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List of Additions-5

Arts and Architecture

1. Mahalakshmi, R., ed. *Art and history: texts, contexts and visual representations in ancient and early medieval India*. Delhi: Bloomsbury, 2020. (Acc. No. 54605)
700.9540901 ART
Art and History: Texts, Contexts and Visual Representations in Ancient and Early Medieval India seeks to locate the historical contexts of premodern Indian art traditions.
With contributions from historians and art historians seeking to unravel the interface between art and history, the volume dwells on the significance of visual representations in specific regional historical contexts, the range of symbolic signification attached to these and the mythologies and textual prescriptions that contribute to the codification and use of representational forms.
Source: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/art-and-history-9789388414319/>
2. Yadav, Anubha. *Scripting Bollywood: candid conversations with women who write Hindi cinema*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2021. (Acc. No. 54598)

791.430954 YAD

The book is a first-of-its kind volume that focuses on the life-world and writing practices of women screenwriters in Bollywood, an industry that is traditionally dominated by men. through candid, insightful conversations, 14 women, who have penned everything : classic like UmraoJaan, and Rudaali: potboilers like Aina, Dil To Pagal Hai, spy thrillers like Raazi, and spanky comedies like Vicky Donor, give their take on female writers and their relationship with the commercial Bollywood framework, women and the collaborative process of filmmaking, how their own realities give rise to memorable stories, and the liberating experience of writing for digital platforms. Besides sharing their craft, the brilliant storytellers features in this collection let readers into their lives and inspirations- they are personal, powerful, real!

Source:<https://www.ibpbooks.com/scripting-bollywood-candid-conversations-with-women-who-write-hindi-cinema/p/52385>

Biography

3. Sampath, Vikram. Savarkar: a contested legacy 1924-1966. Gurugram: Penguin, 2021. (54616)

923.254 M83 R21

Decades after his death, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar continues to uniquely influence India's political scenario. An optimistic advocate of Hindu-Muslim unity in his treatise on the 1857 War of Independence, what was it that transformed him into a proponent of 'Hindutva'? A former president of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, Savarkar was a severe critic of the Congress's appeasement politics. After Gandhi's murder, Savarkar was charged as a co-conspirator in the assassination. While he was acquitted by the court, Savarkar is still alleged to have played a role in Gandhi's assassination, a topic that is often discussed and debated.

In this concluding volume of the Savarkar series, exploring a vast range of original archival documents from across India and outside it, in English and several Indian languages, historian Vikram Sampath brings to light the life and works of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, one of the most contentious political thinkers and leaders of the twentieth century.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Savarkar-Part-Contested-Legacy-1924-1966-ebook/dp/B097S3PTV5>

4. Vinodh, N.S. A forgotten Ambassador in Cairo: the life and times of Syud Hossain. London: Simon & Schuster, 2021. (Acc. No. 54635)

923.262 M88 R21

A Forgotten Ambassador in Cairo offers an illuminating narrative of Hossain's life interspersed with historical details that landscapes a vivid political picture of that era. Through primary sources that include Hossain's private papers, British Intelligence files,

and contemporary correspondence and newspapers, N.S. Vinodh brilliantly brings to life a man who has been relegated far too long to the shadows of time.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Forgotten-Ambassador-Cairo-Times-Hossain-ebook/dp/B08P267K79>

5. Singh, Mohinder, ed. *Guru Gobind Singh: prophet nonpareil*. New Delhi: Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, 2021. (Acc. No. 54615)
922.94 K66 R21
6. Singh, Bhagat. *Jail diary of Bhagat Singh*. New Delhi: Rupa Publications, 2021. (Acc. No. 54484)
923.654 N07 R21
Great son of India, Shaheed Bhagat Singh was executed by the Britishers on 23rd March, 1931.

He dedicated his life to motherland from the cruel clutches of the British. His jail diary was handed over, along with other belongings to his father, Sardar Kishan Singh after his execution. After Sardar Kishan Singh's death, the notebook, along with other papers of Bhagat Singh, was passed on to his another son, Shri Kulbir Singh. After his death, it has passed to his son, Shri Babar Singh.

It was the dream of Shri Babar Singh that the Indian masses get to know through this historical diary what were the actual thoughts of Shaheed Bhagat Singh. Also General people can also see the writings of Bhagat Singh because he is the hero of every caste, religion, poor, rich, farmers, labourers and everyone who loves Bharat. Bhagat Singh's deep thinking and vision, love for mankind can be seen by his these words, "our political parties consist of men who have but one idea, I.E. To fight against the alien rulers.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Bhagat-Singh-Diary-Yadvinder-Sandhu/dp/9352667425>

7. Karnad, Girish. *This life at play: a memoirs*. New Delhi: Fourth estate, 2021. (Acc. No. 54617)
927.91437 N38 R21
Girish Karnad was one of modern India's greatest cultural figures: an accomplished actor, a path-breaking director, an innovative administrator, a clear-headed and erudite thinker, a public intellectual with an unwavering moral compass, and above all, the most extraordinarily gifted playwright of his times.

This Life at Play, translated from the Kannada in part by Karnad himself and in part by Srinath Perur, covers the first half of his remarkable life - from his childhood in Sirsi and his early engagement with local theatre, his education in Dharwad, Bombay and Oxford, to his career in publishing, his successes and travails in the film industry, and his personal and writerly life.

Moving and humorous, insightful and candid, these memoirs provide an unforgettable glimpse into the life-shaping experiences of a towering genius, and a unique window into the India in which he lived and worked.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/This-Life-At-Play-Memoirs/dp/9390327806>

8. Yamanaka, Shin'ya. *The winding road to discovering iPS cells: The life of Yamanaka Shinya*. Tokyo: Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture, 2021. (Acc. No. 54525)

925.70953 N62 R21

"The revolutionary discovery of induced pluripotent stem cells, or iPS cells, completely changed the world, particularly in the field of medical science. This groundbreaking achievement was made by Dr. Yamanaka Shinya of Kyoto University and won him the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 2012. The road that led him to this accomplishment, however, was not an easy one; during his early days as a training orthopedic surgeon, Yamanaka was not skilled and was called 'a hindrance' by his supervisor. He eventually changed course to become a researcher in the field of medical science and undertook postdoctoral studies in the United States, but he experienced a mild case of depression upon returning to Japan. Even when Yamanaka presented the results of his discovery of iPS cells, he could not immediately bask in the glory of his success, since many of his peers simply could not believe his achievement. In this volume, the Nobel Prize laureate talks openly about his life from his childhood days to his current daily life and discusses his views on the future of regenerative medicine. How were iPS cells developed and what can they do?

