

BookConnect

APRIL 2026

Stay Current with Our Monthly New Acquisitions



Durgabai Deshmukh Library **India International Centre; New Delhi**

BookConnect is a monthly online publication offering a current bibliography of all new books recently added to the library's collection. This alerting service is for members of the India International Centre Library. This publication keeps members informed about the latest acquisitions across a wide range of subjects, ensuring they stay up-to-date with the library's ever-expanding selection of borrowing materials.

Content page of the BookConnect (April, 2026)

SL. No.	Subjects Covered	Page Nos.
1	Religious	1
2	Sociology	3
3	Politics	4
4	International Relations	7
5	Economics	8
6	Military Science	10
7	Social Matter	12
8	Education	14
9	Language	15
10	Health	15
11	Science	16
12	Literature	16
13	Biography	20
14	History	22

Religious

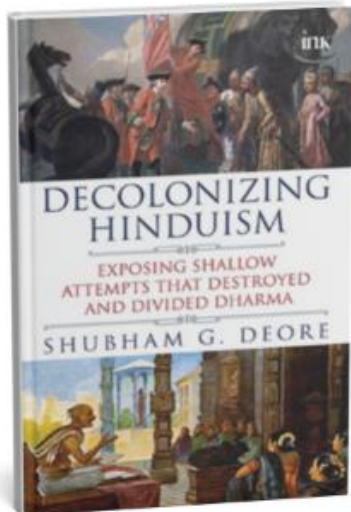
1.

Decolonizing Hindusim

exposing shallow attempts that destroyed and divided dharma

by Shubham G Deore | Noida : blueOne Ink, 2024 | 9789392209925

Accession Number: 57162 | Call Number: 294.509 DEO



History writing, especially of the subcontinent during the colonial era, is filled with preconception and misconception. Colonial historiography stripped Hinduism of its Hinduness and India of Bharat. Colonial historicity, according to the author, is merely descriptive and random interpretations of myths rather than engaging with the idea of mythmaking. Decolonizing Hinduism is an attempt to address that. In the book, the author places ecology, astronomy and timescale (yuga cycle) at the heart of the Hindu belief system. These important dimensions of Hinduism are not taught in our history classes. Instead, perceptions about Hinduism are limited to polytheism, idol worship and caste system. The book tries to rescue Hinduism from these biases and give voice to a uniquely indigenous version of Hinduism. He does so by demystifying the deeper concepts of Hinduism and history with allegories drawn from modern technological innovation in the field of capitalist economy, artificial intelligence, quantum physics, block chain, etc., to make them interesting.

Source : [Click Here](#)

2.

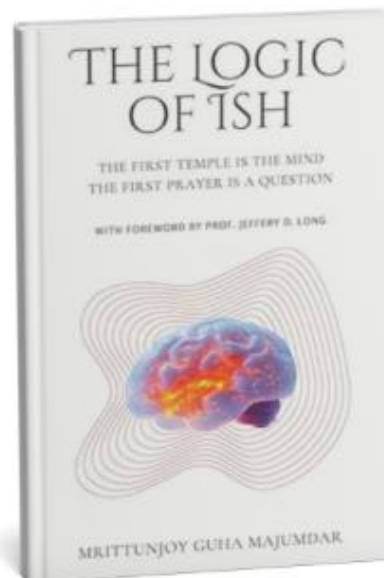
The logic of ish

the fist temple is the mind the first prayer is a question

by Mrityunjoy Guha Majumdar, with foreword by Jeffery D Long | New Delhi : Motilal Banarsidass Publications, 2026 | 9789375132820

Accession Number: 57171 | Call Number: 294.5215 MAJ

For centuries, human beings have returned to a single, inexhaustible question: What is the ultimate ground of reality? Across civilizations, the answers have taken the form of myth, revelation, and inherited faith. Yet in ancient India, a distinctive intellectual movement arose that sought to approach the divine not through scriptural authority, but through reasoned inquiry. The Logic of Ish explores this remarkable tradition. It traces the arc of Nyaya philosophy—from Acarya Gautama and Acarya Vatsyayana to the profound synthesis of Udayanacarya—examining how these thinkers developed one of the world's most rigorous systems of logic and applied it to questions of causation, agency, moral order, consciousness, and the conditions of knowledge itself. Their undertaking was neither mystical speculation nor doctrinal dogmatism, but a disciplined attempt to determine whether the concept of Isvara can be established through rational means. Anchored in Udayanacarya's Nyayakusumanjali, this book brings the classical arguments into conversation with contemporary philosophical and scientific contexts. The term Ish - a reference to Isvara, also stands for Intelligent System Heuristics, a framework for understanding order and structure within complex systems.



Source: [Click Here](#)

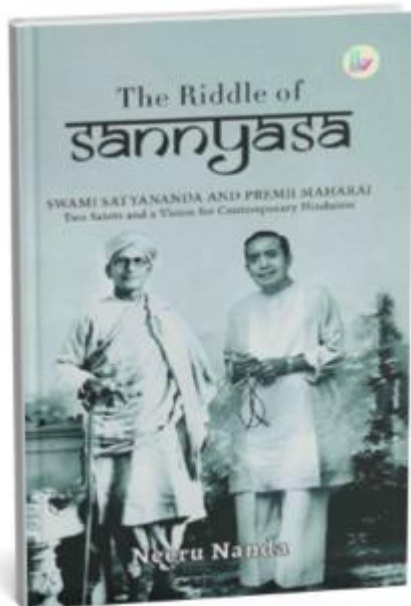
3.

The riddle of Sannyasa

Swami Satyananda and Premji Maharaj : two saints and a vision for contemporary Hinduism

by **Neeu Nanda** | **New Delhi : Har-Anand Publications, 2025** | **9788119798049**

Accession Number: 57100 | **Call Number: 294.561 NAN**



The figure of the Guru has endured across millennia, invariably conveying renewed visions of Hindu thought through a process of transference, which is direct and intensely personal. To recognize a true guru is vital. Here you will meet two twentieth century saints who lived, taught and passed away, unknown except to thousands of devotees. The narrative is grounded in a vast compendium of documented material. Yet it brings the saints vividly to life by also being anecdotal and experiential. Swami Satyananda, who passed away at the age of ninety two, remained a sannyasi from the age of seventeen. Yet his favorite disciple, Premji Maharaj maintained an enigmatic lifestyle which overturns set Hindu notions of spirituality. A celibate renunciate, and MSc Agriculture, he drove a scooter to his government office, yet remained a mystic yogi and healer. His life and teaching are an epitome of the riddle of sannyasa. Hinduism today needs spiritual direction that goes deeper than temple construction (or reconstruction). Swami Satyananda deplored what he called the Hindu obsessions with 'gurudom', as also sur and surat (song, dance, pomp and show). The Amrit Vani movement started by him will be completing hundred years of the celestial revelation of Ram Naam received by him in seclusion of deep forests on a moonlit night of 7th July 1925. His vision picturises multiple, yet interiorised spaces held in steadfast oneness of Name devotion, inclusive in every and each sense, and interwoven with singular threads of continuity from the Upanishads, Bhagwad Gita and Bhakti saints.

Source : [Click Here](#)

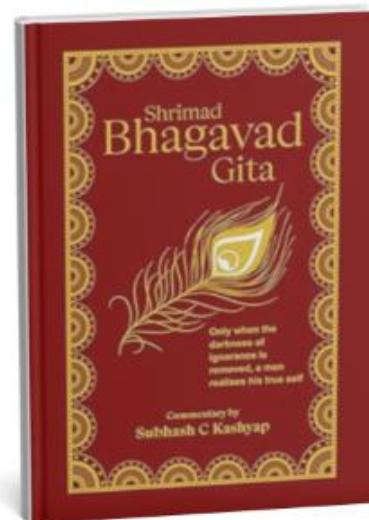
4.

Shrimad Bhagavad Gita

by **Subhash C Kashyap** | **New Delhi : Vitasta, 2024** | **9788119670789**

Accession Number: 57218 | **Call Number: 294.5924 KAS**

A distinguished constitutional expert, advisor and advocate, Dr Kashyap is a well-known author and scholar. He has held some of the highest posts in India and abroad. Former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, he has received many national and international honours and awards including Padma Bhushan and Doctor of Laws (LL D). Currently, he is Honorary Professor at the Centre for Policy Research and President of the Indian National Bar Association (INBA) and Rashtriya Jagriti Sansthan (RJS). Apart from his 3-Volume treatise Constitutional Law of India, his recent works include State of the Nation: Democracy, Governance and Parliament, We, the People and Our Constitution, Indian Constitution : Conflicts and Controversies.



Source : [Click Here](#)

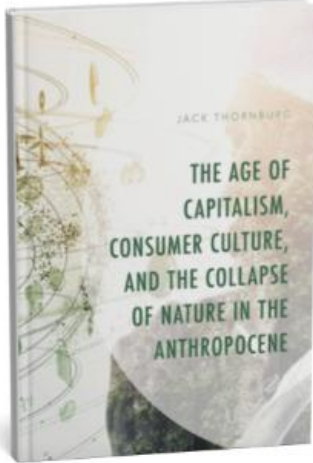
Sociology

5. **The age of capitalism, consumer culture and the collaps of nature in the anthropocene**

by Jack Anthropocene | Lanham : Lexington Books, 2024 | 9781666958782

Accession Number: 57159 | Call Number: 304.2 THO

The Age of Capitalism, Consumer Culture, and the Collapse of Nature in the Anthropocene argues that the stability of post-industrial, postmodern society is threatened by the convergence of three distinct, yet interrelated, crises: environmental degradation, capitalist economic development, and the primacy of consumption and self-absorption as the basis for economic development at the expense of community and social relationships. Jack Thornburg contrasts advanced modern society with indigenous cultures in terms of nature and conceptions of the communal self. The complex nature of capitalist-oriented society has influenced how individuals conceptualize themselves. The outcome, the author contends, is a competitive society in which individuals are alienated living in uncertain times. One consequence of these crises (all of which derive from the Enlightenment and the concomitant appearance and evolution of capitalism) has been the destruction of a worldview balancing and connecting well-being with prosperity of the natural world. Money and materialism cannot buy happiness as capitalist narrative asserts. Thornburg claims that the happiness sought by individuals seeking meaning through consumption can only be realized by reintegrating nature with the human spirit.



