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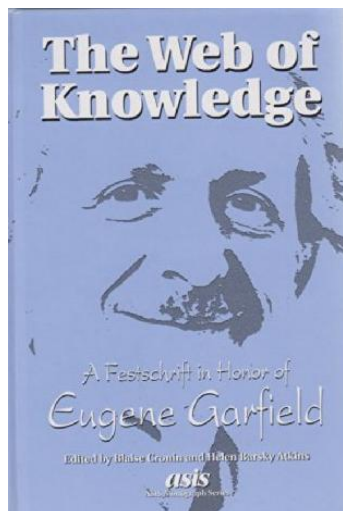
LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE

1 **The web of knowledge**

a festschrift in honor of Eugene Garfield

edited by Blaise Cronin and Helen Barsky Atkins | Information Today Inc, 2000 | 9781573870993

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This is the first monograph to comprehensively address the history, theory, and practical applications of the Science Citation Index and to examine its impact on scholarly and scientific research 40 years after its inception. In bringing together the analysis, insights, and reflections of more than 35 leading lights, editors Cronin and Atkins have produced both a comprehensive survey of citation indexing and analysis and a beautifully realized tribute to Eugene Garfield and his vision.

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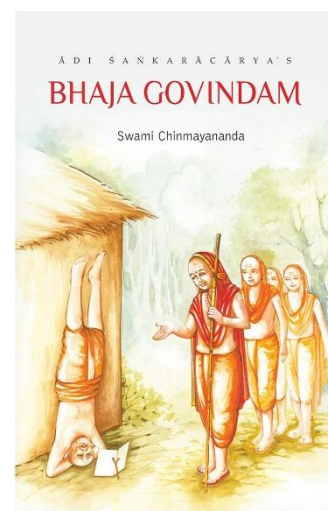
2 **Adi Sankaracarya's Bhaja Govindam**

by Swami Chinmayananda | Mumbai : Chinmaya Mission West, 2019 | 9788175975514|

Accession Number: 57279 | Call Number: 181.482 CHI

A scholarly and accessible interpretation of the revered ancient Indian text Visvakarma Prakash, attributed to the celestial architect Visvakarma. This work unfolds the sacred science of architecture, temple design, and cosmic geometry rooted in Vedic tradition, bridging the gap between spiritual philosophy and practical application.

This English edition is meticulously translated and explained to cater to modern-day architects, historians, Vastu practitioners, and enthusiasts of Indian culture. It provides rare insights into the symbolism, sacred measurements, construction principles, and spiritual significance of architectural elements as envisioned in the original manuscript.



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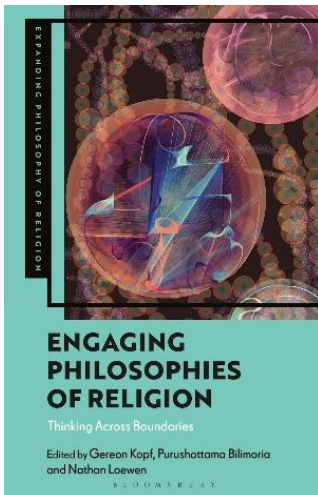
RELIGION

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Engaging philosophies of religion: thinking across boundaries

edited by Gereon Kopf, Purushottama Bilimoria & Nathan Loewen | London : Bloomsbury Academic, 2025 | 9781350348868

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This edited collection invites us to rethink philosophy of religion by offering 18 distinct approaches to teaching philosophy of religion. Engaging texts and thinkers from multiple traditions and standpoints, it constructs a method and terminology of philosophy of religion and presents an opportunity to change philosophy of religion at a fundamental level.

Each chapter outlines a framework for approaching religion within a tradition: monotheism in Christianity, Insan-ity in Akbari Sufism, Qi in Daoism, embodiment in neuroscience, naturalism in the atheism debates, and non-territorialism located in 19th century debates on cartography. Drawing from religions and philosophies from around the world and across history, contributors take care to stress the philosophical systems that metaphysical and moral truths belong to. Guided by the principle that traditions are not monolithic but diverse, and categories such as “indigenous religions” are political rather than descriptive in nature, they acknowledge historical context

shapes the development of any philosophical system.

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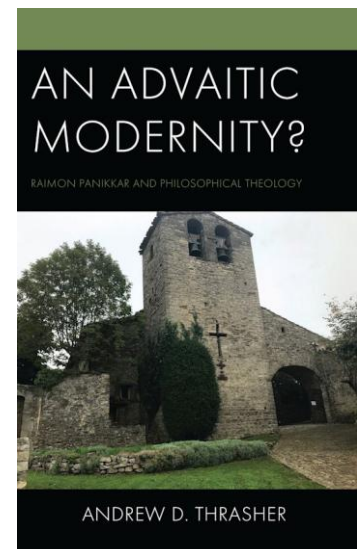
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An advaitic modernity? Raimon Panikkar and philosophical theology

by Andrew D Thrasher | Lanham : Lexington Books, 2024 | 9781978716261

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An Advaitic Modernity?: Raimon Panikkar and Philosophical Theology poses Raimon Panikkar as a stimulating dialogue partner in postmodern philosophical theology who can help us rethink the relationship between transcendence and immanence through an advaitic critique of modernity. Andrew D. Thrasher argues that Panikkar's advaitic critique of modernity may transform several discourses, such as how Panikkar's cosmotheandric metaphysics may reshape a theology of religion and offer a religious interpretation of a relational ontology that builds on the Heideggerian ontological tradition and how Panikkar's metaphysics solves problems in Heidegger's ontology.



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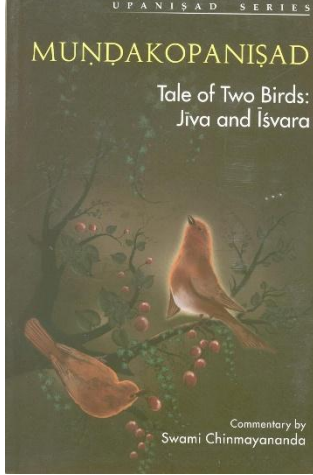
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Mundakopaniṣad : tale of two birds : Jiva and Isvara

by Swami Chinmayananda | Mumbai : Chinmaya Prakashan, 2013 | 9788175976924

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Mundaka literally means 'Shaving of the head'. This Upanisad, therefore, is also called as the Shaving Upanisad, or the Upanisad of the Tonsured'. 'Shaving Upanisad' - because its contents remove the superimposed veil of ignorance obscuring the Atman through direct and penetrating exposition of the higher knowledge like a razor removes the hair from the head; and 'Upanisad of the Tonsured' because it is primarily intended for sannyasins to help them in their quest for the attainment of the eternal and the imperishable Brahman.



This Mundakopaniṣad consisting of sixty-four mantras, rendered in a picturesque language, couched in varied and charming metre and diction which are uniformly sublime, belongs to Atharva-veda. All serious sadhakas will spiritually benefit by practising repeated contemplation upon its teachings. It is divided into three chapters or mundakas and each of these in turn into two sections or khandas. This Upanisad contains some of the most famous, beautiful and often quoted analogies in the literature of Upanisads.

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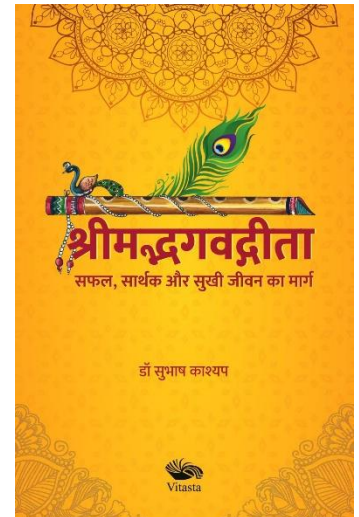
Sreemadbhagavadgita : safal, sarthak aur sukhi jeevan ka marg

सफल सार्थक और सुखी जीवन का मार्ग : श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता

by Subhash Kashyap | New Delhi : Vitasa, 2023 | 9788196332907

Accession Number: | Call Number: 294.5924 KAS

भगवद् गीता एक ऐसा ग्रंथ है जो सदियों से अपने आध्यात्मिक ज्ञान से अज्ञान के अंधकार को दूर करके हमारे जीवन को प्रकाशित करता रहा है और हमारा मार्गदर्शन करता रहा है। यह हमें फल की कामना के बिना सदा कर्म करने के लिए प्रेरित करता है। वास्तव में गीता जीवन का एक संपूर्णदर्शन है जो हमारे जीवन को सार्थक और आध्यात्मिक रूप से सुखी बनाने का मार्ग दिखाता है। गीता पर समय-समय पर ढेरों टीकाएं लिखी जा चुकी हैं और उनमें गहन व्याख्याएं की गई हैं लेकिन अधिकतर टीकाएं इतनी गूढ़ हैं कि साधारण पाठकों के लिए अत्यंत दुरूह हो जाती हैं। शायद इसी बात को ध्यान में रखकर डॉ. सुभाष काश्यप जी ने गीता को यथावत् रूप में साधारण पाठकों के सामने प्रस्तुत करने का सराहनीय प्रयास किया है। वयोवृद्ध विद्वान डॉ. काश्यप करीब 80 वर्ष पहले अपने विद्यार्थी जीवन से ही गीता के उपदेशों के प्रति आकर्षित हो गए थे। उन्होंने तभी से गीता पर एक सरल टिप्पणी लिखने का संकल्प कर लिया था। वैसे तो वे दर्शन एवं राजनीति शास्त्र के अध्येता और विद्वान हैं और इन विषयों पर उनकी सौ से अधिक पुस्तकें प्रकाशित हो चुकी हैं लेकिन गीता पर सरल टिप्पणी लिखने का उनका संकल्प अब पूरा हुआ है। इस पुस्तक की विशेषता यह है कि गीता के श्लोकों का अर्थ सरल भाषा में यथावत् रूप में प्रस्तुत किया गया है। गीता को समझने की इच्छा रखने वाले साधारण पाठकों को निश्चित रूप से यह पुस्तक बहुत पसंद आएगी।