Source: <https://vpl.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S38C7792524>

9. Mishra, Yatindra, ed. *Akhtari: the life and music of Begum Akhtar*. Noida: Harper Collins, 2021. (Acc. No. 54590)

927.826 N14 Q21

Akhtaribai Faizabadi, or Begum Akhtar as she was better known, was a legend even during her own lifetime, and one of the last of the great singers from the tawaif community. *Akhtari* documents her eventful life and her music through essays and reminiscences by some of her closest friends and associates, and by people who knew her work deeply -- including the likes of Bismillah Khan, Lata Mangeshkar, Shubha Mudgal, etc. The volume also includes long interviews with Begum Akhtar herself as well as some of her disciples.

A bestseller in the original Hindi -- and now available in English -- this is a volume to treasure for all of Begum Akhtar's fans and lovers of music.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Akhtari-Life-Music-Begum-Akhtar/dp/9354224423>

Economics

10. Sehgal, Sanjay. *Economic and financial integration in South Asia: a contemporary perspective*. London: Routledge, 2021. (Acc. No. 54614)

337.154 SHE

This book analyses the current state and potential of economic and financial integration in South Asia, which has emerged as one of the most dynamic regions of the world. It looks at how regional convergences and cooperation would reinforce ties amongst the diverse economies of South Asia in the changing global economic landscape.

Drawing on empirical research, the book looks at the degree of economic and financial integration in South Asia, which according to the World Bank includes the least integrated regions in the world, and explores the fundamental factors that drive integration amongst these countries. It offers important insights into the financial landscape of the region, as well as the dynamics of the interlinkages in the banking system, the stock markets, and the debt markets. The book examines the role of bilateral trade in augmenting regional economic ties, the opportunities for growth these will foster, and the major challenges and roadblocks for the leaders of the region. It also provides an overview of China's role in South Asia's financial integration and the interdependence of these economies for economic opportunities, macroeconomic and financial stability, jobs, sustainable growth, and inclusive development.

Source: <https://www.routledge.com/Economic-and-Financial-Integration-in-South-Asia-A-Contemporary-Perspective/Sehgal-Ahmad-Pandey-Saini/p/book/9780815380139>

11. Mukhopadhyay, Kanchan, ed. Food & power: expressions of food-politics in South Asia. New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2020. (Acc. No. 54506)
338.19 FOO

Food practices of a people is the product of multiple factors. Endogenous as well as exogenous factors influence people's opinion and preferences about food. In India and its neighbouring countries, food practices are often delimited by economic standing, religion, caste and analogous systems of social ranking of the consumers. State and market forces also influence food behaviour by exercising control over production and trade.

Food and Power: Expressions of Food-Politics in South Asia studies power relations between those who eat and those who decide (or at least try to decide) what people should eat. It raises questions pertaining to the politicization of ethnographic tradition in South Asia in relation to the intersection of religion, economy and food. This book explores how traditional food practices have undergone change owing to the influences of migration globalization and popular media to understand how ethos of the powerful affects the foodways of relatively weaker ethnic, religious, occupational and gender groups.

Source: <https://in.sagepub.com/en-in/sas/food-and-power/book274782>

12. Hiroshi, Yoshikawa. Population and the Japanese economy: longevity, innovation, and economic growth. Tokyo: Japan Publishing Industry Foundation, 2020. (Acc. No. 54543)
330.952 HIR

Japan, a country where population decline is progressing and the number of workers is decreasing. While the fiscal deficit continues to expand, rural regions are in a crisis of disappearance. Isn't the decline of the nation already inevitable? Versus such preconceptions, economics which has struggled with population issues over many years responds "No!" Innovation holds the key to economic growth, and the fact that Japan is one of the world's leading longevity societies poses an opportunity. This book sweeps away the "population decline pessimism" that has spread throughout Japan and approaches the real issues of the Japanese economy.

Source:

<https://japanlibrary.jp/c.or.jp/books/published/873a0db00ee75762290ad04a621da7af38d5f4c7.html>

13. Vijaysaradhi, Nityagopal. Water conflicts in India. New Delhi: Sumit Enterprises, 2020. (Acc. No. 54511)
333.9100954 VIJ

Water conflicts in India have now percolated to every level. They are aggravated by the relative paucity of frameworks, policies and mechanisms to govern the use of water resources. Based on the premise that understanding and documenting different types of water conflict cases in all their complexity would contribute to informed public debate and facilitate their resolution, Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India, a collaborative initiative of the WWF project 'Dialogue on Water, Food and Environment', documented a number of such case studies.

One of its kind in India, this book brings together an impressive sixty-three case studies – summarized status of the conflicts, the issues involved and their current position – and gives us a glimpse into 'the million revolts' that are brewing around water. While recognizing that each conflict is a microcosm of wider conflicts, the editors have classified these cases into eight broad themes that try to capture the dominant aspect of the conflict. These are: contending water uses; dams and displacement; equity-access-allocation; micro-level conflicts; water quality; trans-boundary conflicts; privatization; sand excavation and mining.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Water-Conflicts-India-Million-Revolts/dp/0415424119>

Environment

14. Gates, Bill. How to avoid a climate disaster: the solutions we have and the breakthroughs we need. Gurugram: Penguin, 2021. (Acc. No. 54515)
363.738747 GAT

Bill Gates has spent a decade investigating the causes and effects of climate change. With the help of experts in the fields of physics, chemistry, biology, engineering, political science, and finance, he has focused on what must be done in order to stop the planet's slide to certain environmental disaster. In this book, he not only explains why we need to work toward net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases, but also details what we need to do to achieve this profoundly important goal. He gives us a clear-eyed description of the challenges we face. Drawing on his understanding of innovation and what it takes to get new ideas into the market, he describes the areas in which technology is already helping to reduce emissions, where and how the current technology can be made to function more effectively, where breakthrough technologies are needed, and who is working on these essential innovations. Finally, he lays out a concrete, practical plan for achieving the goal of zero emissions—suggesting not only policies that governments should adopt, but what we as individuals can do to keep our government, our employers, and ourselves accountable in this crucial enterprise.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/How-Avoid-Climate-Disaster-Breakthroughs/dp/059321577X>

15. Biveesh U. C. Environmental justice in India: a study of endosulfan issue in Kerala. New Delhi: Manak Publications, 2020. (Acc. No. 54606)
344.540546 BIV

Environmental Justice in India : A study on Endosulfan Issue in Kerala is an attempt to examine the pathetic plight of the people of Kasargodu district in Kerala in the wake of the endosulfan fiasco. The study assumes critical importance in the sense that a decision was taken at the sense that a decision was taken at the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants to include the pesticide endosulfan in the chemicals scheduled for elimination at the global level.