Source : [Click Here](#)

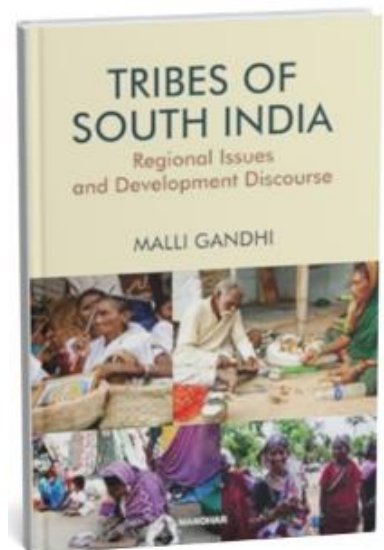
6. **Tribes of South Inida**

regional issues and development discourse

by Malli Gandhi | New Delhi : Manohar Publishers & Distributors, 2025 | 9789360803506

Accession Number: 57158 | Call Number: 305.8948 GAN

India is a land of diversities. While tribes could be integrated into a single unit-distinct from the mainstream society, they are highly diverse among them-selves. Administering the tribes in the country has never been an easy task despite having specific policy-formulations, separate administrative machinery, budgetary allocations, and fixed targets over a period of seven decades. Over the years, there have been a number of high-powered committees that have studied tribal issues, on the basis of which several Acts have been passed and modifications made in the existing Acts. Our Constitution recognises 645 tribes as Scheduled Tribes of India. South India represents several tribal communities such as Andh, Bagata, Bhil, Gadaba, Gond, Kolam, Dulia, Helava, Kurvikaran, Pardhan, Porja, Rona, Savara, Sugali, Valmiki, Yanadi, Yerukula, Koracha, etc. Among these, some tribes are identified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). This study is a modest attempt to deal with some of the forgotten Adivasis of South Indian states, their heritage, socio-cultural milieu, economic status, present conditions and their overall development. These tribes have a rich cultural heritage, and indigenous knowledge at their command. However, tribal cultural heritage is fast disappearing. Against this backdrop, there is a need to document their heritage for the benefit of posterity.



Source : [Click Here](#)

Politics

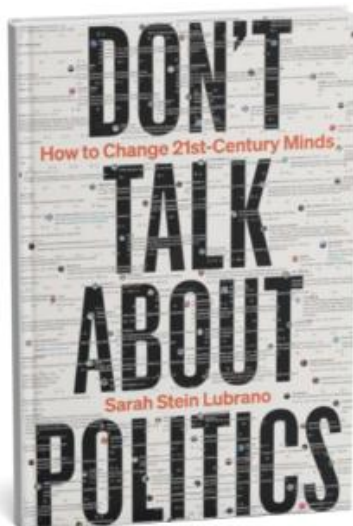
7.

Don't talk about politics how to change 21st century minds

by **Saran Stein Lubrano** | London : Bloomsbury, 2025 | 9781399413923

Accession Number: 57161 | Call Number: 320.01 LUB

Democracy is dying because we are clinging to a dangerous and outdated myth: talking about politics can change people's minds. It doesn't.



This provocative debut from a bold new voice combines a fascinating range of research to show us the psychological and sociological factors that really shape our politics.

Drawing from ancient philosophy to modern neuroscience and social science, Dr Sarah Stein Lubrano reveals the surprising truth about how people think and behave politically. From friendship to community organizing and social infrastructure, she explores the actions that actually do change minds.

In a world where politics keeps getting more irrational, dishonest, violent and chaotic, it's getting much harder to reach people with words alone. So people who really care about democracy must ask: how can we stop arguing and do the deep work to build stronger foundations for political life, and a better world for us all?

Source : [Click Here](#)

8.

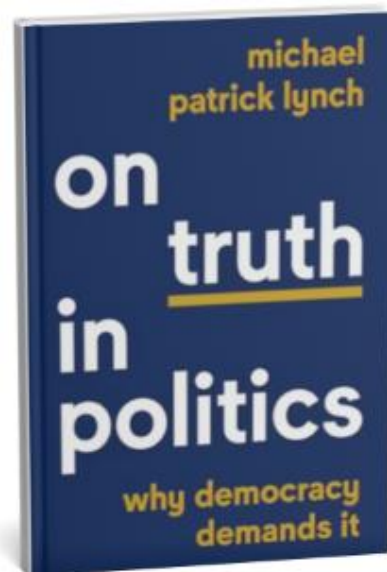
On truth in politics why democracy demands it

by **Michael Patrick Lynch** | New Jersey : Princeton University Press, 2025 | 9780691231938

Accession Number: 57166 | Call Number: 320.01 LYN

Do any of us really care about truth when it comes to politics? Should we? In a world of big lies, denialism, and conspiracy theories, democracies are experiencing two interlocked crises: a loss of confidence in democracy itself and the growing sense among many that politics is only about power—not truth. In this book, Michael Patrick Lynch argues that truth not only can—but must—matter in politics. He shows why truth is an essential democratic value—a value we need to sustain our democratic way of life—and how it can be strengthened.

Despite evidence that people are rarely motivated by truth when it comes to politics, *On Truth in Politics* argues that this isn't inevitable. Accessibly written and rigorously argued, it draws on the American pragmatist tradition to develop an original theory of the nature and value of truth in the messy world of politics. Contrary to the belief of many, political beliefs can be true or false. But if democracy is to continue to be a space of reason and not just an arena of power, we must build a better infrastructure of knowledge, including stronger schools and media, and renew our commitment to science and history. A vital and timely book, *On Truth in Politics* makes an original case for why democracy cannot survive without truth.

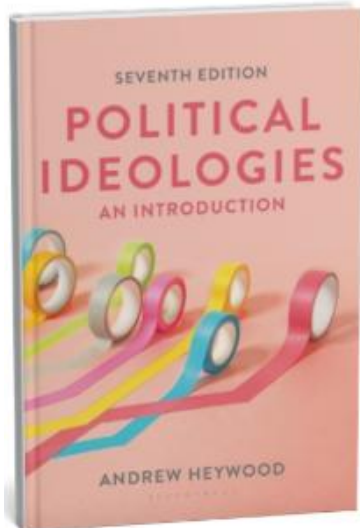


Source : [Click Here](#)

9. **Political ideologies : an introduction**

by **Andrew Heywood** | **New Delhi : Bloomsbury, 2022** | **9789354356124**

Accession Number: 57185 | Call Number: 320.5 HEY



Offering an unparalleled, sweeping survey of the political ideologies that have shaped our world, the seventh edition of Andrew Heywood's seminal undergraduate textbook continues to lead the way in guiding students through the political creeds and doctrines that have dominated politics past and present. Covering an impressive array of topics, the first half of the book focusses on traditional ideologies such as Conservatism, Socialism, Liberalism, Anarchism and Fascism, while more contemporary movements such as Populism, Feminism, Green Ideology, Multiculturalism and Religious Fundamentalism form the latter part of the text. Taking into account the remarkable events that have shaken the political sphere in recent years, the text has been revised and updated throughout in order to show how the study of political ideologies can elucidate the significance of such striking phenomena as the decline of liberal democracy and the rise of populist movements and authoritarianism around the world.

The most accessible, concise and yet comprehensive introduction to the topic, this is an indispensable textbook for students studying for courses on political ideologies, political theory and introductory politics. It should be essential reading for anyone seeking to gain an understanding of political ideologies for the first time.

Source : [Click Here](#)

10. **India's forgotten country : a view from the margins**

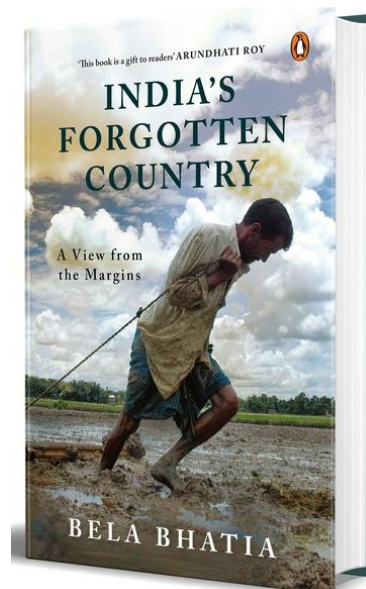
by **Bela Bhatia** | **Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2024** | **9780670093342**

Accession Number: 57182 | Call Number: 323.0954 BHA

There is a time when we are growing but we merely grow and a time when we start understanding how things around us function. Some things make sense and some don't, and we begin to ask why. Suddenly life takes on a meaning and we start searching for more meanings.

Over the course of more than three decades, Bela Bhatia's work and concerns have brought her face-to-face with the harsh nature of people's lives in India's 'forgotten country'—the hamlets, villages and slums—and the oppressive forces that rule and ruin the lives of Dalits, Adivasis, bonded labourers, women and other downtrodden groups. She has also witnessed how their everyday lives are pockmarked with violence and the brutality—often organized—they face when they resist.

India's Forgotten Country captures Bela's early years as an activist in rural Gujarat, her research on the Naxalite movement, her investigations of violations of democratic rights in different regions, and her recent years dealing with the ongoing conflict between the state and Maoists in Bastar. The essays build on first-hand investigations conducted in states ranging from Bihar and Telangana to Rajasthan and Nagaland, besides Kashmir. People such as Deepa Musahar, Kaliben, Muchaki Sukadi, Zarifa Begum, Tareptsuba and others have ample space in this book to speak for themselves.

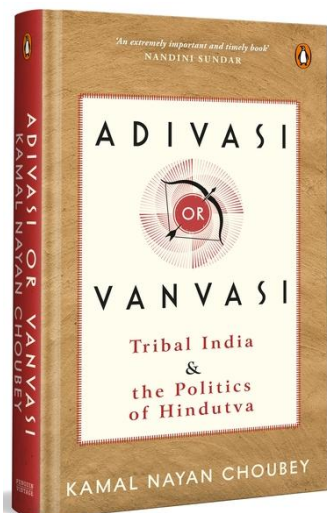


Source: [Click Here](#)

11. Adivasi or Vanvasi : tribal India & the politics of Hindutva

by Kamal Nayan Choubey | New Delhi : Penguin, 2025 | 9780143470489

Accession Number: 57108 | Call Number: 323.1191411 CHO



An extremely important and timely book' — Nandini Sundar, Professor Department of Sociology, Delhi University.

Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, popularly known as Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram or VKA is the tribal wing of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). As the largest tribal organization in the country, it works in many areas of Kerala, Jharkhand and the North-east of India. Till the late 1970s, VKA's work was limited to a few districts of Chhattisgarh (then Madhya Pradesh), Jharkhand (then Bihar), and Odisha but it has gradually and continuously expanded its footprint in different parts of the country.

It is noteworthy that from its inception VKA focused on spreading Hindu values by organizing religious rituals in tribal areas and working in the area of education and hostels. It has tirelessly worked to provide medical help to the tribals from the mid-1960s. However, after the late 1970s, it started to work in different aspects of tribal communities' lives. By the 1990s, it also formally began to raise questions related to the rights of tribal communities

over forest land and its resources.

Exploring its genesis, historical journey, the nature of ideological discourse, and various functions of the VKA, this book opens a window to the contribution of an organization, which largely remained untold and therefore unknown. Deeply researched and evocative, Adivasi or Vanvasi would immensely interest anyone interested to understand modern India's history, politics and changing landscape of Indian society.

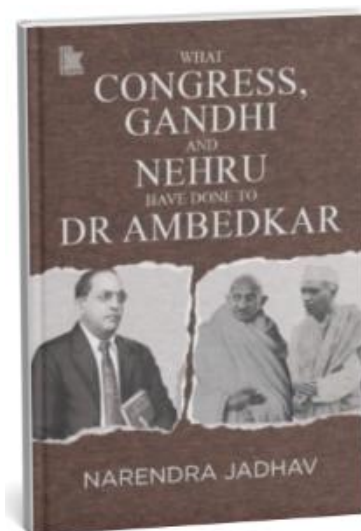
Source : [Click Here](#)

12. What congress, Gandhi and Nehru have done to Dr Ambedkar

by Narendra Jadhav | New Delhi : Konark Publishers, 2026 | 9788196362935

Accession Number: 57156 | Call Number: 324.25403 JAD

This book revisits and re-evaluates the historic struggle between Ambedkar and the triumvirate of Gandhi, Nehru and the Congress. Structured in three thematic parts—on Dr Ambedkar, on Gandhi and their political confrontations—it sheds light on how India's freedom movement involved a trade-off between political independence and social justice. Through meticulously researched analysis, the book argues that to understand modern India's evolution into a Sovereign, Democratic Republic, one must examine the layered conflicts, compromises and ideological duels between its most iconic figures.