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FEMINISM

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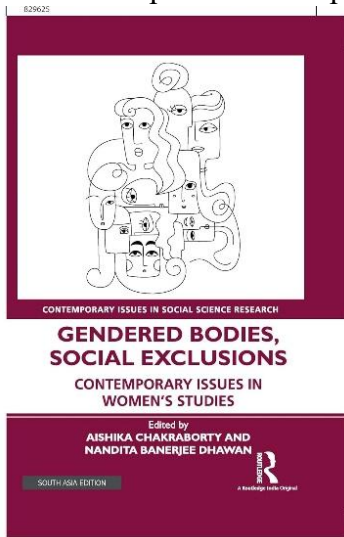
Gendered bodies, social exclusions

contemporary issues in women's studies

edited by Aishika Chakraborty and Nandita Banerjee Dhawan | New York : Routledge, 2026 | 9781041244073

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This book explores contemporary issues in women's studies, focusing on the agency of marginalised and disenfranchised within political, cultural, and social spheres. It employs feminist pedagogies to articulate the multiple intersecting histories of class, caste, race, sexuality, disability and citizenship. Using feminist perspectives, the book challenges the hegemonic and patriarchal logic of heteronormativity by contextualizing verbal abuse, violence in the private sphere, and the tensions between women's and men's rights across the continuum of family, community, and state. The essays in this volume examine the (im)possibilities of creating violence-free, caring, and affordable living space on the one hand, and seek to understand the gendered experience of violence in the context of migration, as well as cultural and sexual labour on the other. In addition to interrogating the cultural taboos that restrict women's autonomy and rights, the essays prioritise a diverse range of voices, including those of dancers in the entertainment industry, sexual and gender minorities, urban poor populations living in slums, and disabled women. They also document and



archive the academic agency of staff and students working to address injustices within higher education institutions.

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POLITICS

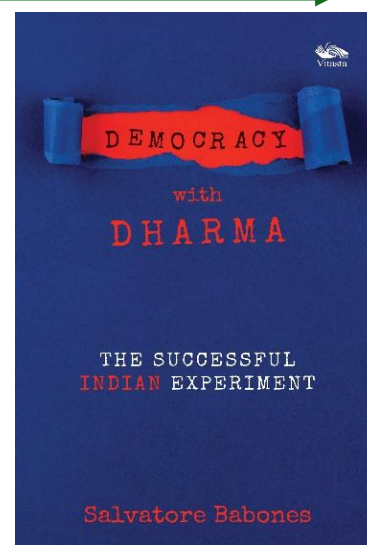
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Democracy with dharma: the successful Indian experiment

by Salvatore Babones | New Delhi : Vitasta, 2025 | 9789347098468

Accession Number: 57334 | Call Number: 320.954 BAB

India's democracy evokes strong opinions and reactions, yet the truth rarely fits the extremes. While international observers frequently sound alarms about the direction India is heading, many within India view these judgements as overstated or inattentive to the country's unique political landscape. Between these contrasting perspectives lies a more measured story— one of a vast, plural society negotiating modern democratic life with all its tensions, traditions, and upheavals through the prisms of religion, caste, ancient dharmic values and its rapid surge ahead on the road to technological advancements and modernity.



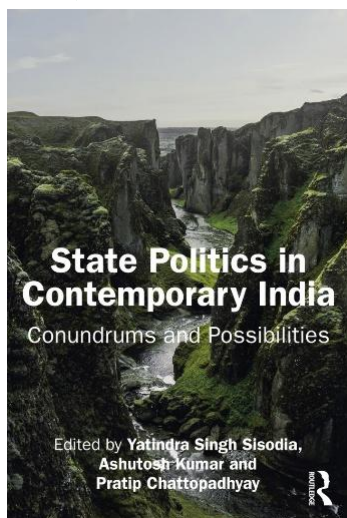
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State politics in contemporary India: conundrums and possibilities

edited by Yatindra Singh Sisodia, Ashutosh Kumar and Pratip Chattopadhyay | New York : Routledge, 2026 | 9781041291336

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This volume examines Indian states as analytical units, culminating in a comprehensive sociopolitical study of the country as a whole. The state-specific essays underline the federal context in which politics in India unfolds at the ground level. Employing a federalist and centrist analytical prism, this book aims to add to the existing body of work on state politics, with a particular focus on India in the last decade, which has shown visible shifts in political terms. It delineates the narratives and trends in politics at the state level and explores the range of issues and actors involved in it. It shows the myriad complex, overlapping and multidimensional ways in which politics unfold at the state level and goes on to make a national impact. The volume will be indispensable to scholars and researchers of South Asian politics, federalism, and contemporary India.

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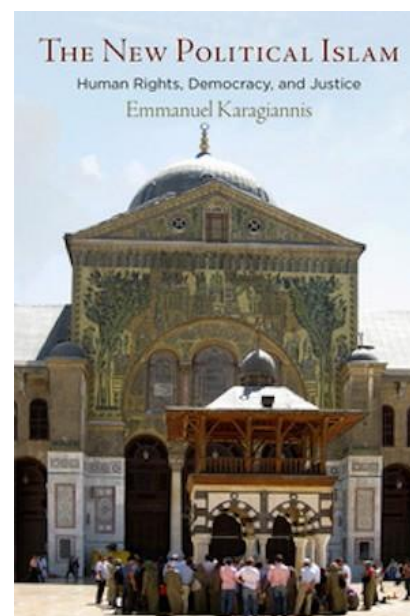
The new political islam: human rights, democracy and justice

by Emmanuel Karagiannis | Philadelphia : University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018 | 9780812249729

Accession Number: 57154 | Call Number: 322.1 KAR

Islamist political parties and groups are on the rise throughout the Muslim world and in Muslim communities in the West. Owing largely to the threat of terrorism, political Islam is often portrayed as a monolithic movement embodying fundamentalism and theocracy, an image magnified by the rise of populism and xenophobia in the United States and Europe. Reality, however, is far more complicated. Political Islam has evolved considerably since its spectacular rise decades ago, and today it features divergent viewpoints and contributes to discrete but simultaneous developments worldwide. This is a new political Islam, more global in scope but increasingly local in action.

Emmanuel Karagiannis offers a sophisticated analysis of the different manifestations of contemporary Islamism. In a context of global economic and social changes, he finds local manifestations of Islamism are becoming both more prevalent and more diverse. Many Islamists turn to activism, still more participate formally in the democratic process, and some, in far fewer numbers, advocate violence—a wide range of political persuasions and tactics that reflects real and perceived political, cultural, and identity differences.



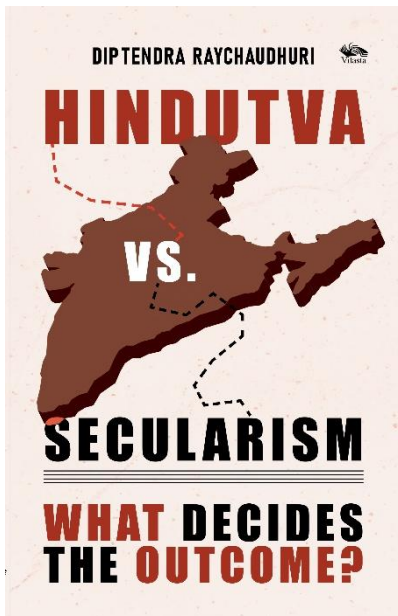
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Hindutva vs secularism: what decides the outcome?

by Diptendra Raychaudhuri | New Delhi : Vitasta, 2025 | 9788199171299

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Why has the Opposition failed to stop Modi in three consecutive elections? In this provocative and timely book, Diptendra Raychaudhuri goes beyond political rhetoric to ask if Hindutva is responsible for the current state of Indian politics. Raychaudhuri offers a compelling answer—tracing the BJP’s ascent not merely to the assertiveness of Hindutvavadis, but to a socio-cultural and psychological transformation within Indian society. He argues that BJP’s rise since 2014 is less a story of Hindutva’s dominance and more a reaction to three cardinal faults that the secularists committed: Changing the very Idea of India propagated by icons like Rabindranath Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi. Imposing a USSR-prompted alien narrative from the fifties to the eighties. Forming two distinctly anti-Hindu governments in 2004 and 2009. This incisive analysis also exposes how the BJP’s version of Hindutva often diverges from the essence of Sanatana Dharma, creating a clash of visions that has left India’s moral and political compass unsettled. Bold and unflinching, this book asks the question: What truly lies ahead for India?

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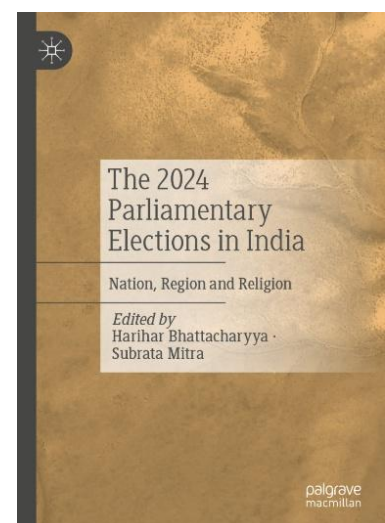
The 2024 parliamentary elections in India

nation, region and religion

edited by Harihar Bhattacharyya and Subrata Mitra | Switzerland : Macmillan, 2026 | 9783032061317

Accession Number: 57323 | Call Number: 324.954053 PAR

This book provides an explanation and analysis of the 2024 national parliamentary elections in India. The elections of 2024 have raised many questions regarding India’s transition to democracy and its consolidation, and the exact nature of the ‘national’ verdict, the role of religion, caste and regional identity in determining the outcome. We ask: is the state of Indian democracy a function of who wins an election, or of the electoral process, and its integrity? By examining detailed state-based case studies and cross-cutting themes, the book highlights the democratic resilience of the Indian polity against the dominant narrative of democratic decline and backsliding. The chapters are written by eminent political scientists based in India and some younger researchers also based in India.