Source: <https://www.marymartin.com/web/viewbooks?bookId=768109>

History

16. Atwal, Priya. *Royals and rebels: the rise and fall of the Sikh empire*. Noida: Harper Collins, 2021. (Acc. No. 54487)
954.552 ATW

In late-eighteenth-century India, the glory of the Mughal emperors was fading, and ambitious newcomers seized power, changing the political map forever. Enter the legendary Maharajah Ranjit Singh, whose Sikh Empire stretched throughout northwestern India into Afghanistan and Tibet. Priya Atwal shines fresh light on this long-lost kingdom, looking beyond its founding father to restore the queens and princes to the story of this empire's spectacular rise and fall. She brings to life a self-made ruling family, inventively fusing Sikh, Mughal and European ideas of power, but eventually succumbing to gendered family politics, as the Sikh Empire fell to its great rival in the new India: the British. *Royals and Rebels* is a fascinating tale of family, royalty and the fluidity of power, set in a dramatic global era when new stars rose and upstart empires clashed.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Royals-Rebels-Rise-Fall-Empire/dp/1787383083>

17. Vijayan, Suchitra. *Midnight's borders: a people's history of modern India*. Chennai: Westland, 2021. (Acc. No. 54486)
954 VIJ

India is a land of borders, its peripheries nestling against seven countries. Over seven years, across 9,000 miles, Suchitra Vijayan travelled these borderlands. The more she travelled, the clearer it became to her that local history and memory bear no resemblance to the political history of the nation that claims these lands and peoples.

From the densely populated border that India shares with Bangladesh to the highly disputed one with Pakistan, the stories in this book engage with how people live, struggle, fight and survive. A man escapes the floodlights that invade his home by blocking out all light, children use a border pillar as a handy cricket stump, and a family live out their lives beside the men who orchestrated their son's death. These are stories that question our ideas of what freedom means and what it means to be a citizen. At a time when millions in India face loss of citizenship—the largest crisis of manufactured statelessness in human history—Vijayan's clear-eyed, empathetic reportage provides a re-examination of the idea of territorial sovereignty.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Midnights-Borders-Peoples-History-Modern/dp/8194879051>

18. Roushan, Rahul. *Sanghi who never went to a Shakha*. New Delhi: Rupa Publications, 2021. (Acc. No. 54587)

954.053 ROU

The book is the story of this transformation. This is not an autobiography, though it could read like one in parts. It is not even a collection of intellectual essays, though it could read like one in parts. It is the retelling of some historical events and how those events impacted the journey of Rahul Roushan and countless people like him. The book looks at factors like education, media, technology and obviously, electoral politics, which played a key role in this transformation.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/SANGHI-WHO-NEVER-WENT-SHAKHA/dp/9390547660>

19. Sahay, C.D., ed. *Vimarsh: new frontiers in public debate*. New Delhi: Vivekananda International Foundation, 2020 (Acc. No. 54105)

954 VIM

There is always a purpose, an objective and a target audience behind the exercise of writing and publishing any book. Measured against these classical parameters, the book on 'Vimarsh' might appear a bit different from the normal. Yes, it is so in many ways since it is a book that seeks to present before the readers a glimpse of the evolving thinking by experts in different fields on different critical aspects of India's growth story. That story is sought to be conveyed through a carefully compiled narrative emerging out of a series of public lectures delivered by eminent personalities on a variety of issues and subjects over a span of ten years commencing 2010 that marked the founding of Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF). These lectures have been carefully converted into articles with minimal editing, ensuring that the essence of the speakers are retained in the narrative presented before the readers. The journey begins with exploration of India's civilisational past through fascinating discourses on the Saraswati River and the contemporary relevance of Swami Vivekananda.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/VIMARSH-NEW-FRONTIERS-PUBLIC-DEBATE-ebook/dp/B08B5Y8H4R>

20. Macdonald, Myra. *White as the shroud: India, Pakistan and war on the frontiers of Kashmir*. Noida: Harper Collins, 2020. (Acc. No. 54586)

954.6 MAC

Between South and Central Asia, in the high mountains and cold deserts, India, Pakistan and China have fought brutal wars over barren, uninhabited territory in a bid for control over their national peripheries, including Xinjiang and Tibet in China, and Jammu and Kashmir on the Indian subcontinent. *White as the Shroud* explores this broader story through the most surreal of such conflicts: the Siachen war, fought between India and Pakistan for control of the eponymous glacier. The tale of Siachen highlights the absurdity of seeking hard borders in such desolate mountains, as well as the brutality of high-altitude warfare-- more soldiers were killed by the weather and terrain than by the fighting. As one of the few people to have visited both sides of the glacier, Indian and Pakistani, Myra MacDonald provides a first-hand view of the battlefield and a wealth of eyewitness testimony from combatants. She sets this account in the overarching narrative of the Kashmir conflict, India's defeat by China in 1962, and the 1999 India-Pakistan Kargil war. *White as the Shroud* brings a fresh perspective to one of the most volatile corners of the world, raising questions about borders and the wars fought to defend them.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/White-Shroud-Pakistan-Frontiers-Kashmir/dp/1787383989>

21. Hussain, Shahla. Kashmir in the aftermath of partition. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2021. (Acc. No. 54557)

954.604 HUS

Kashmir remains one of the world's most militarized areas of dispute, having been in the grips of an armed insurgency against India since the late 1980s. In existing scholarship, ideas of territoriality, state sovereignty, and national security have dominated the discourses on the Kashmir conflict. This book, in contrast, places Kashmir and Kashmiris at the center of historical debate and investigates a broad range of sources to illuminate a century of political players and social structures on both sides of divided Kashmir and in the wider Kashmiri diaspora. In the process, it broadens the contours of Kashmir's postcolonial and resistance history, complicates the meaning of Kashmiri identity, and reveals Kashmiris' myriad imaginings of freedom. It asserts that 'Kashmir' has emerged as a political imaginary in postcolonial era, a vision that grounds Kashmiris in their negotiations for rights not only in India and Pakistan, but also in global political spaces.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Kashmir-Aftermath-Partition-Shahla-Hussain/dp/1108490468>