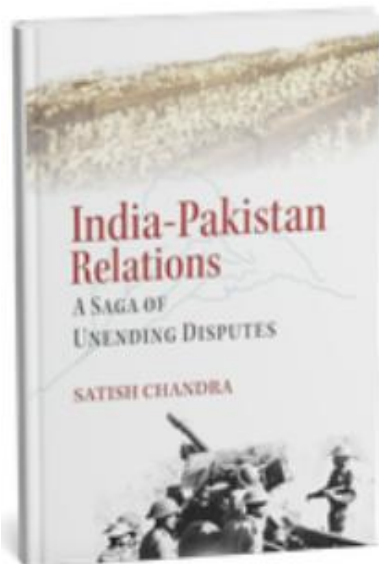
Source : [Click Here](#)

International Relations

13. **India- Pakistan relations: a saga of unending disputes**

by Satish Chandra | New Delhi : Pentagon Press, 2025 | 9788198837035

Accession Number: 57104 | Call Number: 327.5405491 CHA



While tomes have been written on India-Pakistan relations in general or on specific issues related thereto, there is hardly any book devoted to analysing the various disputes which have bedevilled ties betwixt them since 1947 to date. India-Pakistan Relations: A Saga of Unending Disputes, attempts to fill this gap. It's eighteen chapters address major disputes, like ""the Sharing of River Waters"", minor ones like ""Jinnah House"", and even a few issues like ""Kalat"" which, though not disputed, help bring out the sharply differing mind sets of India and Pakistan.

In the process, the book teases out the many constants often starkly contrasting-in the policies of the two countries towards each other. In Pakistan's case these have constituted an inveterate hostility towards India, making issues out of non issues, observance of double standards, the relentless pursuit of a maximalist agenda, repeated violation of agreements, playing the victim card, and vilifying India through a narrative based on falsehoods and half-truths.

Source: [Click Here](#)

14. **Shared bonds, strategic interests**

India- Nepal relations in a turbulent world : perspectives from both countries

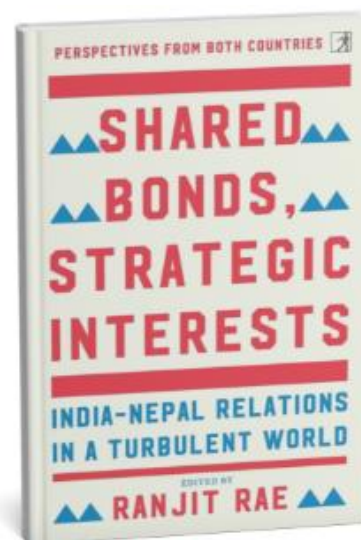
edited by Ranjit Rae | New Delhi : Simon & Schuster India, 2025 | 9789390343553

Accession Number: 57138 | Call Number: 327.5405496 SHA

Shared Bonds, Strategic Interests: India-Nepal Relations in a Turbulent World is a thoughtful guide for those seeking to understand the challenges and opportunities arising from the close, yet complex and occasionally fraught relationship between India and Nepal.

In the essays included in this volume, leading scholars, diplomats and journalists from the two countries provide historical perspectives while addressing contemporary issues, including the implications of the current geo-political flux and India-China rivalry as well as India's Neighbourhood First policy on bilateral ties.

The Gen Z protests of 8-9 September 2025 throughout Nepal, which overthrew the K. P. Oli government, are examined both in terms of prospects for domestic stability and fresh elections as well as relations with India in the immediate future. The authors also discuss opportunities for enhanced people-to-people engagement as well as economic partnership in diverse areas, with a special focus on water resources and hydropower, the Agniveer issue and the recruitment of Gorkha soldiers into the Indian Army as well as cooperation amongst the Himalayan communities straddling the two countries, among others.

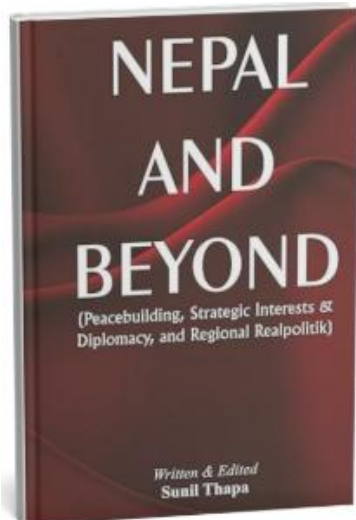


Source : [Click Here](#)

15.

Nepal and beyond**peacebuilding, strategic interests & diplomacy and regional realpolitik**

written & edited by Sunil Thapa; co-authors Drew Cottle and Pramila Bakhati | Delhi : Vij Books, 2024 | 9788197918360

Accession Number: 57191 | Call Number: 327.5496 THA

This book offers a comprehensive collection of scholarly articles that delve into Nepal's internal and external political dynamics, as well as its broader regional context. It begins by exploring the root causes of Nepal's 10-year Maoist insurgency, analysing why the peace process remains stalled and what steps can be taken to resolve it. The role of Nepal's political parties and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) in achieving sustainable peace is another focus of the book. Furthermore, the book examines Nepal's strategic relationships with India, China, and Australia, shedding light on the country's geopolitical positioning amidst regional power struggles. The ongoing political crisis in Bangladesh is also analysed, focusing on the lessons it offers to other small states like Nepal in the region. In addition, the book discusses Nepal's approach to achieving its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its foreign policy strategies as a small state navigating the complexities of international relations.

Source : [Click Here](#)**Economics**

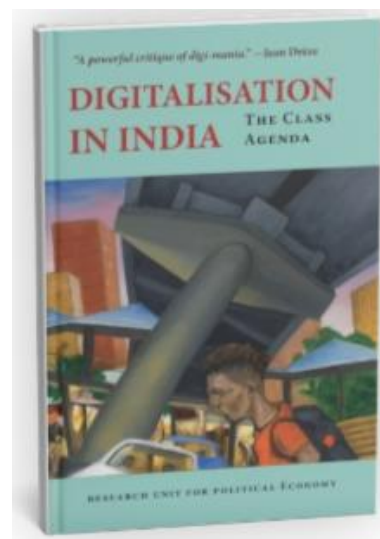
16.

Digitalisation in India: the class agenda

edited by Research Unit for Political Economy | Gurugram:Three Essays Collective, 2025: 9789383968480

Accession Number: 57163 | Call Number: 330.954 DIG

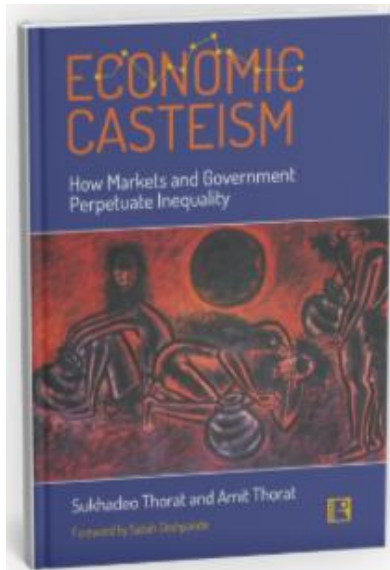
Bill Gates, Nandan Nilekani, the IMF, the World Bank, and the World Economic Forum are all agreed: India's digitalisation process is transformational. Digitalisation saves the Indian government money, ensures the poor get their payments, enables healthcare, spreads education, empowers the once-excluded, raises productivity and turbo-charges consumption. Indeed it sets a blueprint for other countries to follow. The authors of this collection of essays eschew such magical thinking and look at the actual process of digitalisation in India: its effects on growth, employment, welfare, healthcare, education, urban planning, financial services and agriculture. They find that, while digitalisation fails on its promises of delivering greater prosperity, well-being, and inclusion, it succeeds abundantly in tightening the grip of corporations over various sectors of the economy, and the grip of global tech giants over India.

Source : [Click Here](#)

17.

Economic casteism**how markets and government perpetuate inequality****by Sukhadeo Thorat and Amit Thorat | Jaipur : Rawat Publications, 2025 | 9788131614167****Accession Number: 57153 | Call Number: 331.1330954 THO**

Probably for the first time, this book presents empirical evidence on caste discrimination in the functioning of rural markets in India. The analysis generates convincing empirical evidence of the caste-based discrimination faced by ex-untouchables in rural markets – in hiring, wages, the sale and purchase of land, and access to consumer goods and inputs used in farming and business. It also provides evidence of the discrimination encountered by ex-untouchables in accessing school meals for children, health services, and public employment provided by the government.



The book captures the impact of discrimination on the income of ex-untouchable wage labourers, farmers, and businesspeople. Caste norms continue to shape the economic decisions of the higher castes, to the disadvantage of ex-untouchables in market exchanges. By estimating the income loss due to discrimination, the book demonstrates its poverty-aggravating effects on ex-untouchables, and argues that affirmative action policies are essential not only for ex-untouchable wage labourers, but also for farmers and businesspeople, to ensure non-discriminatory access to markets and government services.

Source: [Click Here](#)

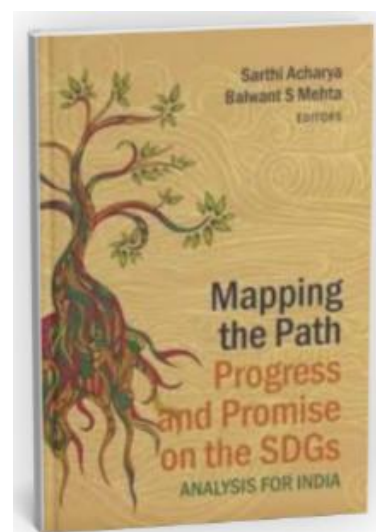
18.

Mapping the path**progress and promise on the SDGs: analysis for India****edited by Sarathi Acharya and Balwant S Mehta | Gurugram : Academic Foundation Press, 2025 | 9789332706729****Accession Number: 57144 | Call Number: 338.927 MAP**

This work offers a definitive and comprehensive analysis of the socio-economic challenges facing India and the global community in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Edited by two distinguished scholars, it provides an in-depth evaluation of India's progress since adopting the 2030 Agenda in 2015 and aligning these goals with the ambitious Viksit Bharat@2047 vision to transform India into a developed nation by 2047.

Focusing on key SDGs—including poverty alleviation, health, education, gender equality, water and sanitation, employment, and economic growth—the book examines regional and inter-state disparities while offering rich longitudinal and spatial insights. It highlights achievements, identifies persistent challenges, and proposes actionable solutions to accelerate progress.

This book is presented as a tribute to Professor Alakh N Sharma, a distinguished scholar and renowned labour economist. The volume is designed for policymakers, researchers and stakeholders seeking evidence-based strategies to inform effective policies. By aligning India's development initiatives with the global SDG Framework, it underscores the importance of inclusive and sustainable approaches to nation-building.