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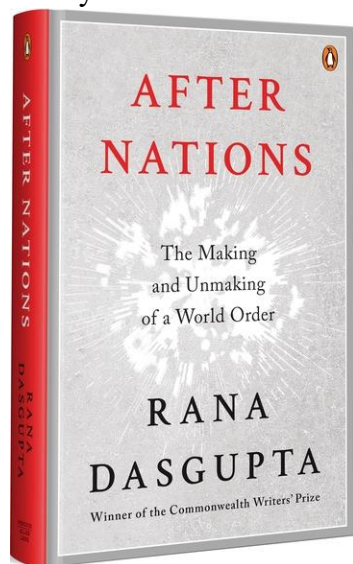
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

After nations: the making and unmaking of a world order

by Rana Dasgupta | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2026 | 9780670092567

Accession Number: 57229 | Call Number: 327.101 DAS

The system of nation-states is in convulsion. As American hegemony unwinds, anxious Western countries slide into xenophobia and debt. Liberal ideas and institutions are losing their prestige; autocracies like China, Russia, and the UAE, by contrast, are rising. For those most completely abandoned by nation-states, meanwhile, there is no future except through life-threatening migration. All in all, the global political order offers human beings ever fewer securities—and ever more threats.



Rana Dasgupta traces the formation and rise of this system in order to explain the cause of its multiple failures today. He takes us from the fall of ancient empires and the expansion of European concepts of money and law, right up to the emergence of twenty-first-century tech firms—which present formidable competition to nation-states—and the epochal restoration of Chinese power. He posits that the time has come to develop a new conception of citizenship, law, and economy—one that corresponds to our own globalized and ecologically fragile condition.

An urgent work of astute political and historical analysis, *After Nations* is an essential text for anyone looking to understand why we seem to be losing our political hold on the world, and how we might try to restore it.

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France as a maritime power

interests, strategies, and engagements in the Indian ocean

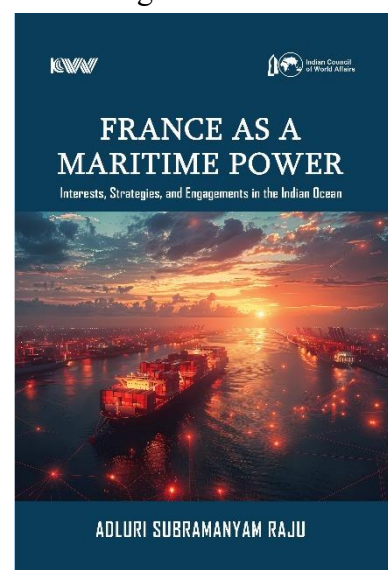
by Adluri Subramanyam Raju | New Delhi : K W Publishers, 2025 | 9788198403780

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While the British decided to relinquish all their commitments in the Indian Ocean region and to withdraw all their forces from East of Suez, the French showed no such inclination, despite the freedom struggles against colonial rule in many parts of the region. France continued its historical mission and developed new ambitions and interests in the Indian Ocean region. Its presence and commitment in the Western Indian Ocean (and the South Pacific) resulted in Paris playing a significant role in global affairs.

The French presence in the Indian Ocean region added 2.6 million km², constituting twenty-four percent of its EEZ, providing it to explore and exploit the resources in the oceanic waters. Though it is an extra-regional power, the island states have acknowledged France as a resident state in the region.

The volume focuses on understanding how France has continued its dominance in the Indian Ocean region. It examines France's political, economic, and strategic interests and its relation with the Western Indian Ocean states - Mauritius, Madagascar, Seychelles, and Comoros. Further, the volume covers France's role in the Indian Ocean Commission, its policy towards demilitarisation of the region, and its bilateral and multilateral engagements in the region and beyond.



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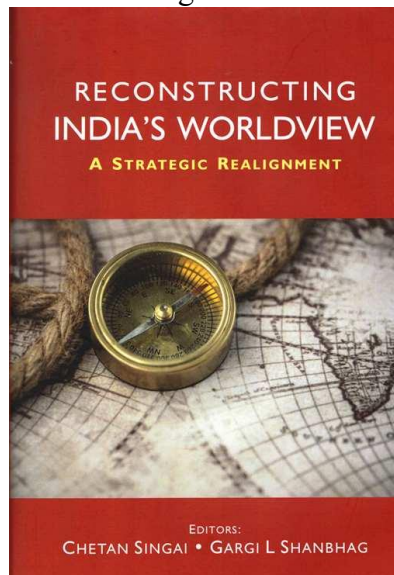
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Reconstructing India's worldview: a strategic realignment

edited by Chetan Singai and Gargi L Shanbhag | New Delhi : Pentagon Press, 2026 | 9788199352797

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Reconstructing India's Worldview: A Strategic Realignment offers a timely and compelling re-examination of India's place in the world. Moving beyond conventional Eurocentric frameworks, the volume advances an India-centric perspective on diplomacy, strategy, and global leadership. Anchored in the argument that India is not merely an "emerging" power but a "re-emerging" one, the book underscores the civilizational depth and historical influence that continue to shape India's contemporary foreign policy choices.



The volume opens with a foreword by Professor Harsh V. Pant and an introduction by Professor Chetan B. Singai, setting the stage for a rich exploration of how India sees the world, and how the world perceives India. Structured around two key themes, the book first advances indigenous frameworks, narratives, and terminologies for international engagement, before turning to questions of strategic culture and thought in a rapidly evolving global order. Chapters examine India's maritime strategy, Indo-Pacific partnerships, cyber diplomacy, gendered foreign policy, regional security outlook, and emphasis on non-Western theories, offering diverse perspectives from leading academics and practitioners.

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The durian flavour

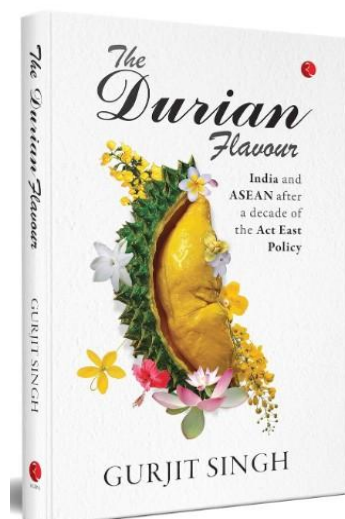
India and ASEAN after a decade of the act east policy

by Gurjit Singh | New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2026 | 9789370030244

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From ancient trade winds to modern geopolitics, a relationship that shapes Asia's future. For centuries, India and Southeast Asia have been bound by trade, culture and ideas that travelled freely across oceans. In the post-colonial era, India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) reimagined their relationship within a rapidly evolving global order. A Partnership at a Crossroads Today, as the world grapples with unprecedented geopolitical, economic and environmental challenges, this age-old partnership has gained new urgency. How can India and ASEAN collaborate strategically in the Indo-Pacific? How can they deepen cooperation, foster prosperity and strengthen people-to-people links in the twenty-first century? From Shared Past to Shared Future, With the insight of a seasoned diplomat, Ambassador Gurjit Singh traces this remarkable journey— from history to policy to a shared future. Engaging, accessible and timely, *The Durian Flavour* reveals why India and ASEAN matter to each other, and why their partnership matters to the world. Inside this book, you'll find:

- Ancient connections: How trade, culture and ideas linked India and Southeast Asia for centuries
- Post-colonial realignments: The evolution of India–ASEAN relations in a changing global Landscape
- The Indo-Pacific moment: Strategic cooperation in an era of geopolitical flux



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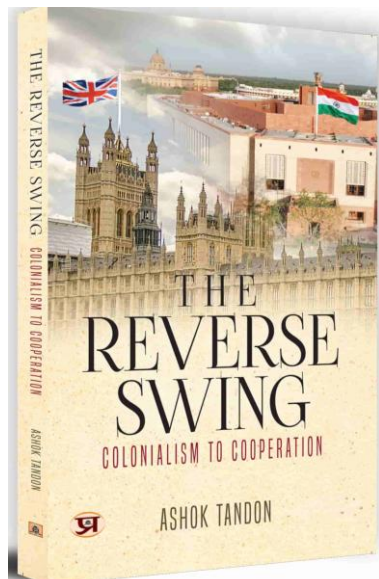
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The reverse swing : colonialism to cooperation

by Ashok Tandon | New Delhi : Prabhat Prakashan, 2025 | 9789355627438

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The book showcases New India's (Naya Bharat) march to glory leaving behind the unfortunate and painful memories of the foreign subjugation spanning several centuries.



The Europeans were attracted to do trade with India in the 17th Century not because it was a land of snake charmers as perceived by many in the West, but because India was a fabulous gold mine full of enormous reserves of natural resources and a producer of rare commodities including spices, tea, silk, and precious stones ready to be plundered by the invaders and colonial powers to fill their coffers.

The author has penned down the historical events and the transformations in the Indo-UK relations since independence not with a view to reopen the wounds of colonial rule but to enlighten the present generations, particularly the large Indian Diaspora, with what India had to undergo prior to independence in 1947 and how it has excelled in various sectors to become world's fifth largest economy and earned a pride of place in the comity of nations.

The Indo-UK cooperation in economic, diplomatic, defence production and cultural fields is one of the hallmarks of the book, especially India and Britain concluding a 'fair and balanced' Free Trade agreement (FTA) based on equality, mutual wig and commonality of interests.

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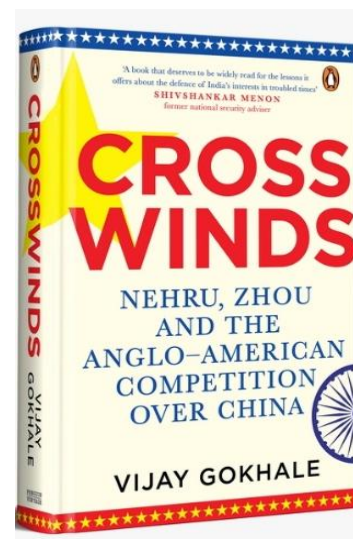
Cross winds : Nehru, Zhou and the Anglo-American competition over China

by Vijay Gokhale | Gurugram : Vintage, 2024 | 9780670099917

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The establishment of a communist regime in China upended Western plans for the post-WWII Asian order. As the United States of America and Great Britain grappled with the implications of this new China in terms of their strategic and economic interests in the western Pacific, significant divergences also emerged. A newly independent India seeking to define its place and role in the region under conditions of Cold War was hoping to enlist China as partner.

