of nationalism in the post-moderate phase of nationalist movement and discusses political emancipation, social emancipation, and ethnic emancipation.

Accessibly written for students with a helpful overview of how nationalist thought emerged in India, this book will be of great interest to students of South Asian history and politics. It will also be helpful for civil service aspirants.

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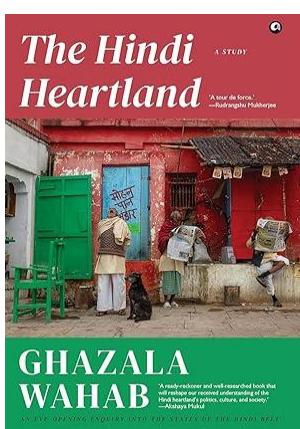
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The Hindi heartland : a study

by Ghazala Wahab | New Delhi : Aleph Book, 2025 | 9789395853026

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The Hindi heartland, comprising Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh, covers nearly 38 per cent of India's total area and is home to over 40 per cent of India's population. It provides the country with over 40 per cent of its parliamentarians and determines the contours of national politics (out of the fifteen prime ministers India has had since 1947, eight have been from the Hindi belt). Yet, despite its political significance, the Hindi belt is among the most impoverished regions in the country. It consumes the bulk of the country's resources, but lags behind other states on various economic and welfare indices. It is plagued by violence, illiteracy, unemployment, corruption, poor life expectancy, and numerous other ills.



Centuries of war, conquests, invasions, political movements, and religious unrest have made the heartland a place of immense paradox. Despite its extraordinary and timeless religious heritage—some of the country's most revered spiritual leaders were born here and it is home to innumerable shrines and places of pilgrimage—it has also witnessed some of the worst communal riots in the country and has been troubled by long-running, divisive sectarian politics. Many of India's founders, who gave the country its secular identity, hailed from the heartland, but so too did those who have spread religious discord. And the land of Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb routinely witnesses lynching and murder in the name of religion.

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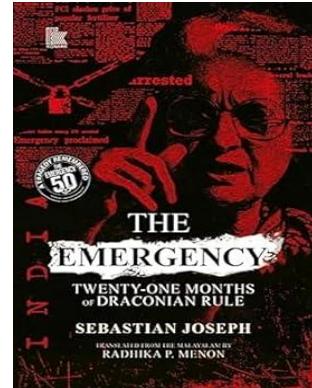
The emergency : twenty-one months of Draconian rule

By Joseph Sebastian; translated from the Malayalam by Radhika P Menon | New Delhi : Konark Publishers, 2025 | 9788198740502

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This book unflinchingly documents one of the most turbulent and controversial periods in modern Indian history. Imposed by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on 25 June 1975, the Emergency marked the suspension of democracy and the rise of authoritarian rule. It explores the political events that led to it and the human cost that followed—mass arrests, media censorship, custodial torture, forced sterilisations, and brutal slum demolitions. Drawing on historical events and public sentiment, it also captures the fear, resistance, and eventual resurgence of democracy that followed. A sobering account, it serves as a critical reminder of freedom's fragility in any democracy.

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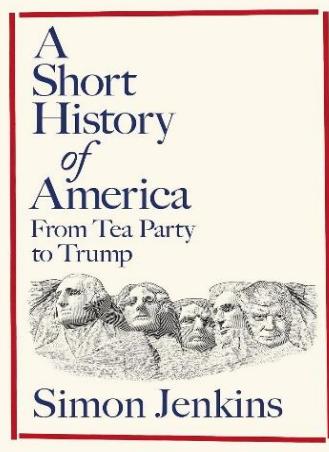


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A short history of America : from tea party to Trump

by Simon Jenkins | London Penguin 2025 | 9780241747599

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A Short History Of America: From Tea Party To Trump is a clear, engaging journey through the United States' story—from its colonial roots to its current political moment. This accessible history is ideal for curious adults, students, and history enthusiasts who want context for today's headlines and a deeper understanding of how liberty, power, and imperfect ideals have shaped the nation. With a thoughtful, often provocative tone, the book shows why America matters now and how its past informs the present and future.

Written as a continuous narrative, A Short History Of America: From Tea Party To Trump threads together pivotal events, movements, and decisions into a coherent arc. The author blends vivid storytelling with careful analysis, guiding readers through milestones from early encounters to debates about democracy, rights, and globalization. The

pace invites close reading without sacrificing breadth, and a colorful cast—conquerors, revolutionaries, presidents, and everyday citizens—brings history to life.

Beyond dates and names, the book foregrounds essential tensions—liberty against exclusion, progress against injustice, and the widening gaps between ideals and realities. It offers accessible explanations of complex topics, from colonization and civil war to civil rights and modern politics, helping readers connect historical threads to today's society. If you enjoy a narrative that reads like fiction yet rests on solid scholarship, this is the kind of history that stays with you.