Source : [Click Here](#)

Military Science

19. **1929 : the inside story of the greatest crash in wall street history**

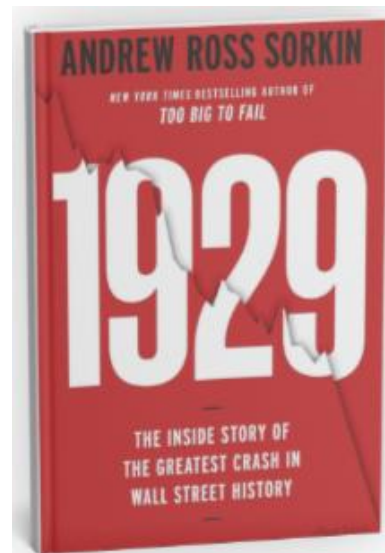
by **Andrew Ross Sorkin** | **London : Penguin Random House, 2025** | **9780241798003**

Accession Number: 57145 | Call Number: 332.5420973 SOR

In 1929, the world watched in shock as the unstoppable Wall Street bull market went into a freefall, wiping out fortunes and igniting a depression that would reshape a generation. But behind the flashing ticker tapes and panicked traders, another drama unfolded—one of visionaries and fraudsters, titans and dreamers, euphoria and ruin.

With unparalleled access to historical records and newly uncovered documents, New York Times bestselling author Andrew Ross Sorkin takes readers inside the chaos of the crash, behind the scenes of a raging battle between Wall Street and Washington and the larger-than-life characters whose ambition and naivety in an endless boom led to wreckage. The dizzying highs and brutal lows of this era eerily mirror today's world—where markets soar, political tensions mount, and the fight over financial influence plays out once again.

This is not just a story about money. 1929 is a tale of power, psychology, and the seductive illusion that “this time is different.” It's about disregarded alarm bells, financiers who fell from grace, and skeptics who saw the crash coming—only to be dismissed until it was too late.

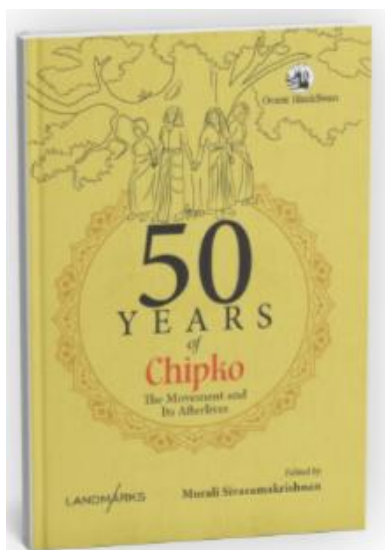


Source : [Click Here](#)

20. **50 years of Chipko: the movement and its afterlives**

Edited by **Murali Sivaramakrishnan** | **Hyderabad : Orient Blackswan, 2026** | **9789369736386**

Accession Number: 57187 | Call Number: 333.720954 YEA



This volume marks fifty years of the Chipko movement, one of India's most influential environmental movements. Discussing its impact, influence and afterlife in contemporary Indian environmental policies, global cultural narratives and thought, the volume offers a ring-side view of the movement from personal, academic, activist and critical perspectives. The essays explore Chipko's core themes of environmental justice, community, rebellion and feminism that resonate through literature, art, cinema and philosophy in India and across the world.

Source : [Click Here](#)

21. **Rising ambition : India's energy transition : carving new pathways**

by **Ajay Shankar** | New Delhi : **TERI : The Energy and Resources Institute** / 2026 | 9789394657199

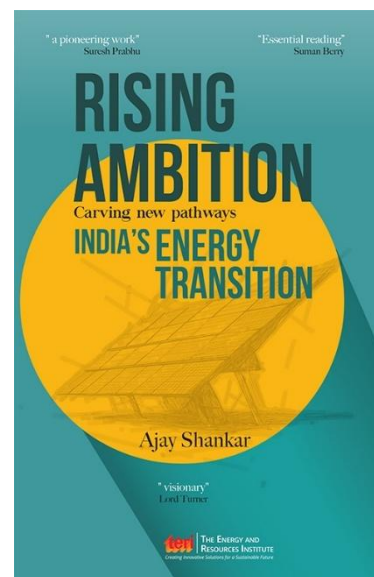
Accession Number: 57178 | Call Number: 333.790954 SHA

India has displayed climate leadership. It has decided to become net zero by 2070. The transformative journey to net zero would, naturally, present formidable challenges.

Rising Ambition describes how with smart policies India has been achieving remarkable success with renewables. This success has been generating greater confidence and higher ambition. In a forward-looking move India has embarked on a Green Hydrogen Mission.

The book sets out the contours of the pathways to net zero with key milestones. It analyses policy choices at critical inflection points of the energy transition. It suggests ways to minimize the cost of the transition and to achieve early success. It makes the case that this investment in moving away from fossil fuels would help India become a developed country with a green competitive economy.

The book comprehensively analyses policy choices across all sectors for India to become net zero. It explains complex issues with clarity in simple language. It is written for the layperson as well as for the experts—a must read for all those concerned about climate change



Source : [Click Here](#)

22. **The Global game of coal : retreat, resurgence and eventual retreat**

Gulshan Dietl | London : **Routledge**, 2025 | 9781032898698

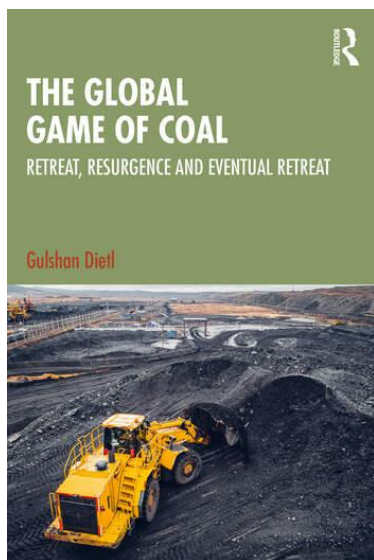
Accession Number: 57270 | Call Number: 338.2728 DIE

Coal occupies a large share in the global energy basket. This book explores the 'coal game' within the context of shifting energy geopolitics, the 'resource war', and the debates over climate change and energy security.

Politics is a prime arena for game playing. Collaboration, competition, confrontation, and their combinations are ingredients in bilateral and multilateral dealings. The book deciphers the interactions within the coal world by resorting to the time-tested term 'global game'. Joe Manchin in the United States, Vladimir Putin in Russia, Scott Morrison in Australia, and Gautam Adani in Australia and India have been accomplished players in the game of coal. The book looks at the coal assets and policies of major coal exporters and importers like the United States, Russia, India, Australia, and China and provides insights into the fierce contestations involved both in local and global politics and commerce over coal, climate, and security. The author discusses the role coal has played in the industrialisation of nations, prescriptions to the problem of coal use, and varied scenarios portraying its future.

The third volume in a trilogy on the use of fossil fuels, this book on coal will be of great interest to students and researchers of energy studies, international relations, environment and climate change, energy and geopolitics, security, and strategic studies. It will also be useful to policymakers, legislators, and environmentalists.

Source : [Click Here](#)



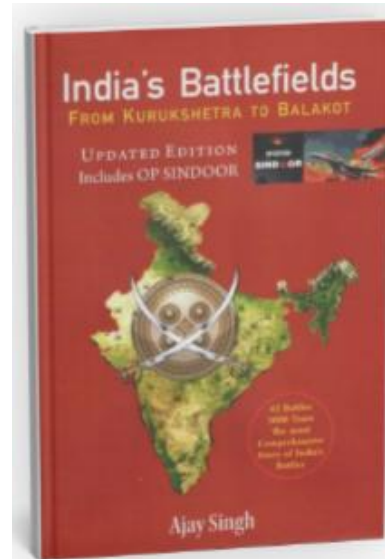
23.

India's battlefields**from Kurukshetra to Balakot : includes Op Sindoor****by Ajay Singh; edited by Monisha Naik-Singh | New Delhi : Pentagon Press, 2025 | 9788198837097****Accession Number: 57106 | Call Number: 355.0954 SIN**

India's Battlefields from Kurukshetra to Balakot is an account of 42 of India's battles, right from the epic battle of Kurukshetra fought over 3000 years ago, down to the present day. Virtually every battle of India's vast history has been depicted in its pages.

Each battle comes alive as an individual story, complete with maps and pictures. The battles have been cross-referenced so as to establish the thread in the canvas of Indian history. Human interest stories and vignettes are sprinkled to provide unknown insights of these battles.

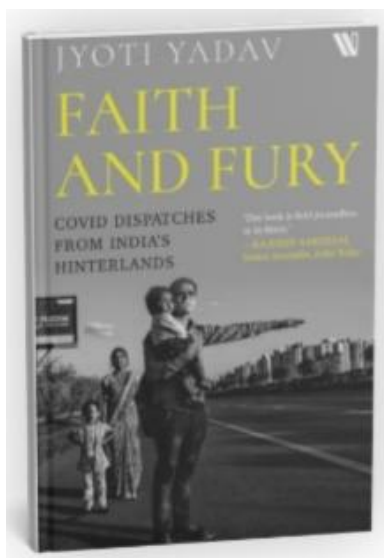
So let us visit these battlefields and discover the stories they tell.



Source : [Click Here](#)

Social Matters

24.

Faith and fury**covid dispatches from India's hinterlands****by Jyoti Yadav | Chennai : Westland, 2026 | 9789371970983****Accession Number: 57195 | Call Number: 362.1962410954 YAD**

On the morning of 7 May 2020, young journalist Jyoti Yadav set out to cover the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and the migrant exodus that began once the country went into lockdown. She travelled on the highway and passing through small towns and villages, she documented the migrant crisis and the breakdown of India's healthcare infrastructure, battling frequent exhaustion, bouts of sickness, troll abuse, searing heat, abysmal sanitation, unreliable statistics and official resistance to truth-telling. Interviewing hundreds of people on the road, in the local administrations, staff in hospitals, crematoria, families of victims, she did numerous stories which later received awards for fearless journalism. She set out again when the far deadlier Second Wave struck, collecting data, which exposed the undercounting of deaths by the state governments.

Source : [Click Here](#)

25.

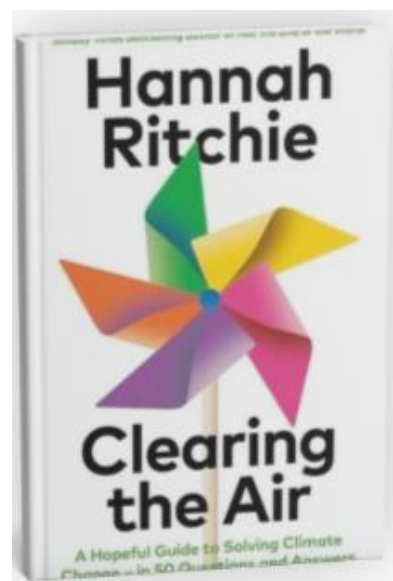
Clearing the air**a hopeful guide to solving climate change-in 50 questions and answers****Hannah Ritchie | London : Chatto and Windus, 2025 | 9781784745745****Accession Number: 57155 | Call Number: 363.73 RIT**

We can't afford to delay climate action, but with all the shouting and disagreement it's hard to know where to turn. In her new book, bestselling environmental star Hannah Ritchie answers 50 key climate questions once and for all, clearing the air so we can get on and fix things.