This book, based on archival material, outlines India's efforts to craft a foreign policy in the context of the Anglo-American competition in the Far East. The roles played by the towering personalities of that era—Jawaharlal Nehru, Zhou Enlai, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles, Winston Churchill, Anthony Eden and Krishna Menon—and the personal chemistry between them are woven into the narrative to paint a picture of the nuts and bolts of Indian diplomacy during the early years of the nation.



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India- Sri Lanka relations

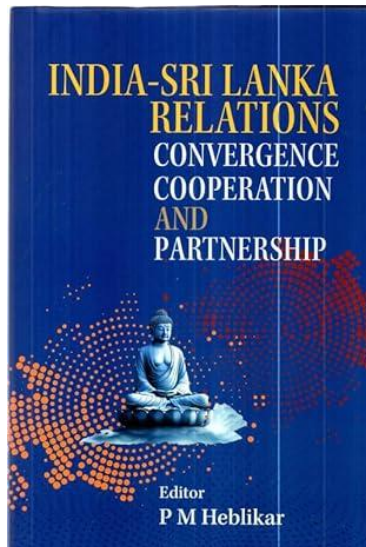
convergence, cooperation and partnership

editor P M Heblkar | Pentagon Press LLP | 9788199116276

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India and Sri Lanka share more than just a stretch of ocean—they share centuries of stories, faith, and friendship. The book entitled “India–Sri Lanka relations focus on convergence, cooperation and partnerships” invites you to look beyond the headlines and discover the living ties that connect our peoples every day. This book brings together voices from both sides—policy experts, doctors, scholars, gender champions, and young thinkers—to explore how our countries are working together on the issues that matter most: climate change, health, education, water, oceans, women’ leadership, and cultural exchange. Through real stories and fresh perspectives, this volume shows that true partnerships are built not just in meeting rooms, but in classrooms, clinics, and communities. It reminds us that the quiet work of cooperation—rooted in trust, respect, and shared hopes—can shape a brighter, more connected future for all South Asia. Warm, insightful, and deeply relevant, this is a book for everyone who believes that neighbours can be partners, and that together, we can meet our greatest challenges and unlock new possibilities. Step into the story of India and Sri Lanka—where borders are not barriers, but bridges.

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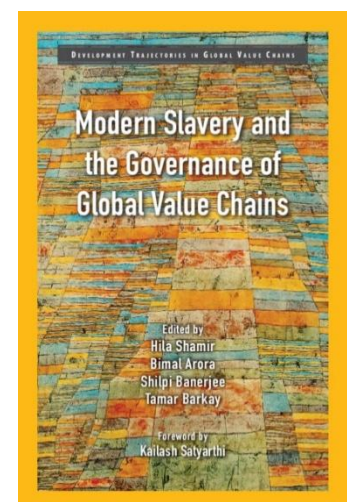
ECONOMICS

Modern slavery and the governance of global value chains

edited by Hila Shamir...[et al] | New York : Cambridge University Press, 2025 | 9781009591089

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Modern Slavery and the Governance of Global Value Chains provides an interdisciplinary analysis of the links between Global Value Chains (GVCs) governance, regulation, and vulnerability to severe forms of labour market exploitation by focusing on governance initiatives that seek to induce corporate action to end or mitigate modern slavery. The book brings together chapters by scholars from developed, developing, and emerging economies and from various disciplines to explore the complex relationship between global and local patterns of production and consumption, and severe forms of labour market exploitation. This title is also available as open access on Cambridge Core.



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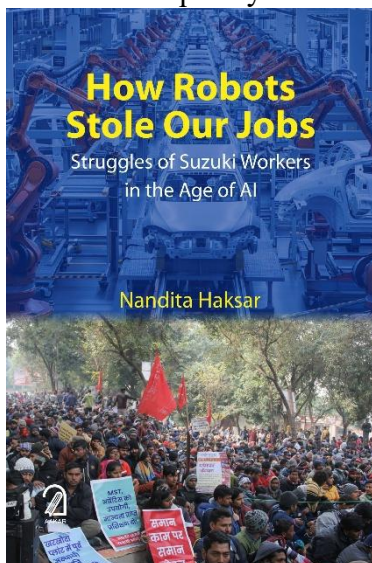
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How robots stole our jobs : struggles of Suzuki workers in the age of AI

by Nandita Haksar | Delhi : Aakar Books, 2026 | 9788198958334

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When the temporary workers of Maruti Suzuki learnt that a massive factory was being constructed at Kharkhoda in Haryana's Sonipat district, they assumed it would create more job opportunities. But they were shocked to learn that, in fact, no permanent jobs were being offered at the new plant. Suzuki was replacing permanent jobs with apprentices, temporary workers, and contract labour, whose wages were less than half of what was being paid to permanent workers in other Suzuki plants. The workers assumed that Suzuki was merely maximising profits by avoiding permanent recruitment. But they soon realised that a far more devious strategy was at play: robots were being installed in place of human labour in the automotive industry even as algorithmic management was becoming the accepted business model. This book, for the first time, explores the impact of robotics on the working class and the future of trade union movements. It questions the growing control of corporations over the national economy, their aggressive anti-trade union practices and future of workers' rights in a world driven by maximum profits, artificial intelligence and robots. This is the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Propelled by technologies based on artificial intelligence and robotics, we are hurtling towards a future which will see the annihilation of permanent jobs and jobless economic growth.



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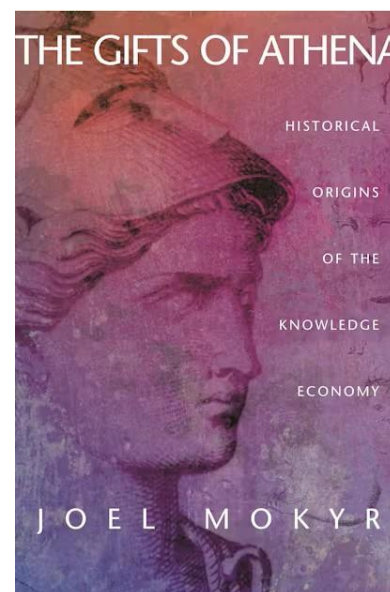
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The gifts of Athena : historical origins of the knowledge economy

by Joel Mokyr | Princeton : Princeton University Press, 2005 | 9780691120133

Accession Number: 57200 | Call Number: 338.064 MOK

The growth of technological and scientific knowledge in the past two centuries has been the overriding dynamic element in the economic and social history of the world. Its result is now often called the knowledge economy. But what are the historical origins of this revolution and what have been its mechanisms? In *The Gifts of Athena*, Joel Mokyr constructs an original framework to analyze the concept of "useful" knowledge. He argues that the growth explosion in the modern West in the past two centuries was driven not just by the appearance of new technological ideas but also by the improved access to these ideas in society at large—as made possible by social networks comprising universities, publishers, professional sciences, and kindred institutions. Through a wealth of historical evidence set in clear and lively prose, he shows that changes in the intellectual and social environment and the institutional background in which knowledge was generated and disseminated brought about the Industrial Revolution, followed by sustained economic growth and continuing technological change.



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The nonfarm economy: continuity and change in rural India

by Manojit Bhattacharjee, Saumya Chakrabarti and Meenakshi Rajeev | Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2026 | 9780198972020

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The dominant discourse views the Indian economy's transformation over several decades as a progression towards a grand, unified, and dynamic market economy. Critiquing this discourse, *The Nonfarm Economy* illustrates the prevalence and intensification of 'structural dualism'. Using both theoretical and empirical perspectives, Bhattacharjee, Chakrabarti, and Rajeev analyse the origins of this persistence and the deepening of a dualistic developmental pattern. By studying the Indian rural economy and parts of the rural Global South, they demonstrate how the contemporary capital-centric growth process itself has induced the intensification of dualism, alongside factors such as population growth and land fragmentation. Only a limited segment of the impoverished population can integrate with the expanding circuits of capital using their skills, resources, and networks; a large mass of people is thus pushed towards dispossession and exclusion. The book further examines the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on this development pattern, demonstrating how it has intensified the phenomenon of structural dualism. Contrary to the current prescriptions fixated on formal sector growth and policies extending government support, the authors posit a labour-focused (cluster-based) development model and offer constructive policy recommendations for achieving inclusive growth.

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International arbitration and India

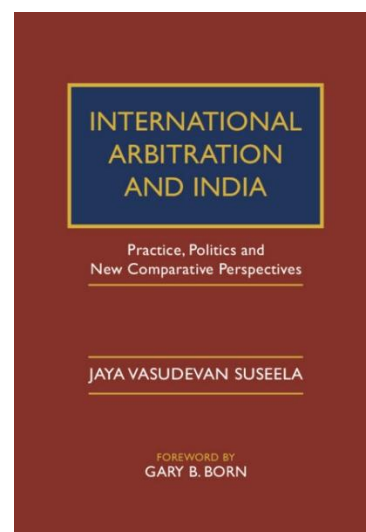
practice, politics and new comparative perspectives

by Jaya Vasudevan Suseela | New York : Cambridge University Press, 2026 | 9781009514231

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This book offers a sound exposition of the theoretical foundations of international arbitration law using a comparative and cross-cultural approach. Exploring the normative approaches and legitimacy crisis in a transnational context, it aims to establish links between the respective legal regimes handling disputes. Identifying pragmatic solutions in the contemporary world of conflicting interests, this book investigates the latest trends in international arbitration law. This book will help readers understand and demonstrate how best to manage the unification efforts to achieve synergies and enhance the legitimacy of a pluralistic world of international arbitration law. The combination of conceptual analysis and archival investigation of landmark case laws provide the reader with a fresh innovative understanding of the depth of international arbitration law. The book will be important reading for instructors, practitioners and scholars.