22. Kulkarni, Uday S. The Extraordinary epoch of Nanasaheb Peshwa. Pune: Mula Mutha Publishers, 2020. (Acc. No. 54632)

954.5025092 KUL

The mid-eighteenth century began with the Marathas as the paramount power in India, and in the next two decades, they rose in power and prestige. In the Carnatic, Bengal, Rajputana, Malwa, Bundelkhand they were supreme, and in Delhi, the Marathas ruled while the Mughal king reigned. In this period when Nanasaheb Peshwa was at the helm, the Maratha power reached its zenith. But that was not the entire story. The events of the mid-eighteenth century are pivotal, and determined the course of the next five decades. The rise of the Europeans in the south and the east added a new dimension, so that this epoch eventually emerged as the crossroad of Indian history. This book narrates that engrossing story. The book is published in hardcover, with over 40 colour pictures on art plates and 27 maps and illustrations. The 500 page book is copiously annotated with over a thousand references and has a bibliography and a glossary along with an introduction to principal characters and important genealogies.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Extraordinary-Epoch-Nanasaheb-Peshwa/dp/8192108058>

23. Sanghera, Sathnam. Empireland: how imperialism has shaped modern Britain. London: Penguin Books, 2021. (Acc. No. 54502)

941 SAN

In his brilliantly illuminating new book Sathnam Sanghera demonstrates how so much of what we consider to be modern Britain is actually rooted in our imperial past. In prose that is, at once, both clear-eyed and full of acerbic wit, Sanghera shows how our past is everywhere: from how we live to how we think, from the foundation of the NHS to the nature of our racism, from our distrust of intellectuals in public life to the exceptionalism that imbued the campaign for Brexit and the government's early response to the Covid

crisis. And yet empire is a subject, weirdly hidden from view.

The British Empire ran for centuries and covered vast swathes of the world. It is, as Sanghera reveals, fundamental to understanding Britain. However, even among those who celebrate the empire there seems to be a desire not to look at it too closely - not to include the subject in our school history books, not to emphasize it too much in our favourite museums.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Empireland-Imperialism-Shaped-Modern-Britain/dp/0241445299>

Human Rights

24. Agrawal, Nisha, ed. Her right to equality: from promise to power. Gurgaon: Penguin, 2021. (Acc. No. 54594)
323.340954 HER

The sixth volume in the Rethinking India series, in collaboration with the Samruddha Bharat Foundation, looks at the reality of gender equality in the country against the promises of justice and equality made in the Constitution of India. What it finds is that even today, India remains an unequal country and that women control, at best, about 10-15 per cent of economic and political resources. While there has been progress in some areas, in many other areas there has been very little and uneven change. One of the main reasons for this slow progress is that social norms that assign particular roles and identities to men and women are 'sticky' and hard to change. In India, a highly patriarchal society, these norms give very little power to women and, consequently, they have little control or influence over decisions taken within their households, in markets or in political spaces.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Her-Right-Equality-Promise-Power/dp/0670092991>

International Relations

25. Menon, Shivshankar. India and Asian geopolitics: the past, present. Gurgaon: Penguin, 2021. (Acc. No. 54599)
327.54 MEN

One of India's most distinguished foreign policy thinkers addresses the many questions facing India as it seeks to find its way in the increasingly complex world of Asian geopolitics. A former Indian foreign secretary and national security adviser, Shivshankar Menon traces India's approach to the shifting regional landscape since its independence in 1947. From its leading role in the "nonaligned" movement during the cold war to its current status as a perceived counterweight to China, India often has been an after-thought for global leaders—until they realize how much they needed it.

Examining India's own policy choices throughout its history, Menon focuses in particular on India's responses to the rise of China, as well as other regional powers. Menon also looks to the future and analyzes how India's policies are likely to evolve in response to current and new challenges.

As India grows economically and gains new stature across the globe, both its domestic preoccupations and international choices become more significant. India itself will become more affected by what happens in the world around it. Menon makes a powerful geopolitical case for an India increasingly and positively engaged in Asia and the broader world in pursuit of a pluralistic, open, and inclusive world order.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/India-Asian-Geopolitics-Past-Present/dp/0815737238>

26. Bekkevold, Inge, eds. *India's great power politics: managing China's rise*. London: Routledge, 2021. (Acc. No. 54613)

327.54051 IND

The book provides detailed insights into the multifaceted and complex relationship between India and China and will be of great interest to researchers and students of international relations, Asian studies, political science, and economics. It will also be useful for policymakers, journalists, and think tanks interested in the India–China relationship.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Indias-Great-Power-Politics-Managing/dp/0367135086>

27. Longyu, Yu. *China and India: dialogue of civilisations*. New Delhi: Pentagon Press, 2021. (Acc. No. 54494)

327.51054 LON

China and India: Dialogue of Civilizations is a highly original study expounding two millennia of literary dialogue between the two Asian giants right from the beginning of Buddhist sutra translation and its influence on various facets of Chinese literature to the modern and contemporary Indian studies in China and Chinese studies in India. The transmission of Indian fables, myths and theatre into China, dissemination of the Ramayana and Mahabharata, and adaptation of certain contents from these into Chinese and Buddhist literature is very interesting. The volume exhibits the translation and textual research of leading Indologists such as Padma Bhushan Ji Xianlin, Xu Fancheng, Jin Kemu, Huang Baosheng and Liu Anwu as well as contemporary scholars of Indian studies in China. A great Sanskrit scholar, Xu Fancheng, who remained in incognito hitherto, in fact was the first Chinese to translate the Upanishads. Tan Yunshan and P. C Bagchi's contribution towards China studies in India, and Osho fervour in China at one time opens up some new areas of enquiry. The study will certainly enable readers from both the countries and beyond to rediscover the flow of cross-cultural currents between the two civilisations.

Source: <https://ompublications.in/product/books/OM49420>

28. Mulmi, Amish Raj. *All roads lead to North: Nepa's turn to China*. Chennai: Westland Publications, 2021. (Acc. No. 54582)

327.5496051 MUL

In the June 2020 territorial dispute over Kalapani, India was faced with a newly assertive Nepal, and blamed the latter's deepening relations with China for the tension. But beyond the accusations and the grandstanding, there was a new reality to reckon with: the power equations in South Asia had been redrawn to make space for China.