With so many conflicting headlines out there, it's tough to sort fact from fiction when it comes to climate change and the solutions we need for a cleaner future.

The first piece of good news is that data scientist Hannah Ritchie is here with the answers and the steps we need to take now. Using simple, clear data, she tackles questions such as, 'Is it too late?', 'Won't we run out of minerals?' and 'Are we too polarised?'. The second piece of good news: the truth is way more hopeful than you might think.

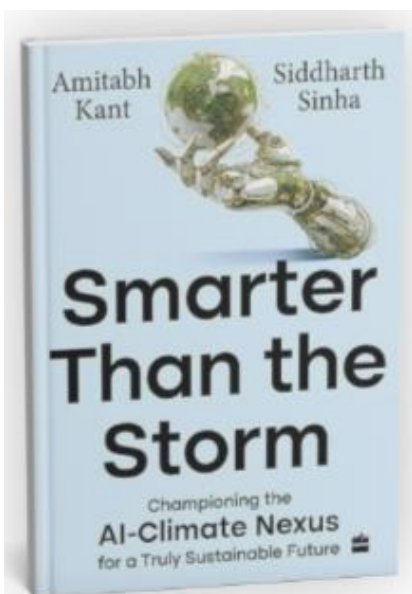
We're at a critical moment for our planet, and getting the facts straight is step one. But even more crucial is feeling hopeful about what we can do next. The third piece of good news? We already have many of the solutions we need to create a more sustainable planet for future generations.

Source : [Click Here](#)

26.

Smarter than the storm**championing the AI- climate nexus for a truly sustainable future****by Amitabh Kant and Siddharth Sinha | Gurugram : HarperCollins Publishers, 2026 | 9789369893515****Accession Number: 57193 | Call Number: 363.73874 KAN**

Our planet stands at a defining juncture. Climate change is no longer a distant threat but a lived reality, multiplying risks across food, water, health, peace, technology and economic stability. At the same time, AI is advancing at unprecedented speed, offering powerful tools to cut through complexity and strengthen resilience.



In Smarter Than the Storm, Amitabh Kant and Siddharth Sinha explore this interplay with compelling clarity. The book deep-dives into AI's promise, but, at the same time, also its dilemma. On the one hand, AI can accelerate climate action by advancing mitigation, adaptation and governance. On the other, it carries a growing environmental footprint. The book expounds how climate risks cascade across sectors, societies and economies, creating vicious cycles, and demonstrates, through global case studies, how AI can be deployed to tackle climate change. With an eye on the future, it also makes the case for climate- and community-positive data centres, open and sovereign AI models that democratize innovation, and digital public infrastructure that expands access to climate data, together forming a road map whose principles apply across sectors, geographies and challenges.

Source : [Click Here](#)

Education

27.

A history of Santiniketan

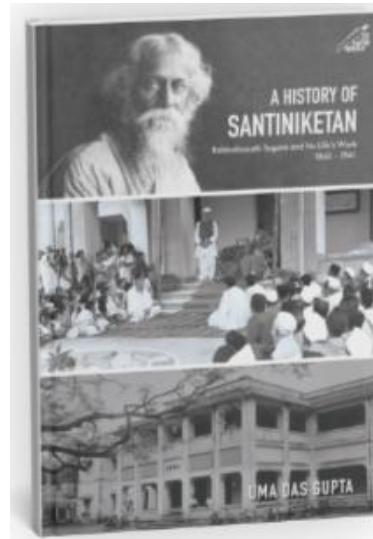
Rabindranath Tagore and his life's work 1861-1941

by Uma Das Gupta | New Delhi : Niyogi Books, 2025 | 9788199024311

Accession Number: 57103 | Call Number: 378.5414 GUP

Rabindranath Tagore saw himself primarily as a poet. Yet, beyond his literary legacy, there was another pursuit that defined his life's purpose—his devotion to education. He regarded his work in this field as his life's mission, culminating in the establishment of Visva- Bharati University. Nestled in the twin campuses of Santiniketan and Sriniketan in rural southern Bengal, about a hundred miles northwest of Calcutta, this institution became the heart of Tagore's existence.

Complementing the author's previous work, A History of Sriniketan: Rabindranath Tagore's Pioneering Work in Rural Reconstruction (2022, Niyogi Books), this volume delves into Tagore's visionary approach to education. His educational model was groundbreaking from launching an experimental school in 1901 to founding an international university and an institute of rural reconstruction in 1921-1922. It was designed to transcend borders, promoting a shared global humanity rather than conforming to the rigid framework of nation-states.



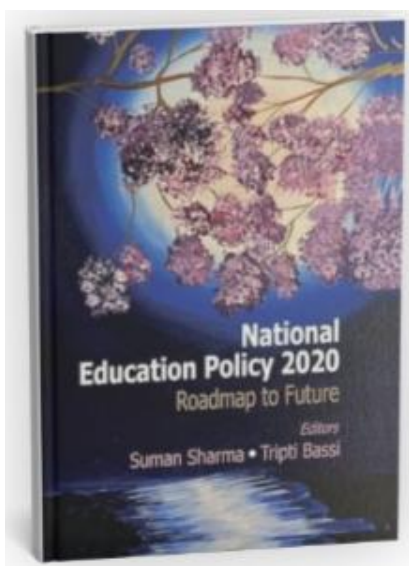
Source : [Click Here](#)

28.

National education policy 2020 : roadmap to future

editors Suman Sharma and Tripti Bassi | New Delhi : Shipra Publications, 2025 | 9789391978617

Accession Number: 57105 | Call Number: 379.54 NAT



Education policy discourse, which is central to research and action in the domain of education, has transformed its landscape in recent years by eliminating differences and by ensuring access and equity to the marginalised sections of the community, society and nation. Coming after a gap of 34 years, the National Education Policy 2020 holds a firm promise to effectively introduce changes in the critical areas of education. This volume with specific sections on early childhood care and education, school education and higher education underlines and discusses the crucial segments that are imperative for bringing in change and also depend on rigorous research. It focuses upon and critically examines the themes that are integral to transforming the present and the future of education system in India. The book may be found useful by all the stakeholders in the subject.

Source : [Click Here](#)

Languages

29.

Q in the garden of grammar

learn grammar through this amazing story!

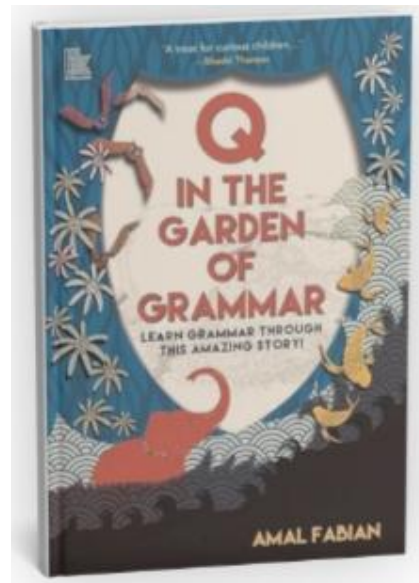
by Amal Fabian | New Delhi : Konark Publishers, 2026 | 9788198740588

Accession Number: 57164 | Call Number: 428 FAB

In this imaginative and spirited tale, grammar sheds its reputation for dullness and emerges as a world of wonder, adventure, and quiet magic. Through Q's unexpected journey across the Grammar Dimension, rules of language transform into living, breathing companions—playful, mischievous, and deeply meaningful. What begins as skepticism unfolds into discovery, as Q learns that grammar is not merely about correctness, but about connection, clarity, and creativity.

Blending fantasy with insight, the book invites readers to experience language as something to be felt and explored rather than memorized. It is a charming reminder that even the smallest comma or the simplest sentence holds the power to shape worlds—and perhaps, to save them.

Dr. Shashi Tharoor has described the book as ‘A treat for curious children and word-loving adults alike, it’s a journey through language that sparkles with imagination, wit and wonder.’



Source : [Click Here](#)

Health

30.

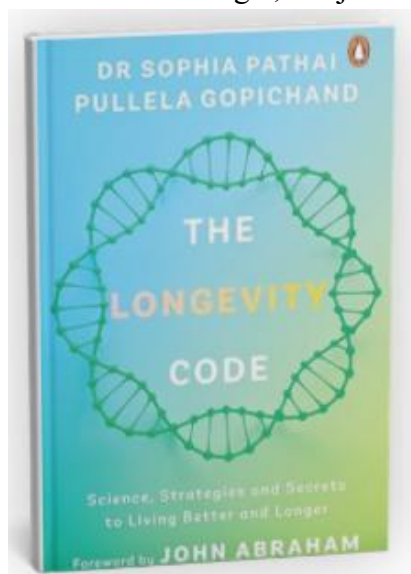
The longevity code

science, strategies and secrets to living better and longer

by Sophia Pathai and Pullela Gopichand | Gurugram : Penguin Random House, 2026 | 9780143478621

Accession Number: 57190 | Call Number: 612.68 PAT

Want to live stronger, not just longer?



The Longevity Code unlocks the science and strategies behind living a longer, more vibrant life—on your terms.

Physician-scientist Dr Sophia Pathai teams up with Olympic coach Pullela Gopichand to explore how resilience, rhythm, and daily habits shape your healthspan—the years you live in good health. Drawing from cutting-edge research and lived experience, this book blends lab-tested insights with life-tested wisdom—rooted in both modern science and Indian traditions.

You'll discover how to decode your biological age, understand the science of aging, and apply breakthroughs in metabolism, movement, and mental well-being. The book offers a clear four-part journey: understanding aging, building strong foundations, evaluating tools and innovations, and finally creating a personalized roadmap for vitality.

With practical chapter recaps, real-life Code Creator stories, and a toolkit to guide your health journey, The Longevity Code helps you build not just a longer life—but a more vital one.

Source: [Click Here](#)

Science

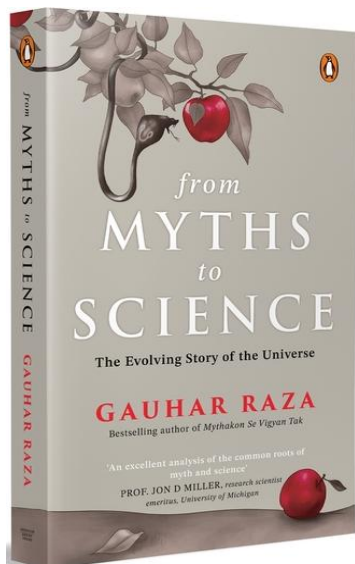
31.

From myth to science the evolving story of the universe

by **Gauhar Raza** | Gurugram : Penguin, 2025 | 9780143476153

Accession Number: 57184 | Call Number: 501 RAZ

From superstition to science—an inspiring call to reclaim reason and the spirit of inquiry.



From Myths to Science by Gauhar Raza is a powerful exploration of humanity's journey from inherited myths to rational thought, from blind faith to scientific inquiry. With clarity and conviction, Raza examines how societies construct myths, how superstition and dogma take root, and why the cultivation of a scientific temper is essential for democracy, social progress, and human dignity.

Drawing on history, philosophy, and contemporary debates, the book dismantles pseudoscience and superstition while celebrating the human spirit of curiosity. Blending his unique voice as a scientist, poet, and activist, Raza offers both analytical depth and lyrical sensitivity, making complex ideas accessible to students, thinkers, and general readers alike.