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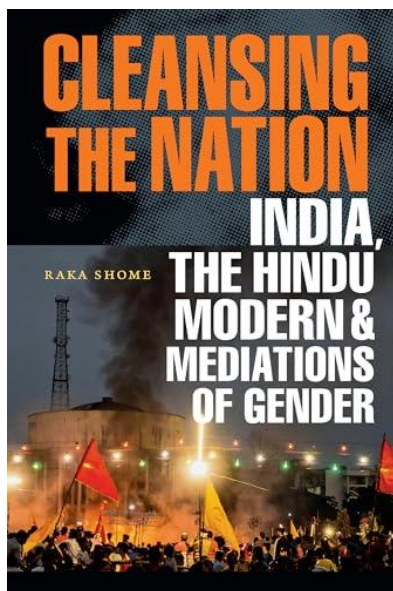
Cleansing the nation

India, the hindu modern, and mediations of gender

by Raka Shome | Durham : Duke University Press, 2025 | 9781478032755

Accession Number: 57199 | Call Number: 353.93 SHO

In *Cleansing the Nation*, Raka Shome explores the logics of governmentality of contemporary Hindu nationalism in India by advancing the concept of the “Hindu modern.” Analyzing a national cleanliness program and other development projects, Shome shows how the Hindu modern—a form of national governmentality that disciplines and regulates individual subjects to create desirable “clean” citizens—inscribes Hindu nationalism in India. Focused on security, progress, and development while celebrating and protecting the figure of the upper-caste Hindu woman, the Hindu modern works toward a religious and casteist cleansing of the nation that rewrites Indian modernity as a purified and cleansed Hindu modernity. It shores up caste and religious inequalities around who is authentically Indian, reproducing historical violence against and exclusions of caste, gender, and religion, especially toward Muslims, Dalits, and Adivasis. By outlining how the Hindu modern sutures Hindu-ness to the contemporary Indian national project of modernity, Shome helps us further understand projects of national purification and cleanliness within global populist authoritarian movements.

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MILITARY SCIENCE

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Ready, relevant and resurgent II: shaping a future ready force

by Anil Chauhan; foreword by Rajnath Singh | New Delhi : Pentagon Press, 2025 | 9788199116269

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The book is a continuation of Gen Anil Chauhan’s thoughts on the evolving paradigms of future warfare and the need for intellectual and structural foundations that will catapult the armed forces into becoming a modern military. This book titled “Ready, Relevant and Resurgent II; Shaping a future ready force” provides a compelling narrative about the evolving nature and character of warfare, blending timeless military wisdom with futuristic thinking. India’s defence strategy must evolve to confront new-age threats across cyberspace, space and cognitive domains. The articles in the book provide deep insights into new constructs that define the contours of modern warfare such as Air Power’s incipience as a dominant force, cyber-threats becoming a theatre of continuous conflict, intelligentization of warfare and militarization of space. The need for deliberations on emerging geo-political scenario, maritime contestations and the Great Game being played in the Indo-Pacific has never been so profound. With emphasis on dynamic technology driven and futuristic military leadership and staff system, the book underscores the need for transformative reforms and beseeches young Indians and entrepreneurs to become the drivers of India’s resurgence. For policymakers, military thinkers and citizens alike, this book is both a mirror and a map-reflecting where the Indian armed forces are, and charting where they must reach to shape and influence India’s strategic tomorrow.

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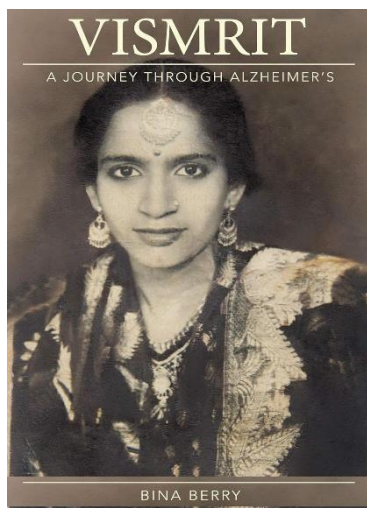
SOCIAL ISSUES

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Vismrit : a journey through alzheimer's

by Bina Berry | New Delhi : Delhi Chapter, 2016 | 9789352654024

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VISMIRIT is a heart touching story about a beautiful, intelligent, vivacious and outgoing woman and her slow descent into a lonely space. It is the story of Lajo's Alzheimer's in her old age and her caregiver's experience of handling the illness.

VISMIRIT, which means "one who has forgotten", is the journey of a family facing the daily challenges of dementia and Alzheimer's and overcoming these challenges.

VISMIRIT – A Journey through Alzheimer's, is the story of Lajo who is afflicted with vascular dementia followed by Alzheimer's disease in her late seventies.

Lajo's story from childhood to death is told from the perspective of her daughter who was her caregiver at the end stages. It is not a medical book but an intensely personal account to create awareness about this condition.

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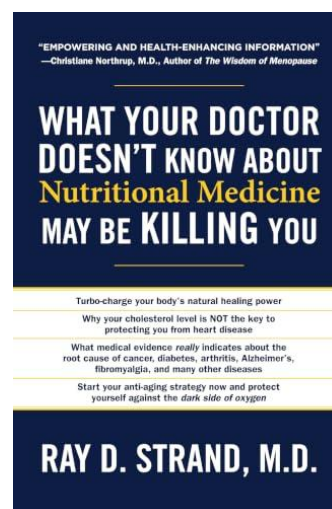
What your doctor doesn't know about nutritional medicine

may be killing you

by Ray D Strand; with Donna K Wallace | Nashville : W Publishing Group, 2002 | 9780785264866

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When Dr. Ray Strand found himself in a losing battle, unable to successfully treat his wife who had suffered chronically with pain and fatigue, he agreed to try the regimen of nutritional supplements that a neighbor suggested. Much to his surprise, his wife's condition began to improve almost immediately. That amazing turn of events led him to dedicate himself to researching alternative therapies in medicine, particularly in the arena of nutritional supplements.



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MEDICINE (AYURVEDA & YOGA)

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The power of Ayurveda & yoga

by Anita Dua | Gurugram : Shubhi Publications, 2025

Accession Number: 57216 | Call Number: 615.538 DUA

The Power of Ayurveda and Yoga: A Personal Journey to Balance and Wellness Imagine a life where health and happiness feel as natural as breathing—where your body, mind, and spirit are in harmony with the rhythms of nature. The Power of Ayurveda and Yoga takes you on a transformative journey to rediscover this state of balance, using the ancient wisdom of Ayurveda and Yoga. The book begins by describing Ayurveda in simple terms as the science of longevity, defining disease as a state of being "not at ease." It emphasizes that good health and happiness are our natural states, and disease results from a violation of our inherent nature. According to Ayurveda, disease arises from the "mistakes of the intellect", where we disregard natural principles such as disciplined routines for sleep, meals, exercise, and aligning with nature's rhythms. A crucial aspect of Ayurveda discussed in the book is recognizing and understanding one's constitution described as Doshas that each one of us is born with. Doshas or humors are explained as biological energies that govern our bodies.

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MANAGEMENT

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Human edge in the AI age

eight timeless mantras for success

by Nitin Seth | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780143477587

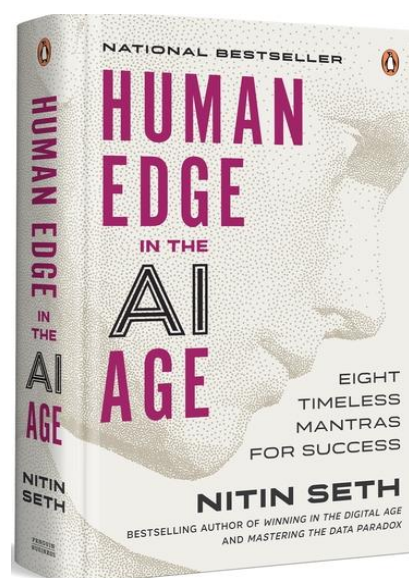
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Artificial Intelligence is not just disrupting industries, it is outperforming capabilities once uniquely human: complex reasoning, creativity, even emotional intelligence. As AI accelerates, it will displace millions of jobs, but also create once-in-a-generation opportunities for those ready to build, innovate, and lead.

This profound duality raises the defining question of our time: In a world where machines can learn, decide, and simulate emotion, what remains uniquely human?

Bestselling author and global tech leader Nitin Seth offers a powerful, deeply personal answer. Rather than surrendering to anxiety, he urges us to channel it into personal growth, leveraging timeless human strengths such as creativity, empathy, risk-taking and leadership to reinvent ourselves for the AI age.

Drawing on decades of leadership at McKinsey, Fidelity, Flipkart, and Incedo, and inspired by timeless wisdom traditions, he reframes the AI debate through a human lens: the faster the world changes, cultivating inner clarity, emotional balance, and self-awareness becomes paramount.



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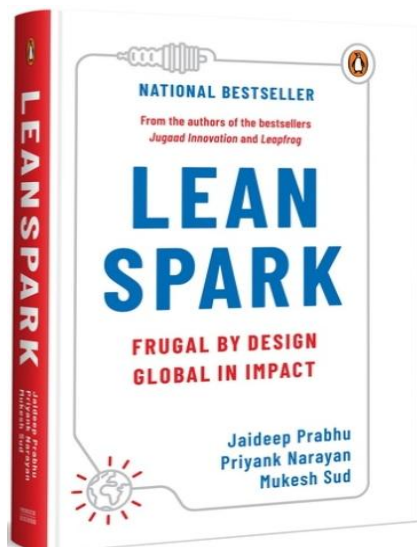
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Lean spark: frugal by design global in impact

by Jaideep Prabhu, Priyank Narayan and Mukesh Sud | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2026 | 9780143480617

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India is entering a decade where ingenuity under constraint will decide who leads and who falls behind.



LeanSpark shows how India's 'high-tech jugaad' is turning scarcity into an innovation superpower—across drones and EVs, fintech and AI, sports, space and public policy. It distils a decade of research and fieldwork into a practical playbook for doing more with less, and for doing it at scale.

This book will help you:

Build frugal, high-tech ventures that start small but scale smart, using the LeanSpark attributes of lean execution, purposeful simplicity, adaptive scalability and systemic sustainability.

Design products, services and policies that are affordable, resilient and environmentally conscious—without sacrificing ambition or quality.

Apply the Frugal Innovation Canvas (FIC) to turn constraints into launchpads, whether you are in a start-up, large company, social enterprise or government.