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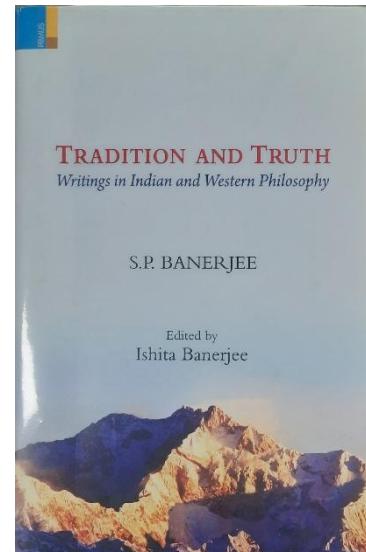
Tradition and truth: writings in Indian and western philosophy

by S.P. Banerjee | Delhi Primus Books 2025 | 9789348309280

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The nineteen essays that constitute Tradition and Truth reflect the philosophical and life sojourn of Professor Sankari Prasad Banerjee, an acclaimed philosopher and teacher, who held the Acharya Brojendranath Seal Chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy at the University of Calcutta. The incisive essays explore critical themes ranging from the phenomenology of human relations, higher positivism, and the meanings of metaphysics to democracy, tolerance, and secularism; from freedom and self-expression, alienation, and one-dimensionality to Advaita Vedanta and Neo-Vedanta, the meaning of life and the 'surplus-in-man', as well as ageing, death and religion. Together, they reveal the profound humanity of a deeply compassionate intellectual.

The essays reflect his sustained efforts to bring philosophy, and the work of philosophers, closer to social life, social relations, and lived conditions. This conviction and passion led Banerjee to draw upon and move beyond Marx, to critique both Advaita and positivism, and to emphasize the viability of alternative philosophical standpoints. In doing so, he perhaps unconsciously constructed a form of philosophical anthropology grounded in an empathetic understanding of human existence. Together, these essays constitute the record of a kind and perceptive individual's response to life and society, one that opens pathways for further reflection and research.

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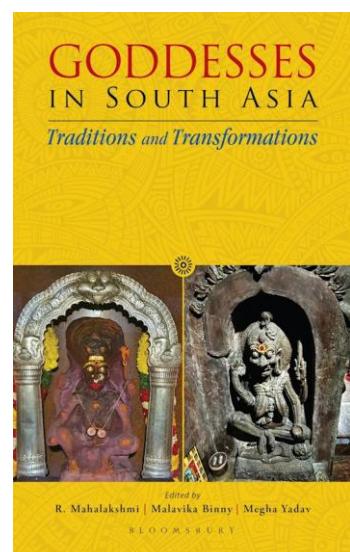
Goddesses in South Asia : traditions and transformations

Edited by R Mahalakshmi , Malavika Binny, Megha Yadav | | 9789361315183

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Goddess traditions have for long fascinated scholars, believers, writers and artists across South Asia. In the academic field, the diversity and complexity of goddess worship, and indeed the conceptualization of the goddess, have been illuminated through interdisciplinary methodologies and broad frameworks. This volume comprising thirteen chapters presents original research across a wide chronological and regional span, drawing on a range of literary, epigraphical, visual, archaeological, archival and ethnographic sources.

With a focus on major early Indian religious traditions-Vedic, Buddhist, Jaina, Puranic, Tantric-while also giving prominence to lesser-studied traditions, such as village goddesses and so-called "minor deities," Goddesses in South Asia draws attention to the different temporal contexts that have a bearing on the prescriptions and practices around goddess worship. It also examines the interactions between goddess worship and other religious traditions, including Islam and Christianity, raising important questions about cross-religious engagements with the divine feminine.

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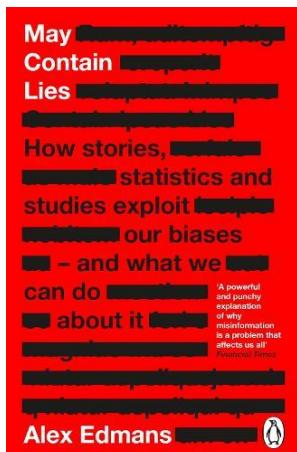
Mass Communication & Journalism

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**May contain lies
how stories, statistics and studies exploit our biases and what we can do about it**

by Alex Edmans | Gurugram Penguin 2025 | 9780241630181

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How to understand our human biases to separate fact from fiction, identify misinformation when we see it and make smarter decisions. A groundbreaking book that reveals why our human biases effect the way we receive and interpret information. Our lives are minefields of misinformation. Statistics, stories and studies lie to us on a daily basis. Not only this but, as Professor Alex Edmans reveals, our brains lie to us too. He argues that we need to acknowledge and understand the role that our own human biases play in interpreting and digesting the information that we consume. It's only when we do, that we can actively resist being manipulated, and make informed choices that improve our lives.

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