For anyone interested in the intersection of science, culture, and society, this book provides a timely and inspiring roadmap to reclaiming reason in an age of misinformation.

Source : [Click Here](#)

Literature

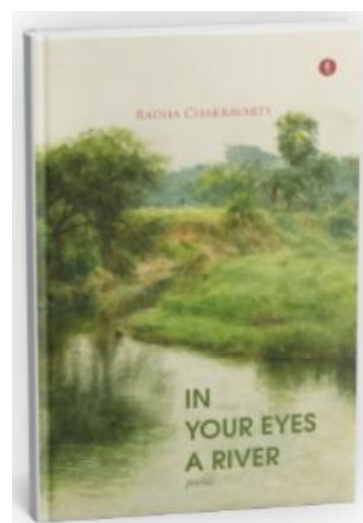
32.

In your eyes a river : poems

Radha Chakravarty | New Delhi: Hawakal, 2025 | 9789349541658

Accession Number: 57177 | Call Number: 821(Ind) CHA

These poems evoke both real and imagined worlds, aiming to uncover traces of the extraordinary within the ordinary aspects of human experience. They demonstrate a keen awareness of the profound realities that exist beneath the minutiae of our daily lives.

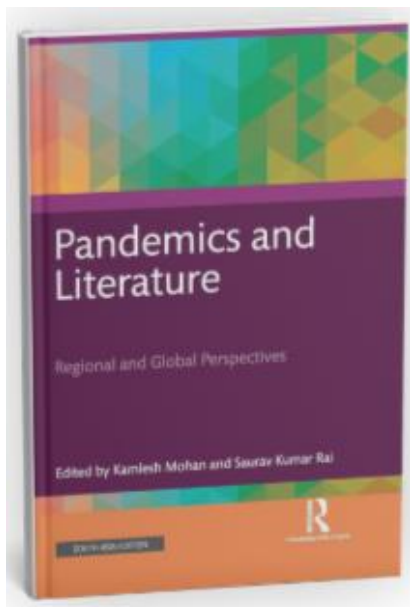


Source : [Click Here](#)

33. Pandemics and literature : regional and global perspectives

edited by Kamlesh Mohan and Saurav Kumar Rai | London : Routledge, 2025 | 9781041028499

Accession Number: 57175 | Call Number: 809.93356 PAN



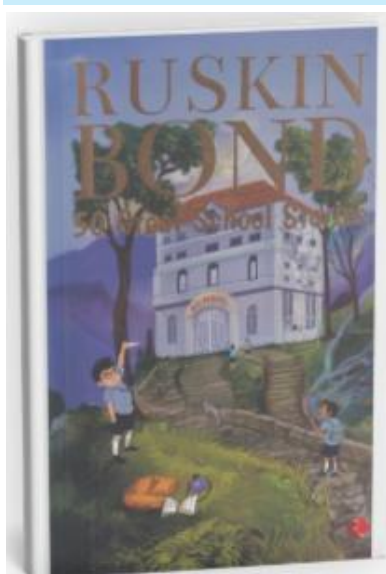
This volume provides a literary-cum-historiographical analysis of epidemics and pandemics. It looks at folklore, tribal folktales, eyewitness accounts, memoirs and missionary writings from India and the west to explore the history of some of the major outbreaks in history. The chapters focus on the impact of outbreaks such as plague, cholera, malaria, tuberculosis and COVID-19, upon the material life of people, their social dislocation and their complex responses to such crises. The book studies the role of pandemics in pushing scientists, social actors and littérateurs to develop new paradigms in knowledge generation, theories of environmental dislocation and the economic slide. It examines themes such as changes in the perception of epidemic diseases across different periods of history, popular responses to state intervention during epidemics, gendering epidemics, as well as the impact of rumours during epidemics.

Source : [Click Here](#)

34. 50 great school stories

Ruskin Bond | New Delhi : Rupa Publication, 2026 | 9789376460533

Accession Number: 57192 | Call Number: 823 (Ind) BON



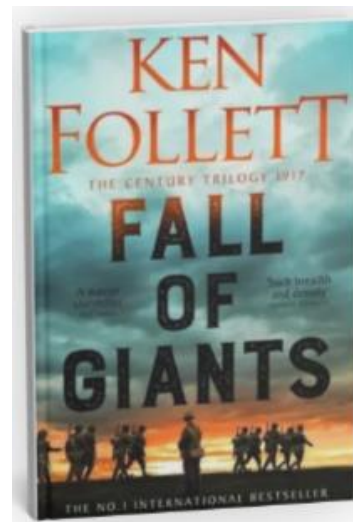
Source: [Click Here](#)

35. Fall of giants

by Ken Follett | London : Pan Macmillan, 2024 | 9781035034246

Accession Number: 57180 | Call Number: 823 FOL

This is an epic of love, hatred, war and revolution. This is a huge novel that follows five families through the world-shaking dramas of the First World War, the Russian Revolution, and the struggle for votes for women. It is 1911. The Coronation Day of King George V. The Williams, a Welsh coal-mining family is linked by romance and enmity to the Fitzherberts, aristocratic coal-mine owners. Lady Maud Fitzherbert falls in love with Walter von Ulrich, a spy at the German Embassy in London. Their destiny is entangled with that of an ambitious young aide to U.S. President Woodrow Wilson and to two orphaned Russian brothers, whose plans to emigrate to America fall foul of war, conscription and revolution. In a plot of unfolding drama and intriguing complexity, "Fall Of Giants" moves seamlessly from Washington to St Petersburg, from the dirt and danger of a coal mine to the glittering chandeliers of a palace, from the corridors of power to the bedrooms of the mighty.

Source: [Click Here](#)**36. Rebel English academy: a novel**

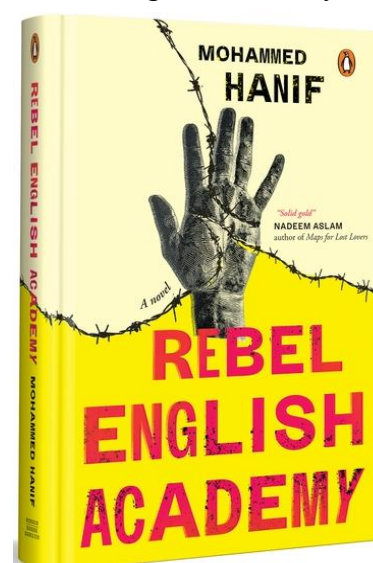
by Mohammed Hanif | Gurugram : Penguin, 2026 | 9780143471981

Accession Number: 57194 | Call Number: 823 HAN

A few miles away, Sir Baghi is surprised by a knock at the door of the Rebel English Academy, his tuition center that offers affordable English lessons. An unexpected visitor, Sabiha, seeks refuge at the Academy – but she has a gun, her parents are political prisoners, her husband has just died in a suspicious fire, and she's clearly hiding something. Baghi encourages Sabiha to write, and throughout the book her life unspools on the page.

Meanwhile Captain Gul, disgraced intelligence officer, has been banished to OK Town, where he aims to silence protesters by any means necessary. But his duties – and romantic desires – begin to overlap, and his already-dubious power is further threatened.

In Rebel English Academy, Pakistan is coming into modernity, struggling under martial law after the execution of its former leader. Mohammed Hanif has constructed a vibrant cast of interconnected characters that face this changing landscape with violence, passion, and the occasional sharp humor. Wry, searing, and deeply relevant, Rebel English Academy is a triumphant new novel about political power, religion, education, sexuality, and dissent.

Source: [Click Here](#)

37.

Satantago/ Laszlo Krasznahorkai

translated from the Hungarian by George Szirtes

by Laszlo Krasznahorkai | London : Tuskar Rock Press, 2020 | 9781788166355

Accession Number: 57183 | Call Number: 823 KRA



In the darkening embers of a Communist utopia, life in a desolate Hungarian town has come to a virtual standstill. Flies buzz, spiders weave, water drips and animals root desultorily in the barnyard of a collective farm.

But when the charismatic Irimias - long-thought dead - returns, the villagers fall under his spell. Irimias sets about swindling the villagers out of a fortune that might allow them to escape the emptiness and futility of their existence. He soon attains a messianic aura as he plays on the fears of the townsfolk and a series of increasingly brutal events unfold.

Source: [Click Here](#)

38.

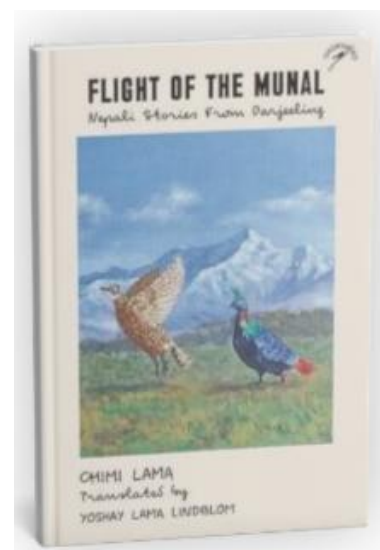
Flight of the munal : Nepali stories from Darjelling

by Chimi Lama; translated by Yoshay Lama Lindblom | New Delhi : Niyogi Books, 2025 | 9788199024397

Accession Number: 57101 | Call Number: 891.495 LAM

In startlingly intimate portraits of women—women under duress, women falling in love, women reminiscing of girlhood, women coming into being against the onerous world intent on holding them down, women just trying to survive one more day—Chimi Lama presents a fierce collection of short stories from the foothills of the Himalayas, before the digital world of internet and mobile phones became a mainstay in life.

From the idiosyncratic charm of Lhamu Aji's escapades to Nirmala's quiet resilience in the world of sex work, from Parvati's fatalistic acclimatization to Maichyang's fortitude battling the elements, this volume explores the unplumbed lives of Indian–Nepalese women navigating the treacherous terrain of domestic violence, racial tensions, cultural erasure—all while carrying the weight of family honour and community expectations on their shoulders. Yoshay Lama Lindblom's dexterous translation animates the authenticity of the Nepali original, as she follows Chimi Lama's luminous voice in close balletic flourishes.

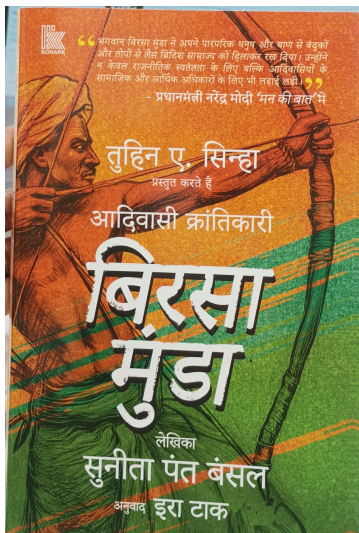
Source: [Click Here](#)

39. **Tuhin-e-Sinha adivasi krantikari Birsa Munda**

by Sunita Pant Bansal; translated by Ira Taak | New Delhi : Konark Publishers, 2025 | 9788198740519

Accession Number: 57165 | Call Number: 923.254 M75 R25

Birsa Munda is among the greatest revolutionaries and icons who dedicated their lives to protecting Bharat Mata from invaders and oppressors. In his short lifespan of just 25 years (1875–1900), Birsa Munda left an indelible mark in two significant ways: first, in 1894–95, when he emerged as a reformer and spiritual guru of tribals, and then, in 1899–1900, when he led an unthinkable revolution that shook the tentacles of the British Empire in the present-day areas of Jharkhand with its sheer might.