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Encounters with modern Indian art : essays and discussions

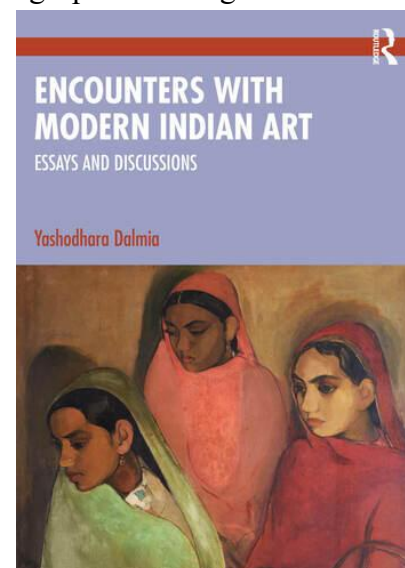
by Yashodhara Dalmia | London : Routledge, 2026 | 9781032316895

Accession Number: 57273 | Call Number: 709.04954 DAL

This book explores modern art in India, tracing its evolution from the setting-up of the Progressive Artists Group in the 1940s to the contemporary movements today. It discusses some of the fundamental issues around Indian art, such as the extent of its rootedness in the country, the amalgamation of Western art methods and Indian aesthetics in the art and its increasing infusion with popular modes.

In a series of essays, the book looks at works from the late Mughal period, when artists began to move towards modernism, to the visionary approaches of artists like Rabindranath Tagore, Nandalal Bose, Ramkinkar Baij and Benodebehari Mukherjee in Santiniketan. It also explores innovative works of the Indo-Hungarian artist Amrita Sher-Gil and contributions of progressive artists such as Francis Newton Souza, Sayed Haider Raza and M.F. Husain to the new and experimental forms being practised in the present, highlighting the transformative role of modern Indian art through the twentieth century as the works of each successive generation reflect the socio-cultural contexts.

With rich illustrations, the book will be of interest to students and educators of art, art history, intellectual and cultural history, as well as to connoisseurs of art.



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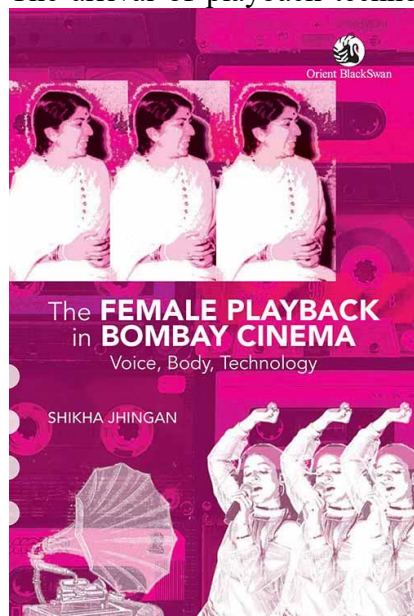
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The female playback in bombay cinema: voice, body, technology

by Shikha Jhingan | Hyderabad : Orient Blackswan, 2026 | 9789369730841

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The arrival of playback technology in the 1940s had far-reaching consequences for Bombay cinema, leading to a wider dispersal of films, film songs, and film stars. Jhingan moves across a shifting media landscape to focus on the role of the female voice in making the corporeal female body available in the public domain. The book follows the rise of playback stars like Lata Mangeshkar and Asha Bhosle in the aural domain as they intersect with a diverse range of listening bodies—on-screen stars, music critics, fans, version artists, and amateur singers.



Combining a formal analysis of film songs with ethnographic research and a close reading of print archives, the book invites readers and listeners to engage with their own media-driven memories. This is a nuanced investigation of how the female singer's sonic production is intertwined with devices such as the microphone, cassettes, television, and digital technologies, and is located in the interstices of material, cultural, musical, and cinematic environments.

The Female Playback in Bombay Cinema is an authoritative addition to the field of sound studies with implications for gender studies, music and performance studies, and cinema studies.

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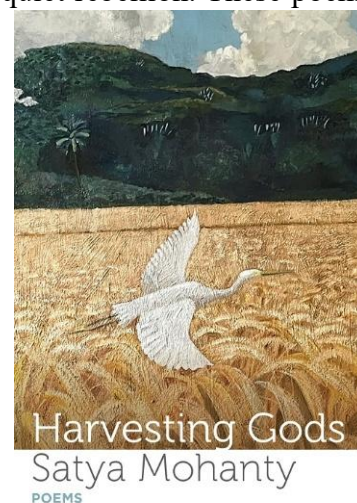
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Harvesting Gods : poems

by Satya Mohanty | New Delhi : Speaking Tiger, 2025 | 9789363368439

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In *Harvesting Gods*, Satya Mohanty turns to poetry as witness, elegy, and quiet rebellion. These poems move between the intimate and the cataclysmic—between the ache of desire and the violence of memory, the tremor of a sinking hillside and the hush of a single unanswered question. Mohanty listens closely to a world unravelling at its seams: myths rewritten as weapons, civility thinning in the public square, hills collapsing under the weight of ambition, histories shaken loose from their foundations. Yet within this turbulence, the poems search for tenderness, for the fragile threads of human longing, for the private spaces where desire becomes fire and wound, and memory reorders what we cannot bear to forget. Across sections this book moves from political meditation to ecological lament and then, towards a thin, persistent thread of hope, Mohanty's voice remains steady and luminous—attentive to what breaks and what survives. *Harvesting Gods* gathers the fragments of a world undone by power, grief, and forgetting, and offers them back to us as invitation—towards clarity, conscience, and a more generous imagination.



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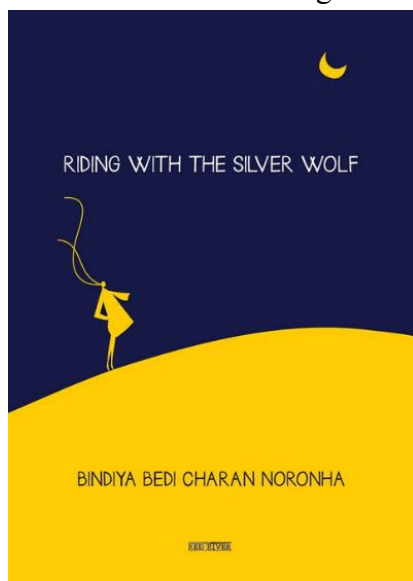
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Riding with the silver wolf

by Bindiya Bedi Charan Noronha | Guwahati: Red River, 2025 | 9789348111012

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And beneath the moonlight I ride with the silver wolf, chasing the horizon's trembling edge into the nights to find myself, to face shadows without a flinch until each scrape of the hammer has carved away the fear to bring out the truth — strong, wild, and alive.



Bindiya transforms nature into poetry. Nature permeates all her feelings, all her words, fluid, melodic, persuasive. But she does not stop there. Amidst echoes of history, of vanished empires, of monuments that speak of former greatness but tore peoples apart, and of her experiences in other latitudes, Bindiya glosses over hope, her belief in a better future, her religiosity and her faith, even if overwhelmed by doubts, fears, anger and despair at times. — Maria Regina de Mongiardim

Riding with the Silver Wolf reads as a bridge between poetic artistry and spiritual inquiry. It belongs to that rare category of works that expand perception while restoring faith in beauty, humanity and the creative spirit. This is a book to be experienced, savoured, an antidote to a rushed life. Every page feels like a whispered conversation between the higher power and the universe itself. — Melanie Falvey

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Line of illumination : a book of poems

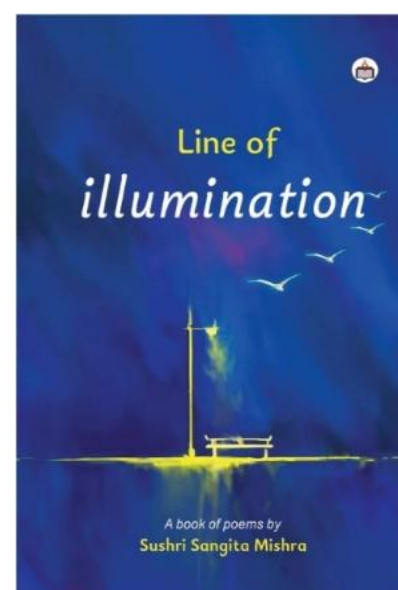
by Sushri Sangita Mishra | New Delhi : Authorspress, 2025 | 9789360952006

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Line of Illumination which is terminator line or boundaries between light and darkness is a

contemporary English poetry collection by Dr. Sushri Sangita Mishra. The book has been described as a reflective and philosophical exploration of existence, identity, solitude, nature, and metaphysical thought. She explores the meaning of existence and delves deep into philosophical thoughts.

The poems sometimes give images of experiencing solitude and solitary existence of the poet which are introspective and reflective



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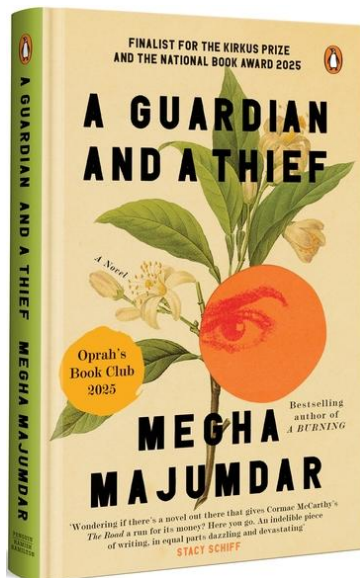
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A guardian and a thief: a novel

by Megha Majumdar | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780143477730

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Megha Majumdar's electrifying new novel, following her acclaimed New York Times bestseller *A Burning*—longlisted for the National Book Award—is set in a near-future Kolkata, India, ravaged by climate change and food scarcity, in which two families seeking to protect their children must battle each other. A piercing and propulsive tour de force.



In a near-future Kolkata beset by flooding and famine, Ma, her two-year-old daughter, and her elderly father are just days from leaving the collapsing city behind to join Ma's husband in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After procuring long-awaited visas from the consulate, they pack their bags for the flight to America. But in the morning they awaken to discover that Ma's purse, containing their treasured immigration documents, has been stolen.