Nepal did not turn northwards overnight, however. For one, Nepal–China ties have deep historical roots built on Buddhism, going as far back as the early first millennium. For

another, while the 2015 unofficial Indian blockade had provided momentum to the rift, the Himalayan nation had long wanted greater ties with its northern neighbour to counteract India's oppressive intimacy. With China's growing ambitions, both globally and in South Asia, Nepal now has a new primary bilateral partner—and Nepalis are forging a path towards modernity with its help, both in the remote Himalayan borderlands and in the cities.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/All-Roads-Lead-North-Nepals-ebook/dp/B08WPLDZQD>

29. Koh, Tommy, eds. *India on our minds*. Singapore: World Scientific, 2021. (Acc. No. 54607)

327.5405957 IND

Singapore and India established diplomatic relations in August 1965. However, their ties date as far back as the 10th century. The last half century has seen a blossoming of their relationship. The two countries' warm and substantive friendship is based upon history, economics, defense cooperation and a high degree of mutual trust. The relationship is quite unique because a significant portion of Singapore's population consists of ethnic Indians and an Indian language, Tamil, is one of Singapore's official languages. The book brings together 52 of Singapore's thought leaders. They come from different sectors of the Singapore's society. Each of them has written an essay on India's past or present or future. Each essay is short, easy to read and full of insight and humour. One of the writers is Singapore's Senior Minister, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, a person who is admired both in Singapore and in India. The book includes essays on Nalanda University, Amaravati, India-Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. On the lighter side, the book contains two charming essays by Ambassador Karen Tan and Eirliani Abdul Rahman on their time in India. The book's foreword is written by Mr Goh Chok Tong, Singapore's second Prime Minister. It was Mr Goh who overcame prejudice and inertia and launched a new beginning in Singapore-India relations. This publication is a candid reflection of India and India-Singapore relations by Singaporeans who carry the hope that India will rise above its challenges to join the ranks of the great nations of the world. It will be of interest to Singaporeans who are interested in India and Indians who are interested in Singapore.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/India-Our-Minds-Shanmugaratnam-Singaporean-ebook/dp/B08Q3H5H6W>

30. Bajpai, Kanti. *India versus China: why they are not friends*. New Delhi: Juggernaut, 2021. (Acc. No. 54600)

327.54051 BAJ

Why have relations between India and China, which comprise nearly forty per cent of the world's population, been troubled for over sixty years? A war in 1962 was followed by decades of uneasy peace, but in recent years A rising number of serious military confrontations has underlined their huge and growing differences. This book examines these differences in four crucial areas: their perceptions and prejudices about each other; their continuing disagreements over the border; their changing partnerships with America and Russia; and the growing power asymmetry between them, which affects all aspects of their relationship. China demands deference as a great power and the dominant country in

Asia, while India wants recognition and respect as an equal. With such a deep divide separating the two neighbours, what does the future hold? In this lucid, informative, and insightful book, a leading expert on the subject decodes the complex history of India–China relations and argues that the path ahead is a difficult one that could see more military confrontations, including violent border clashes. Crucial to the relationship will be India’s ability to reduce the enormous gap with China in economic, military, and even soft power.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/India-Versus-China-they-Friends/dp/9391165087>

31. Basit, Abdul. *Hostility: a diplomat's diary on Pakistan-India relations*. Noida: Harper Collins, 2021. (Acc. No. 54579)

327.5491054 BAS

Hostility is former Pakistan high commissioner to India Abdul Basit's memoir of his tenure in New Delhi, from 2014 to 2017. The book takes us through perhaps the most difficult era in India-Pakistan relations in recent years. While Narendra Modi's first prime-ministership began with a new hope of normalising relations between Pakistan and India, subsequent events unfortunately proved otherwise.

In his account, Abdul Basit takes us through the highs and lows of what is easily among the most difficult diplomatic postings anywhere the world. Written with honesty, lucidity, and filled with explosive nuggets about what goes on behind the scenes between India and Pakistan, *Hostility* provides a rare insight into what is possibly the most damaged bilateral relationship in the world.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Hostility-Diplomats-Diary-Pakistan-India-Relations/dp/9354226450>

32. The Japan-US alliance of hope: Asia-Pacific maritime security. Tokyo: Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture, 2021. (Acc. No. 54530)

327.52073 JAP

The Japan-US alliance has continued to deepen and develop for around sixty years, responding to the security environment of the times. But today, the security order of the Asia-Pacific region is at an important turning point. China’s maritime activities are only intensifying, causing growing instability in the regional maritime security environment. As the existing order of the Asia-Pacific region is now being threatened, the Japan-US alliance is an “alliance of hope” for peace and prosperity.

In this book, the authors analyze the present conditions of the alliance and discuss its future direction from this perspective of maintaining the maritime security order in the Asia-Pacific region. Together with the diplomatic and security policies of Japan and the US, and of China, their research subjects include the policies of India, Australia, South Korea, Russia, and ASEAN, which are the main players in the oceans of the region, and they derive important hints for the future of the Japan-US alliance.

Source: <https://www.amazon.com/Japan-US-Alliance-Hope-Asia-Pacific-Maritime-ebook/dp/B08F28TP7M>

33. Upadhyaya, Sanjay. *Backfire in Nepal: how India lost the plot to China*. New Delhi: Vitasta, 2021. (Acc. No. 54512)
327.5496054 UPA

Backfire in Nepal explores how China has become the ultimate beneficiary of India's democracy-promotion agenda in Nepal. New Delhi had made a bold bet in 2005, but one that contained two mutually fortifying flaws: the abolition of the monarchy and the empowerment of the former Maoist rebels. The world's only Hindu monarch and kingdom were bound to India in a special relationship that neither country needed to define or assert. True, Indians had been put off by successive Nepalese monarchs playing New Delhi off against Beijing. In retrospect, a little more compassion for Nepal's compulsions might have put things into sharper relief. Nepalese Maoists, being communists first, were trained to denounce Indian 'expansionism' before American 'imperialism'. Experience may have impelled the senior leadership to make practical compromises. It was a leap of faith for New Delhi to trust the leadership to rein in their cadres' radicalism. More broadly, since India had also enlisted Western democracies, it needed to address their often-contradictory concerns throughout Nepal's turbulent transition. The Chinese could act purely on their national interests. India continues to misread how Beijing sees Nepal – both in terms of China's visions of the past and the future. This complicates the core trilateral challenge: ensuring that Nepal is not sucked deeper into the Sino-Indian vortex, only to be scorned for aggravating the Asian giants' rivalry.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Backfire-Nepal-India-Lost-China/dp/8194820022>

34. Zeeshan, Mohamed. *Flying blind: India's quest for global leadership*. Gurgaon: Penguin, 2021. (Acc. No. 54481)
327.54 ZEE