Lucidly written by Sunita Pant Bansal, TRIBAL REVOLUTIONARY BIRSA MUNDA is complemented by evocative sketches that illustrate the key moments of his life. Meant for the younger generation, the book aims to encourage them to draw inspiration from some of our real heroes whose stories have long remained untold.

The book is presented by Tuhin A. Sinha, the national spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janata Party, an author, and a staunch supporter of Indian tribal heroes.

Source: [Click Here](#)**Biography**40. **A statesman and a seeker**

the extraordinary life and legacy of Dr. Karan Singh ; An authorized biography by Harbans Singh

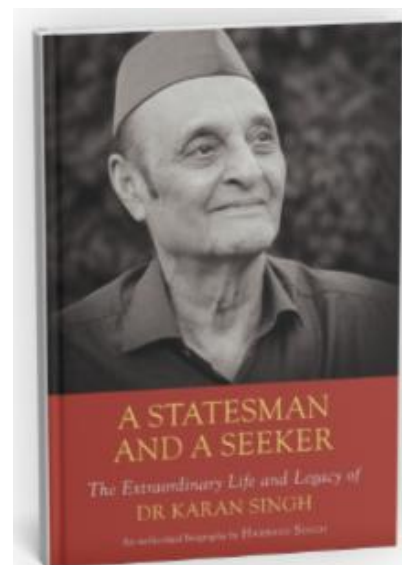
by Karan Singh | New Delhi : Speaking Tiger Books, 2026 | 9789363369689

Accession Number: 57196 | Call Number: 923.254 N31 R26

The authorized biography of one of India's most well-known and admired public figures, whose life journey is inextricably linked to that of Jammu and Kashmir, and of India since Independence.

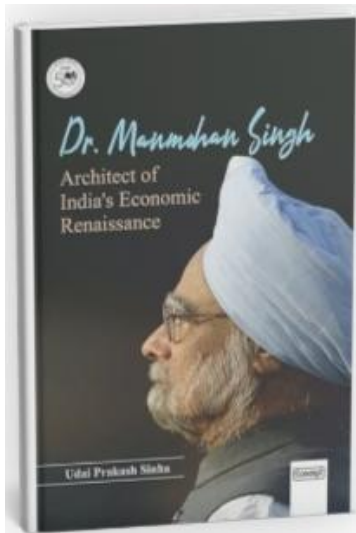
Karan Singh was just 18, and had barely recovered from a mysterious illness that left him bedridden for over a year, when he was catapulted into political life in 1949. His father, the last Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir who had recently signed the Instrument of Accession to India, appointed him Regent and left the State, never to return. Over the next two decades, Karan Singh presided over J&K's difficult transition to a modern but troubled democracy—first as Regent, then as Head of State (Sadr-e-Riyasat) and finally as Governor. In 1967, he joined Indira Gandhi's Congress government at the Centre, becoming India's youngest cabinet minister, and served as Minister of Tourism and Aviation, Health, and Education. He was also India's Ambassador to the USA, head of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Member of the Rajya Sabha, Chairman of the Auroville Foundation and member of the UNESCO Executive Board.

Throughout, he has remained of independent mind and spirit—a gentleman and a consensus-builder in the fractious world of Indian politics, and a celebrated scholar of Hinduism, a philosopher and spiritual seeker who has championed interfaith understanding for over half a century.

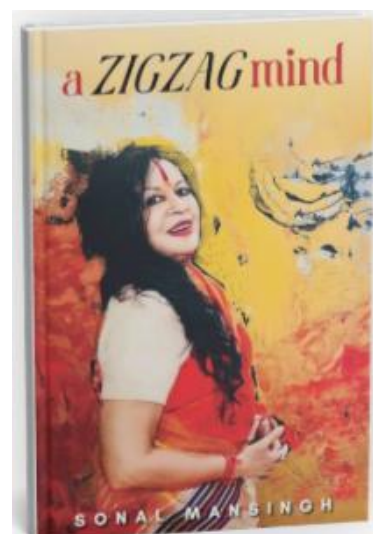


41. Dr. Manmohan Singh : architect of India's economic renaissance**by Udai Prakash Sinha | New Delhi : Concept Publishing, 2025 | 9789363444577****Accession Number: 57102 | Call Number: 923.354 N32 R25**

This insightful book offers a compelling portrait of Dr. Manmohan Singh, one of India's most respected economists and former Prime Minister, highlighting his pivotal role in transforming India's economy. It traces his journey from an academic and economist to a policymaker who ushered in the 1991 economic reforms that liberalized India's closed economy. The book delves into his contributions as Finance Minister, where he dismantled the License Raj, encouraged foreign investment, and laid the foundation for rapid economic growth. It also reflects on his tenure as Prime Minister, focusing on inclusive development, fiscal prudence, and India's emergence as a global economic player. Through detailed analysis and well-documented narratives, the book underscores Dr. Singh's integrity, vision, and quiet yet firm leadership style. It is both a tribute and an analytical account of how his policies reshaped India's economic landscape. Rich with facts and reflections, this book is essential reading for those interested in India's modern economic history, leadership in governance, and the power of reform. It celebrates Dr. Singh not just as a statesman but as the architect of India's economic renaissance, whose legacy continues to influence policymakers and economists alike.

Source: [Click Here](#)**42. A zigzag mind****By Mansingh, Sonal | New Delhi Vitasta Publishing 2025 | 9788198829528****Accession Number: 57170 | Call Number: 927.254 N44 R25**

When destiny attempted to silence her dance, she turned it into a symphony of resilience. Told she would never dance again after a spinal injury in an accident on the German autobahn, Sonal Mansingh defied all odds to emerge as one of the world's greatest Bharatnatyam and Odissi dancer. With her boundless energy and unbreakable spirit, she transformed the dance stage into a canvas for courage, beauty, and social change. Through her unforgettable and captivating dance-dramas rooted in religion and mythology such as Devi Durga, Draupadi, Indradhanush, Mukti, and Manavata, she has redefined Indian classical traditions, weaving art with pressing contemporary concerns. Her art speaks a universal language that transcends boundaries, explained through expressive hand gestures, eye and neck movements in a graceful, flowing dance. A ZigZag Mind captures Sonal Mansingh's thoughts on ecology, sacred Gods, symbols and rivers, and on dance, movement, and expression—the hallmarks of Mansingh's unusual life.

Source: [Click Here](#)

History

43.

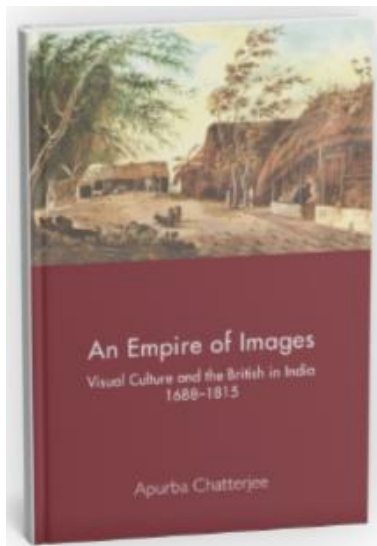
An empire of images

visual culture and the british in India 1688-1815

by Apurba Chatterjee | New York : Cambridge University Press, 2025 | 9781009567213

Accession Number: 57142 | Call Number: 709.5409033 CHA

How did Britons come to see themselves as fit to govern India? An Empire of Images focuses on the visual arts as central to the making of political legitimacy during the long eighteenth century. Through images by both British and Indian artists, this book explores how peoples, landscapes, flora, and fauna in India became part of an imperial self-image. Torn between open triumphalism and anxious contingency, British artists and patrons sought to dissect India's mysteries and justify East India Company rule under the Crown. Meanwhile, Indian artists interpreted the realities of British hegemony in terms of both their native cultural resources and modes introduced by the colonizer. Tracing an emerging imperial ideology on canvas and in prints, as well as the pages of official archives and personal papers, this book offers new insights into reconfigurations of power in a period of European expansion in Asia. As Chatterjee argues, early colonial India became a site for contestation around British visual ascendancy, which must complicate our own understandings of honour, guilt, knowledge, and belonging.



Source : [Click Here](#)

44.

The present colonizes the past: the future forsaken?

by Romila Thapar | New Delhi : Seagull Books, 2026 | 9781803096612

Accession Number: 57140 | Call Number: 954 THA

How does the present reshape what a society chooses to remember as its past? Recent interpretations of India's history have replaced careful inquiry with narratives that mirror contemporary anxieties and ambitions, sidelining the evidence, debate and plurality that once characterized India's long intellectual tradition. At stake is a shift from understanding history as a method to treating it as a tool of identity and authority. In *The Present Colonizes the Past*, Romila Thapar asks: How have cultural and religious identities evolved through interaction rather than isolation? How have dissent and accommodation shaped social change? How have education and public discourse influenced what is accepted as knowledge? And, most urgently, how might weakened institutions and selective pasts redefine our heritage and citizenship?



Source: [Click Here](#)

45.

Mirrors of empire courtiers, diplomats and intellectuals in Mughal India

by Muzaffar Alam and Sanjay Subrahmanyam | Ranikhet : Permanent Black, 2025 | 9788178247045

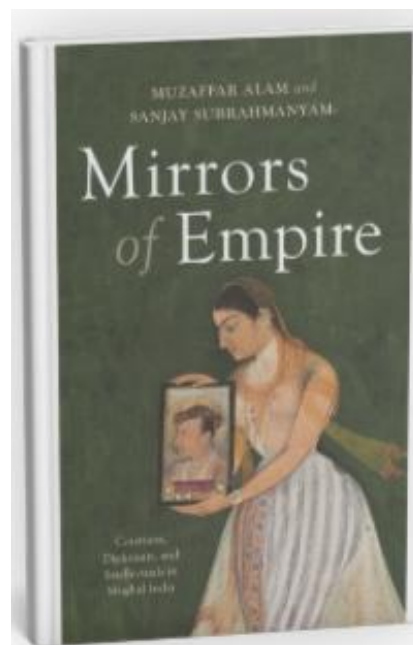
Accession Number: 57188 | Call Number: 954.025 ALA

Starting from 1526, the Mughals ruled over much of India for three centuries. This period saw the production of a fascinating variety of “ego-documents” – texts in which residents of the empire reflected on their own lives, on Islam in a Hindu context, and on the relationship of individual subjects to their new rulers.

Memoirs by the Mughal royalty – specially Babur and Jahangir – are well known. Less known and analysed are the writings of diverse others, from the poet-laureate Faizi to the lowly envoy Asad Beg, to characters like Mirza Nathan and Abdul Latif who lived dangerously on the Bengal frontier.

Equally worthy of consideration are prolific writers among the Hindu subjects of Muslim rulers, such as Bhimsen Saksena, and the witty Anand Ram Mukhlis who lived in Delhi through the turbulent 1730s and 1740s.

The Mughal ethos of Islamic rule is examined from a new angle in this book: the writers and personalities who people it were not part of elite society but a few notches below it. They thus offer an original and differently critical perspective on the empire – its religious, social, and political tensions, and its strategies for overcoming them.



Source: [Click Here](#)

46.