Set over the course of one week, *A Guardian and a Thief* tells two stories: the story of Ma's frantic search for the thief while keeping hunger at bay during a worsening food shortage; and the story of Boomba, the thief, whose desperation to care for his family drives him to commit a series of escalating crimes whose consequences he cannot fathom. With stunning control and command, Megha Majumdar paints a kaleidoscopic portrait of two families, each operating from a place of ferocious love and undefeated hope, each discovering how far they will go to secure their children's future as they stave off encroaching catastrophe.

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Ghosts, supernatural and tales of the uncanny

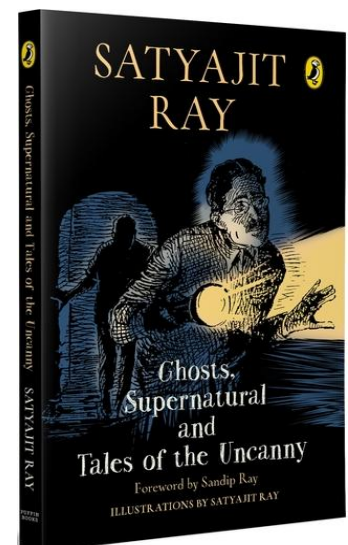
by Satyajit Ray | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780143472803

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Strange things happen all the time—doors creak open, shadows shift when no one's looking and some places never quite forget their past.

Enter the world of mystery, magic and macabre with master storyteller Satyajit Ray as he weaves the finest supernatural tales. Featuring haunted houses, curious doppelgangers, sinister shape-shifters and the lingering echoes of a forgotten past, these hauntingly beautiful stories are presented for the first time to a new generation of readers in this collectable edition, featuring Ray's original artworks.

Come, venture into the realms where the boundaries blur!



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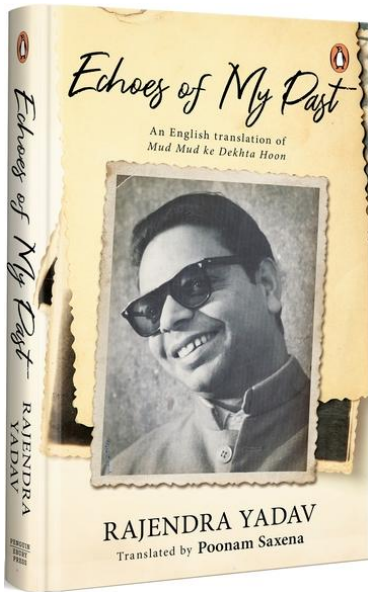
Echoes of my past

an english translation of mud mud ke dekhta hoon

by Rajendra Yadav; translated by Poonam Saxena | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2025 | 9780670096657

Accession Number: 57328 | Call Number: 891.4309 YAD

Rajendra Yadav was a stalwart of the Hindi sahitya (literature). Having started the Nayi Kahani movement, he was also known for helping Dalit writing and promoting new and upcoming authors.



One of the most controversial figures of the literary world, his charming personality, his open living style and scathing criticism of contemporary writers, drew both ire and admiration, praise and brickbats.

Mud Mud ke Dekhta Hoon is a collection of his writings on his life, marriage, writing process and the hardships of being the editor of Hans magazine for Hindi literature, which was started by Premchand. While his writings reveal the scanner he put on himself and his works under, they also expose a man who was much criticized for his marriage to Mannu Bhandhari. another doyen of Hindi literature and the woman who held him up for thirty-two years before finally giving up on him.

Breaking myths surrounding writers and their lives, this book is the story of a man, a writer, a father, a husband and his struggles with definitions of right and wrong.

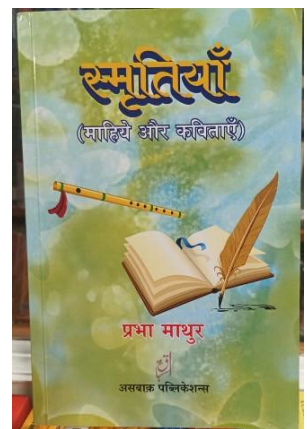
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Smritiyan : mahiye aur kavitayien

by Prabha Mathur | Pune: Aasbaak, 2022 |

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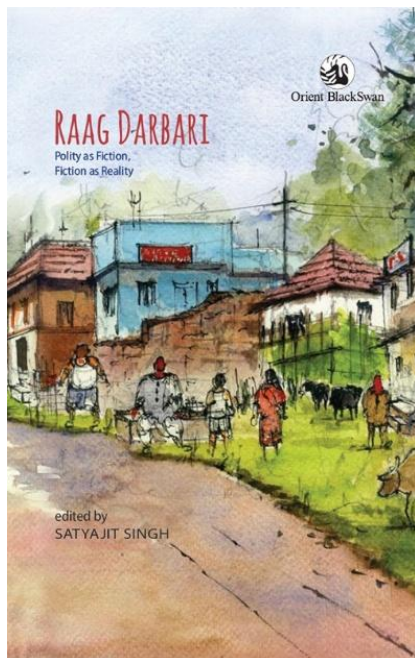
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Raag darbari: polity as fiction, fiction as reality

edited by Satyajit Singh | Hyderabad : Orient Blackswan, 2026 | 9789369731817

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Raag Darbari, a novel in Hindi written by Shrilal Shukla in 1968, tells an important story of rural India, local politics and administration. Through the use of dark humour and irony, it provides the first critique of the developmental state, its bureaucracy, and the democratic institutions of the country.



Is the novel still relevant? Does it continue to hold a mirror to everyday Indian social life? More importantly, what insights does it offer a student of public administration, development and politics?

This book situates Shrilal Shukla's masterpiece within the social sciences, relating literature to political science, administrative theory and contemporary India. The authors show that it is informal, local institutions that determine the nature of state-directed development, and study whether, five decades later, the citizens of India are visible in our understanding of administration and politics. Have we managed to get local institutions to deliver welfare? Do we know how to handle corruption?

Making a strong case for the invaluable contribution of fiction to the discipline of political science, this exciting book emphasises that if fiction is rooted in a reality that people can relate to, its relevance to the study of politics cannot be ignored.

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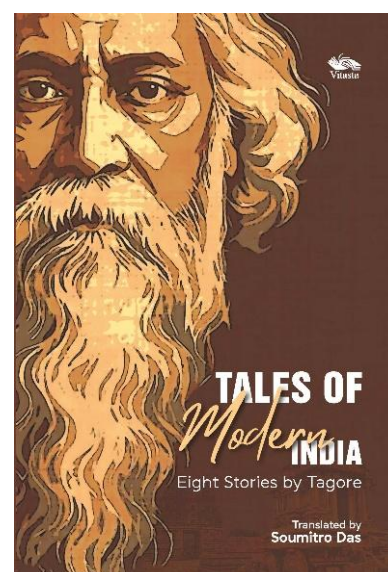
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Tales of Modern India: Eight Stories by Tagore

by Rabindranath Tagore/Translator: Soumitro Das | | 9788199171220

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The world envisioned by Rabindranath Tagore is not just one characterised by sublime lyrical prose, but one that exists in a flux between tradition and modernity—a world rife with possibility, where one encounters life's greatest complexities, profound truths, and everlasting beauty. Tender and intimate, Tagore's profound grace and humanity weave together stories that enchant readers with their poetic grandeur and poised storytelling. A flagbearer of Indian literary modernism, Tagore's tales not only stand strong, having stood the test of time, but also as champions of the human condition. Tagore's writing gives voice to the innermost facets of the human soul, love, loss, longing and the struggle for identity. This collection brings together eight of the most haunting, empathetic, and emotionally rich stories told by one of the world's most acclaimed storyteller. Tagore's timeless charm awaits you within these pages, as do Charulata, Neela, Revati, Mrinmoyee, Apurbo, and many, many more.



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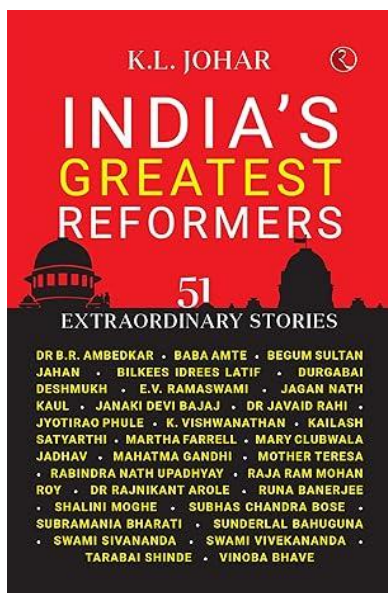
India's greatest reformers: 51 extraordinary stories

by K L Johar | New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2024 | 9789361567735

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India's Greatest Reformers documents the stories of 51 extraordinary men and women who in their times undertook various social reforms, at times facing stiff resistance from society. Raja Ram Mohan Roy saw to it that the evil practice of Sati—the practice of burning a widow on the pyre of her husband—was abolished. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar succeeded in getting a legislative act adopted in 1856 allowing widows to remarry. Mahatma Gandhi and Dr B.R. Ambedkar worked tirelessly for the eradication of untouchability. Dayanand Saraswati castigated persons who believed in the caste system. Great women like Mary Clubwala Jadhav and Sindhutai Sapkal worked for girls' education and orphanages, respectively. From contemporary India, Kailash Satyarthi, Dr Bindeshwar Pathak, Devendra Raj Mehta and Dr Uma Tuli are featured for their significant work. The 51 portraits in this book will inspire readers to give some thought to the eradication of malpractices that still afflict our society one way or the other. The stories include that of Dr B.R. Ambedkar, Baba Amte, Begum Sultan Jahan, Bilkees Idrees Latif, Durgabai Deshmukh, E.V. Ramaswami, Jagan Nath Kaul, Janaki Devi Bajaj, Dr Javaid Rahi, J.