In recent years, India has repeatedly expressed its ambitions of becoming a global power - or '*jagat guru*'. Yet, many believe that India's economic troubles at home are far more pressing and that foreign policy aspirations can wait. But is a proactive foreign policy really a 'luxury' for India, to be postponed until the economy develops; or is it, in fact, a prerequisite for economic growth in a globalized world? Why should the average Indian citizen care about foreign policy - and how can a proactive foreign policy help Indians become more prosperous? Scanning our ever-changing world from East to West, and defining India's national interests and needs, Mohamed Zeeshan passionately argues that India needs a more coherent strategy for its relations with the outside world. Through travels and debates across continents, Zeeshan lays out a vision for how India can champion the cause of global good.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Flying-Blind-Indias-Global-Leadership/dp/0670094463>

Law

35. Basu, Shrabani. *The mystery of the Parsee lawyer: Arthur Conan Doyle, George Edalji and the case of the foreigner in the English village*. London: Bloomsbury, 2021. (Acc. No. 54589)
345.4207 BAS

Basu's account of how Arthur Conan Doyle set about trying to get a pardon for Edalji is in itself a fine piece of detective work.' The Times 'Compulsive reading.' A.N. Wilson 'Nails the nastiness of a peculiarly English scandal.' The Spectator 'A potent mix of racial injustice, Sherlockian mystery and Shrabani's signature storytelling.' Lucy Worsley In the village of Great Wyrley near Birmingham, someone is mutilating horses. Someone is also sending threatening letters to the vicarage, where the vicar, Shahpur Edalji, is a Parsi convert to Christianity and the first Indian to have a parish in England. His son George – quiet, socially awkward and the only boy at school with distinctly Indian features – grows up into a successful barrister, till he is improbably linked to and then prosecuted for the above crimes in a case that left many convinced that justice hadn't been served. When he is released early, his conviction still hangs over him. Having lost faith in the police and the legal system, George Edalji turns to the one man he believes can clear his name – the one whose novels he spent his time reading in prison, the creator of the world's greatest detective. When he writes to Arthur Conan Doyle asking him to meet, Conan Doyle agrees. From the author of *Victoria and Abdul* comes an eye-opening look at race and an unexpected friendship in the early days of the twentieth century, and the perils of being foreign in a country built on empire.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Mystery-Parsee-Lawyer-Foreigner-English/dp/1526615282>

Literature

36. Ishiguro, Kazuo. *Klara and the sun*. London: Faber & Faber, 2021. (Acc. No. 54584) 823 (Jap) ISH

From the best-selling author of *Never Let Me Go* and *The Remains of the Day*, a stunning new novel—his first since winning the Nobel Prize in Literature—about the wondrous, mysterious nature of the human heart.

From her place in the store, Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, watches carefully the behavior of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass on the street outside. She remains hopeful that a customer will soon choose her, but when the possibility emerges that her circumstances may change forever, Klara is warned not to invest too much in the promises of humans.

Source: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/54120408-klara-and-the-sun>

37. Joseph, Anjali. *Keeping in touch*. Chennai: Westland Publications, 2021. (Acc. No. 54580)

823 (Ind) JOS

Keteki is charming but allergic to commitment; Ved is smitten but something of a toxic bachelor. As they begin the intricate and transformative dance of a long-distance relationship, they also navigate changes in their lives. Set in Assam and London, *Keeping in Touch* is edgy, funny, and uncompromisingly modern.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Keeping-Touch-Anjali-Joseph/dp/9390679206>

38. Chandran, Mini. *An introduction to Indian aesthetics: history, theory and theoreticians*. New Delhi: Bloomsbury, 2021. (Acc. No. 54476) 808.1 CHA

The thinkers and philosophers of ancient India contemplated intensively and extensively about all aspects related to life, and art was one of the major domains they touched upon. A profound and intense analysis of the art experience in literature naturally led to the evolution of one of the most sophisticated and long-standing poetic systems in the world.

An Introduction to Indian Aesthetics: History, Theory, and Theoreticians offers a comprehensive historical and conceptual overview of all the major schools in Sanskrit poetics—one of the most sophisticated and long-standing traditions of literary criticism in the ancient world. The book, despite its primary focus on the major exponents of each school, also aims to give the reader a good idea as to how these concepts were treated before and after their major practitioners. An important part of Sanskrit poetics that often intimidates a modern reader is its seemingly difficult terminology. This book particularly addresses this issue by using contemporary idioms for readers who have no background of Sanskrit. It also aims to draw points of comparison, wherever relevant, between certain concepts in Sanskrit poetics and their western counterparts.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Introduction-Indian-Aesthetics-History-Theoreticians/dp/9389165121>

39. Lahiri, Jhumpa. *Whereabouts: a novel*. Gurgaon: Penguin Book, 2021. (Acc. No. 54591) 823 (Ind) LAH

Exuberance and dread, attachment and estrangement: in this novel, Jhumpa Lahiri stretches her themes to the limit. In the arc of one year, an unnamed narrator in an unnamed city, in the middle of her life's journey, realizes that she's lost her way. The city she calls home acts as a companion and interlocutor: traversing the streets around her house, and in parks, piazzas, museums, stores, and coffee bars, she feels less alone.

We follow her to the pool she frequents, and to the train station that leads to her mother, who is mired in her own solitude after her husband's untimely death. Among those who appear on this woman's path are colleagues with whom she feels ill at ease, casual acquaintances, and "him," a shadow who both consoles and unsettles her. Until one day at the sea, both overwhelmed and replenished by the sun's vital heat, her perspective will abruptly change.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Whereabouts-Novel-Random-House-Large/dp/0593396626>

40. Champaneri, Priyanka. *The city of good death*. Gurgaon: Penguin, 2021. (Acc. No. 54488) 823 (Ind) CHA

Banaras, Varanasi, Kashi: India's holy city on the banks of the Ganges has many names but holds one ultimate promise for Hindus. It is the place where pilgrims come for a good death, to be released from the cycle of reincarnation by purifying fire. As the dutiful manager of a death hostel in Kashi, Pramesh welcomes the dying and assists families bound for the funeral pyres that burn constantly on the ghats. *The soul is gone, the body is burnt, the time is past*, he tells them. *Detach*.

After ten years in the timeless city, Pramesh can nearly persuade himself that here, there is no past or future. He lives contentedly at the death hostel with his wife, Shobha, their

young daughter, Rani, the hostel priests, his hapless but winning assistant, and the constant flow of families with their dying. But one day the past arrives in the lifeless form of a man pulled from the rivera man with an uncanny resemblance to Pramesh.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/City-Good-Death-Priyanka-Champaneri/dp/1632062526>

41. Bhan, Pankaj, tr. Two plays: a city in sorrow and curse. New Delhi: Authors Press, 2021. (Acc. No. 54633)

822 (Ind) KEM

42. Sibal, Rajni Sekhri. Asariri. New Delhi: Bloomsbury, 2021. (Acc. No. 54634)

821 (Ind) SIB

Nisha is widow with a young child, and when she loses her father, her best friend, within two years, her world is in tatters.