Tale of four Indian cities

Consequences of British empire on native centres of prosperity

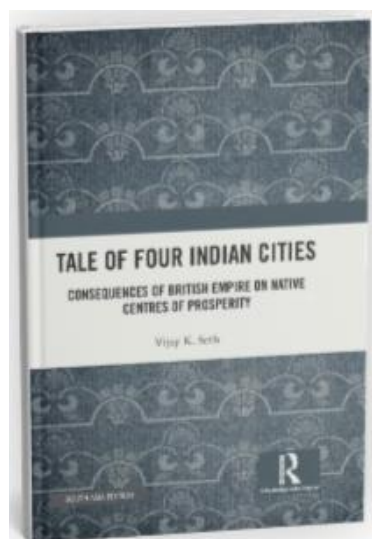
By Seth, Vijay K. | New York Routledge 2025 | 9781041034650

Accession Number: 57197 | Call Number: 954.03 SET

Tale of Four Indian Cities presents a vivid picture of how the British political regime reorganized the structure of the Indian economy to suit its own objectives. While doing so, the regime also affected the geographical distribution of economic activities. This resulted in the decline of native cities and the increased prosperity of colonial cities.

To reveal how British colonial power brought about such changes in the Indian subcontinent, the book narrates the account of two pairs of native and colonial cities – Dacca and Calcutta from the Indian Eastern coast, and Surat and Bombay from the Western coast. These were major centres of manufacturing, shared a common history and experienced the consequences of three different political dispensations – the Mughal Empire, the East India Company and the British Raj.

Accessibly written, the volume will be of great interest to students, scholars and researchers of Indian colonial business and economic history. It will also be of interest to the general reader.



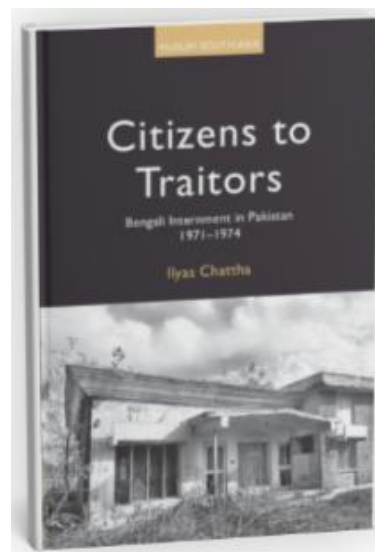
Source: [Click Here](#)

47. Citizens to traitors : bengali internment in Pakistant 1971-1974

by Ilyas Chattha | New York : Cambridge University Press, 2025 | 9781009568241

Accession Number: 57143 | Call Number: 954.552 CHA

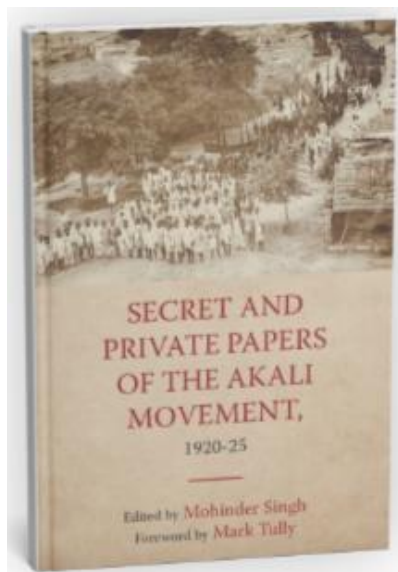
The break-up of Pakistan in 1971 following a bloody civil war and military defeat by India is wrapped in layers of silences, making it difficult to ferret out the truth from the mistruths. The war ended with over 90,000 Pakistani prisoners of war (POWs) captured in East Pakistan—turned-Bangladesh, who were then transferred to Indian custody. Pakistan responded by interning roughly the same number of Bengali co-religionists in West Pakistan as leverage for the return of its captured POWs. Neither group would return home immediately in what arguably became one of the largest cases of mutual mass internment since 1945. Drawing on a wide range of untapped sources, this book traces the trajectory of this crisis of captivity in which the Bengalis found themselves as rightless citizens with 'traitor' and 'enemy' status after the Bangladesh War. Over half a century after the 1971 war, the internment of Bengalis remains a non-event in the most significant political crisis in Pakistan's history. This book explains this silence in the historiography.

Source: [Click Here](#)**48. Secret and private papers of the Akali movement 1920-25**

edited by Mohinder Singh | New Delhi : Speaking Tiger Books, 2025 | 9789363366640

Accession Number: 57189 | Call Number: 954.552 SEC

A collection of rare and revealing archival material on a defining protest movement of modern Punjab that affects Sikh society and politics to this day.



Between 1920 and 1925, tens of thousands of Sikhs across undivided Punjab—among them, religious leaders, farmers and soldiers—came together in an agitation to free Sikh shrines from corrupt and tyrannical mahants—or priests—who managed them. These mahants belonged to sects that traditional Sikhs considered heretical, and were powerful because first the Mughal and then the British administration had supported them. Despite repression, arrests and violence by the British Indian government and the private armies of the mahants, the protest—which came to be known as the Akali Movement, and the Gurudwara Reform Movement—succeeded, and control of the shrines came to representative religious bodies of the Sikhs. This was India's first successful non-violent mass protest, or Satyagraha, and became an inspiration for the freedom movement.

Source: [Click Here](#)

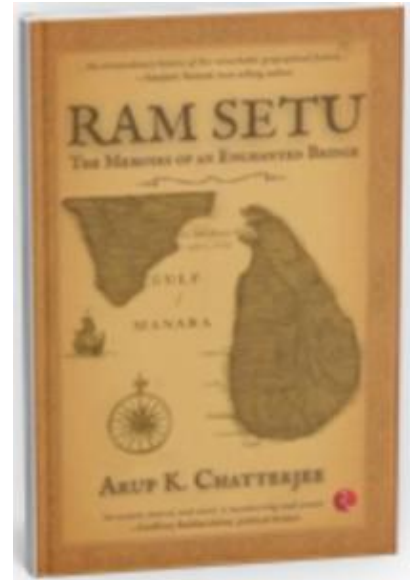
49. Ram Setu : the memoirs of an enchanted bridge

by Arup K Chatterjee | New Delhi : Rupa Publications, 2025 | 9789370031197

Accession Number: 57107 | Call Number: 954.82 CHA

A legendary bridge. A timeless mystery. A journey across myth, science and politics. Stretching like a necklace of sand and coral between India and Sri Lanka, Ram Setu—also called Adams Bridge—has captivated humanity for centuries. Revered in the Ramayan as the bridge built by Lord Rams army, this ancient formation has been measured, mapped and debated by explorers, scientists, environmentalists and politicians alike. In Ram Setu: Memoirs of an Enchanted Bridge, Arup K. Chatterjee brings this fabled structure to life, weaving together sacred lore, colonial history, cutting-edge science and the voices of coastal communities who live in its shadow. From colonial cartographers and modern-day archaeologists to fishermen and climate activists, the book explores how this natural wonder has become a battleground of faith, heritage and geopolitics.

Vivid, deeply researched and beautifully written, this is more than the story of a bridge—it is a meditation on identity, belonging, and the fragile bond between nature and belief. Perfect for readers who love history, mythology and environmental storytelling, Ram Setu takes you on an unforgettable journey across sea, story and time

Source: [Click Here](#)**50. Unmechanical : Ritwik Ghatak in 50 fragments**

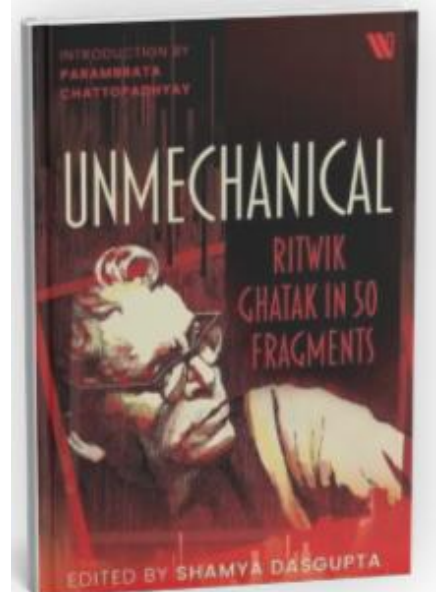
edited by Shamy Dasgupta | Chennai : Westland; Non-fiction, 2025 | 9789371971645

Accession Number: 57186 | Call Number: 791.430233 UNM

Ritwik Ghatak died a broken, ravaged man. Almost every film he made failed at the box office at the time-if they were released at all-and his life and family were in a shambles, his partitioned Bengal was no closer to healing, no rapprochement with the left parties was in sight. But Safdar Hashmi describes the day he died, 6 February 1976, thus: hundreds of people thronged the hospital he lay in, and as the funeral procession began in the afternoon, thousands joined in, singing all the way to the burning ghat.

If he wasnt feted in his time, Ghataks relevance has only grown globally since: the bold innovations of his humanist cinema, the depth of his engagement with the lives of the people and his uncompromising vision for true revolution steeped in the history and culture of the land. And all the while, the mystique that had always surrounded him only swirled more fiercely.

Unflinching and even ruthless, alcoholic and irresponsible, an irrepressible genius, a master of the craft of film-making and a relentless innovator: these fifty essays-by his collaborators and family, academics who study him and writers who admire him-celebrate Ghatak on his centenary through reflections and expressions of love.

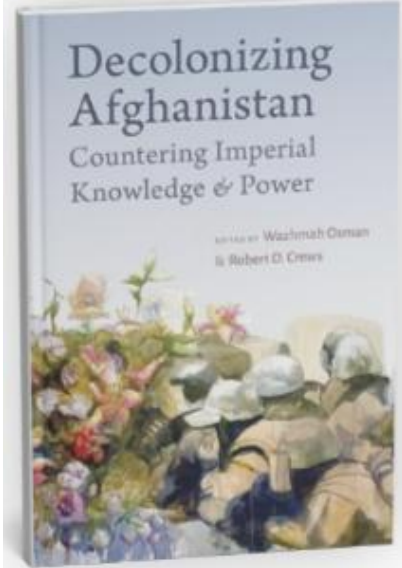
Source : [Click Here](#)

51. Decolonizing Afghanistan: countering imperial knowledge & power

edited by Wazmah Osman and Robert D Crews | Durham : Duke University Press, 2025 | 9781478032601

Accession Number: 57167 | Call Number: 958.104 DEC

As the first comprehensive volume to explore the impact of empire on Afghanistan’s past and present, *Decolonizing Afghanistan* marks a decolonial turn in Afghanistan and American studies. Featuring new and often sidelined ground-up perspectives this collection examines how Afghan communities have subverted, resisted, and participated in colonial projects from the early twentieth century to the present, with a particular focus on the US intervention that began in 2001. Contributors interrogate the relationship between knowledge and power to analyze how narratives about Afghanistan have framed and legitimated imperial governance. Topics span the contradictions and consequences of the US “forever” War, the rise of private security contracting, the deployment of biometric and surveillance technologies, the politics of US and Taliban counter-media operations, the evolution of gender discourses, and the mobilization of Afghan-Americans and “Afghan Culture,” among others. Throughout, contributors draw important connections and insights to ongoing global anticolonial struggles and offer new decolonial futures.



Source: [Click Here](#)