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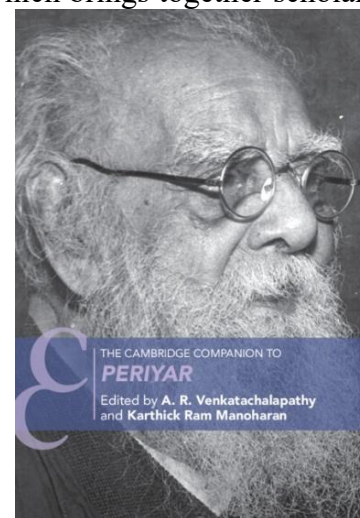
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The cambridge companion to periyar

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The Cambridge Companion to Periyar is a timely academic intervention which brings together scholars working on different aspects of modern Tamil politics, taking diverse perspectives, to comment on Periyar E. V. Ramasamy, the significant thinker whose thoughts inform political practices in contemporary Tamil Nadu. As the chapters seek to demonstrate, Periyar's thoughts can have a pan-Indian and a global significance, informing conversations on caste, gender, religion, regionalism, nationalism, and social justice. Likewise, in the wake of wider conversations on bringing diversity to the academic disciplines, this volume on Periyar will draw attention to a non-canonical thinker whose important intellectual and political contributions transcend the limits of his context. The volume brings together established academics in the field as well as early career researchers to provide the first of its kind companion to Periyar. Tapping new sources, challenging myths, and crossing disciplinary boundaries, this volume presents a Periyar for the times.



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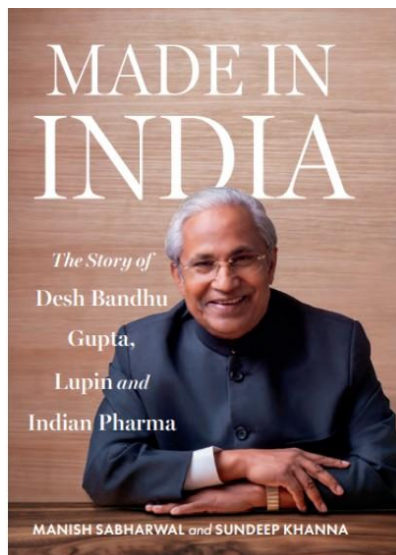
Made in India

the story of Desh Bandhu Gupta, Lupin and Indian pharma

by Manish Sabharwal and Sundeep Khanna | New Delhi : Juggernaut Books, 2026 | 9789353457839

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Every day, the average American takes five pills made in India – of which one is made by the pharmaceuticals giant Lupin. This book traces three remarkable journeys: the rise of India's pharma industry, the birth and evolution of Lupin and the extraordinary life of its founder, Desh Bandhu Gupta. Together, they illuminate how a country once completely dependent on imported medicines became the world's pharmacy – and the role DBG played in that transformation.



DBG's life was shaped early by adversity. As a child, he fractured his ankle; with no transportation available, his father carried him on his shoulders for three hours to the nearest hospital. But it was too late and DBG was left with a lifelong limp – and a deep resolve. Growing up without privilege or patronage, in a home without a toilet or electricity, he trained as a chemist, became a schoolteacher and then professor, and was even fired from BITS Pilani. He then worked in corporate India and, against considerable odds, took the unconventional leap into entrepreneurship. What distinguished the man was not flamboyance or bravado, but patience and discipline.

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Kapila Jnanagarbha

knowledge unfolding wisdom: offerings in memory of Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan

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Kapilā Jñānagarbhā is the bouquet of variegated hues presented in the form of a volume of offerings to Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan by eminent personalities, expert scholars and artistes, also her family to keep the fragrance of her vision and contributions fresh and vibrating to inspire future generations. The title, Kapilā Jñānagarbhā: Knowledge Unfolding Wisdom, in itself celebrates the core qualities of the personality whom we have seen in constant search for knowledge till her last breath. Through her wisdom she made use of her acquired knowledge at various levels and in innumerable ways for reviving and saving India's holistic traditions of knowledge. In achieving her goals, it was her education in the West, that provided her the critical tools and the ability to analyse things from multiple points of view and the learning in India equipped her at the experiential level. Her contributions are immense. Present volume is divided into two parts. Part I has two sections. The section A contains the Tributes by eminent persons and section B has ten papers by eminent scholars highlighting Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan's vision and contributions. Part II contains academic papers by the scholars, experts in their respective fields, who have remained closely associated with Dr. Vatsyayan and have got benefited or influenced by her knowledge and wisdom by one way or the other.



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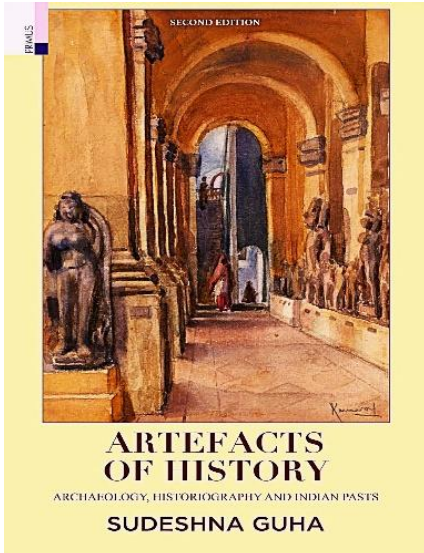
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Artefacts of history

archaeology, historiography and Indian pasts

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Through little-known histories of the practices, governance and scholarship of the archaeology of India, this book re-examines the manner in which the past is recalled and historicized. It guides us to think afresh of the histories of antiquarianism in South Asia, explore the impetus of collecting and curatorial practices within the scholarship of pre-colonial India, and investigate the diverse linkages within the histories of Indian archaeology. It encourages a focus upon issues of historiography, methodology and notions of evidence and looks in to the responsibilities and changing needs of the academic scholarship of archaeology.

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The decline of the Hindu civilisation

lessons from the past

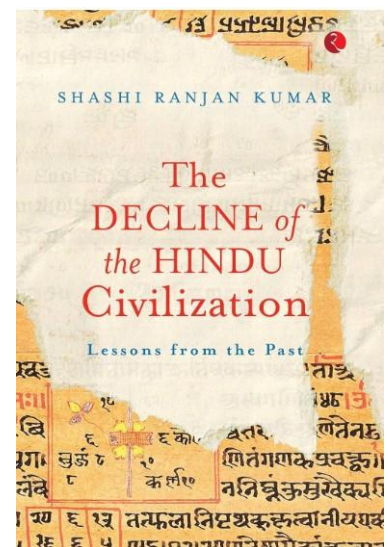
by Shashi Ranjan Kumar | New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2025 | 9789370035751

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This is the story of the accomplishments of a civilization and its gradual decline into obscurity.

How did a civilization once known for its intellectual brilliance and spiritual depth decline so gravely? While much has been said about the fall of the Hindu civilization, few have examined the deeper reasons behind it. Was the decline due to rigidity, internal fractures or a failure to withstand external forces? Through rigorous research and a comparative approach, this book explores these questions offering insight into how and why the Hindu civilization faltered across culture, politics, society and thought.

The book is not an attempt to mourn the past or rewrite it. The past lives on?in memory, in ruins and in the ways it continues to shape us. The only way forward is to face it: its beauty and its failures, with honesty



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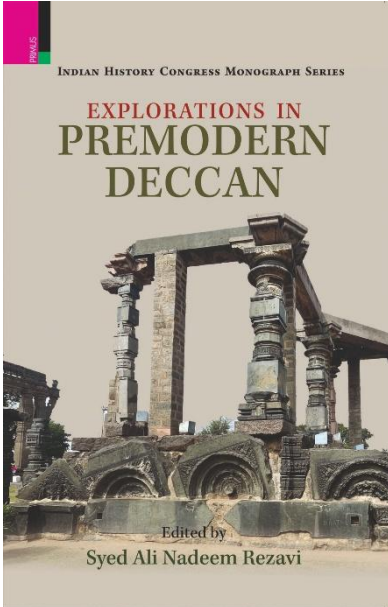
Explorations in premodern deccan

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The Deccan has long served as a nodal zone of cultural exchange, political negotiation, and technological circulation. Anchoring the subcontinent's interior while connecting it to wider worlds, the plateau has occupied a pivotal place in South Asian history. From the formation of early agrarian landscapes and regional polities, through the intellectually and artistically vibrant courts of the medieval period, to the reconfiguration of authority, economy, and identity under colonial modernity, its past resists linear or reductive narration. The Deccan's history was shaped not only by dynastic power and textual record but also by the movements of artisans, religious specialists, merchants, military contingents, and pastoral and settled communities whose interactions animated its social fabric. Its architectural, metallurgical, and irrigation traditions, along with its literary, musical, and devotional cultures, reveal enduring patterns of encounter, translation, and innovation.

Explorations in the Premodern Deccan arises from a special panel on the Deccan organized by the Indian History Congress at its Warangal (Telangana) session in 2023. Bringing together new and previously published papers, it offers diverse methodological engagements that view the Deccan not as a marginal frontier but as a generative centre in the making of South Asian history.



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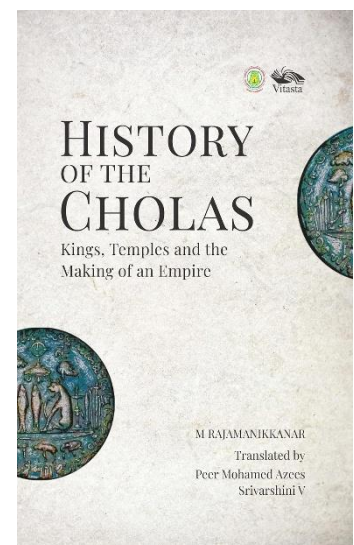
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History of the Cholas: Kings, Temples and the Making of an Empire

by M Rajamanikkar, Translators: Peer Mohamed Azees & Srivarshini V | New Delhi : Vitasta, 2026 | 9789347098055

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From a modest chieftaincy to a mighty empire that thundered across oceans—and then, slowly, back to obscurity. History of the Cholas traces the remarkable journey of the Chola dynasty with colour, depth and feeling. Its kings and queens, princes and princesses, brave generals and ordinary subjects all walk through these pages like living figures. We see palaces glow under torchlight, temples rise skyward stone by stone, and endowments flow from monarchs, commanders and humble devotees alike. There are wars and conquests, yes—but also betrayal, loss and decline. M Rajamanikkar gathers history, inscription, folklore and imagination into a narrative that is as powerful as it is human. This translation brings his masterpiece to a new audience, inviting readers to step into a world where ambition shaped kingdoms and faith carved monuments that still stand.



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