It is at this point that she meets Asariri, a poet, on a hilltop in the Himalayas.

Asariri accompanies Nisha on a year's travel to diverse places, including the valley of gods and a tsunami-ravaged shore, on her quest to understand what needs to be comprehended to live a life full of life- happiness, life choices, dreams and success, balance in life and nature and peace and serenity.

Drawing upon all that is rational and profound, Asariri helps Nisha reconcile with death and understand life with his access to a mystic ancient pool of infinite wisdom.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Asariri-Life-Rajni-Sekhri-Sibal/dp/938944943X>

43. Bansal, Achla. Vanilla ice cream & chocolate sauce: a collection of stories. Gurugram: Spring Books, 2020. (Acc. No. 54609)

823 (Ind) BAN

A stunning collection of 18 contemporary stories, including the award-winning Checkmate by Acha Bansal. Her's is a strong voice that exudes humanity and concern.

'Sensitive portrayal of human follies with witty, intelligent dialogue makes Achla's stories absolutely distinct and different

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Vanilla-Ice-Cream-Chocolate-Sauce-ebook/dp/B08MV1QLBY>

44. Rushdie, Salman. Languages of truth: essays 2003-2020. Gurugram: Penguin, 2021. (Acc. No. 54593)

824.914 RUS

Salman Rushdie is celebrated as a storyteller of the highest order, illuminating truths about our society and culture through his gorgeous, often searing prose. Now, in his latest collection of nonfiction, he brings together insightful and inspiring essays, criticism, and speeches that focus on his relationship with the written word and solidify his place as one of the most original thinkers of our time.

Gathering pieces written between 2003 and 2020, *Languages of Truth* chronicles Rushdie's intellectual engagement with a period of momentous cultural shifts. Immersing

the reader in a wide variety of subjects, he delves into the nature of storytelling as a human need, and what emerges is, in myriad ways, a love letter to literature itself. Rushdie explores what the work of authors from Shakespeare and Cervantes to Samuel Beckett, Eudora Welty, and Toni Morrison mean to him, whether on the page or in person. He delves deep into the nature of “truth,” revels in the vibrant malleability of language and the creative lines that can join art and life, and looks anew at migration, multiculturalism, and censorship.

Enlivened on every page by Rushdie’s signature wit and dazzling voice, *Languages of Truth* offers the author’s most piercingly analytical views yet on the evolution of literature and culture even as he takes us on an exhilarating tour of his own exuberant and fearless imagination.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Languages-Truth-2003-2020-Salman-Rushdie/dp/059313317X>

45. Dalwani, Hira Kartar. *Suffer little children: a play about domestic child labour and 'eternally present' - an anthology of poems*. New Delhi: Authors Press, 2021. (Acc. No. 54610)

821 (Ind) DAL

Hira Kartar Dalwani has taught English Literature and Language at Maitreyi College (Delhi University) for almost four decades. Her special love is Drama and Poetry. She attended playwriting workshops by Mahesh Dattani and Barry John and the Royal School of Drama (London). She has written three plays. ‘Sharper than a serpent’s tooth’ and ‘Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow’ deal with Partition and its aftermath, especially on the Sindhi community. Her play ‘Suffer Little Children’ deals with children in domestic labour. This play was chosen by ‘Cry’ and a production was staged as a street play at Dilli Haat. An avid film buff, Hira has been an official delegate to the International Film Festival for a number of years. She has also been passionate about contributing to Sindhi language and culture as a member of the Sindhi Academy. Hira Kartar Dalwani enters the eighth decade in life, with four grandchildren and an eternally youthful, hoppity-hop beat in her step and song in her heart.

Source:[https://www.amazon.in/-/hi/Hira-Kartar-](https://www.amazon.in/-/hi/Hira-Kartar-Dalwani/dp/B08WQ6F39S/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&qid=1631601428&refinements=p_27%3AHira&s=books&sr=1-4)

[Dalwani/dp/B08WQ6F39S/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&qid=1631601428&refinements=p_27%3AHira&s=books&sr=1-4](https://www.amazon.in/-/hi/Hira-Kartar-Dalwani/dp/B08WQ6F39S/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&qid=1631601428&refinements=p_27%3AHira&s=books&sr=1-4)

46. Narang, Gopi Chand. *The hidden garden: Mir Taqi Mir*. Gurgaon: Penguin, 2021. (Acc. No. 54489)

891.43914 NAR

Mir Taqi Mir (1723-1810), known as the god of Urdu poesy (*Khuda-e Sukhan*), is widely admired for his poetic genius. The most prolific among all Urdu poets, he produced six divans. His deceptively simple poetry had an unusual mellowness and natural flow. Mir was the first poet to demonstrate the hidden beauty and genius of the Urdu language. From the raw Braj of Agra to the sophisticated Persian of Delhi and the mellow Awadhi of Lucknow, he wove them all into his verse. He took the half-baked Rekhta of the mid-eighteenth century to new heights, reaching the pinnacle of literary Urdu's poetic and creative journey. With a substantial selection of Mir's most memorable ghazals, *The*

Hidden Garden introduces readers to the life and poetry of the grossly misunderstood poet. This book is the perfect read for lovers of poetry and Urdu alike.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Believing-Grand-Plan-Penguin-Petit-ebook/dp/B07H5LK94B>

Management

47. Majumdar, Bhaskar. *Everything started as nothing: how to win the start-up battle*. New Delhi: Rupa Publications, 2021. (Acc. No. 54583)

658.11 MAJ

Early stage investor Bhaskar Majumdar reveals why it is critical for entrepreneurs to have an ‘everything started as nothing’ attitude to innovate and create value.

Bhaskar gives a masterclass on how to plan, build, sustain and grow a start-up, and stay miles ahead of competition with the ‘everything started as nothing’ mantra. This book is an account of what works and what does not in the Indian start-up ecosystem from someone who has had a front row seat as the ecosystem emerged to become the third largest in the world.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/EVERYTHING-STARTED-AS-NOTHING-Start-up-ebook/dp/B08WZM69LM>

Philosophy

48. Mehta, Rajvi H. *Imagine if: stories of ordinary people with extraordinary grit*. Chennai: Westland, 2021. (Acc. No. 54596)

181.46 MEH

Guruji B.K.S. Iyengar, credited with spreading the gospel of yoga across the world, began to practise it as a young boy. He was, in those days, constantly unwell, and his brother-in-law thought yoga would help him cope. Over time, learning from his own experiences, Guruji refined and then redefined what he was taught. A disease-free state was no longer his goal; health, he had come to believe, included well-being of the body, mind, emotions, intellect, consciousness, morality, sociality and conscience.

It was ill health that introduced Guruji to yoga, and it was with yoga that he gifted health to millions across the world. In this inspirational book are stories of people with grit and determination, who overcame various challenges—amputated limbs, cancer, emotional trauma—with the aid of Iyengar Yoga. Guruji said, ‘Yoga does not change the way a person sees things; it transforms the person who sees.’ The book is a glimpse into how yoga can transform you if you open yourself to it.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Imagine-If-Stories-Ordinary-Extraordinary/dp/8194879027>

49. Jayakumar, K. Simple life: an inquiry into the joys of simplicity in a complex world. Gurugram: Shubhi Publications, 2021. (Acc. No. 54611)

179.9 JAY

This book is an inquiry into simplicity. However, simplicity has complex connotations. It does not necessarily mean renunciation of all comforts and enjoyment. It is not a life of deprivation or enforced poverty. It is not an ascetic life. Evidently simplicity has complexity as its antonym. This book is based on the premise that modern life is complex and it triggers more attendant complexities. It is an attempt to explore the countervailing conscious strategies to resist the onslaught of complexity. Life in the twenty first century is characterized by external and internal complexity of all kinds; financial, emotional, and behavioural, all of them cumulatively stealing simplicity out of our lives. The deeper tragedy is that the ideological architecture that rules the world today is designed not to make life simpler but to perpetuate complexity. This is accomplished by releasing the powerful forces of extravagant and avoidable consumption. Global capitalism which is the dominant ideology of the day has its intricate network that allures the world to the consumerist paradise. Consumption becomes an addiction, seeking (the elusive) satisfaction and (the unattainable) contentment; It is driven by the inner longing to find meaning for life. Global capitalism has to necessarily resist and discredit simplicity. While being aware of the might of this global economic behemoth, this book tries to pose the question whether an alternative lifestyle is possible.

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[Jayakumar/dp/8182903483/ref=sr_1_7?dchild=1&qid=1631603254&refinements=p_27%3AK.Jayakumar&s=books&sr=1-7](https://www.amazon.in/-/hi/K-Jayakumar/dp/8182903483/ref=sr_1_7?dchild=1&qid=1631603254&refinements=p_27%3AK.Jayakumar&s=books&sr=1-7)

Politics and Public Administration

50. Singh, R.N.P. Politics of opportunism: regional parties, coalitions, centre-state relations in India. New Delhi: Vitasta Publishing, 2019. (Acc. No. 54106)

324.254 SIN

With over 2000 political parties registered with the Election Commission and national parties no longer being able to garner a simple majority, the rules of the game of politics in India are fast changing. There is little doubt that coalition governments are here to stay. But what about ideology and vision, dignity and ethics? Will they find a place in this power-hungry world of political opportunism? Rampant horse trading, brazen poaching of MLAs, defection and an inherent instability define coalition politics today the worst manipulator of the popular mandate. On the eve of the 2019 general elections, the book, Politics of Opportunism: Regional Parties, Coalitions, Centre-State Relations in India, gives you a crisp overview of the past and a critical look at Indias political present, and charts the path of instability that has finally led to a firming up of Indias democratic process.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Politics-Opportunism-Coalitions-Centre-State-Relations/dp/9386473526>

51. Narayan, Badri. Republic of Hindutva: how the Sangh is reshaping Indian democracy. Gurgaon: Penguin, 2021. (Acc. No. 54578)
324.25403 NAR

For many years, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has been working towards social reconstruction in India, which is then used by the Bharatiya Janata Party for political benefit. Contrary to popular understanding, the RSS has transformed to become more technologically savvy and socially inclusive, making the message of Hindu nationalism appealing to a large section of Indians. It has been actively mobilizing Dalits, tribals and other marginalized communities to assimilate them into the Hindutva metanarrative. Instead of wiping out caste from electoral politics, the RSS plays up the identity of disadvantaged groups, which translates into votes for the BJP. Drawing on extensive field research in the heartland of Uttar Pradesh, this pathbreaking book shows how through well-planned strategies of appropriation and social work, Hindutva forces are radically reshaping Indian democracy

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Republic-Hindutva-Reshaping-Indian-Democracy/dp/0670094048>

52. Ghose, Chandrachur. Government doesn't want you to know this. New Delhi: Vitasta Publishing, 2021. (Acc. No. 54629)
320.954 GHO

From fraudulent forensic reports to dodgy Parliament replies, our Government has resorted to an array of dark maneuvers to block the truth about SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE's fate. Now, powered by years of unrelenting research, CHANDRACHUR GHOSE and ANUJ DHAR bring you the cold truth. The man who freed India was alive long after his reported death, a victim of cruel circumstances. Here are the heartbreaking facts Government would not like you to know.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Government-Doesnt-Want-Know-This/dp/8194964059>

53. Goradia, Prafull. Agenda and ideologies: thoughts on congress, communism, fascism and others. New Delhi: Vitasta Publications, 2021. (Acc. No. 54628)
320.954 GOR

Agenda and Ideologies: Thoughts on Congress, Communism, Fascism & Others encapsulates Indian society from the days when even a telephone without a dial was a luxury to the Internet revolution and modern communication. From the 1955 flirtation with socialism that stymied India's economic growth, to its jettisoning in 1991, ushering in liberalism, Prafull Goradia has been a witness to it all. The journey from Nehruvian politics to Modism—the reframing of West Asian relations by rapprochement with UAE and Israel, the Ayodhya saga of Babri Masjid and Ram Mandir, the rise and fall of Marxism and Fascism in the world, a new dawn for women in the armed forces and the deductive logic of Abrahamic faiths versus the inductive logic of Hinduism—Goradia's range of discourse leaves the reader spellbound. The book is a bird's eye view from someone who has grown up in the dawn of Independence and provides incisive insight into the last seven decades of India.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Agenda-Ideologies-Thoughts-Congress-Communism/dp/8194964008>

54. Iyer, Parameswaran. *Method in the madness: insights from my career as an insider-outsider-insider*. Noida: Harper Collins, 2021. (Acc. No. 54508)
352.630954 IYE

Parameswaran Iyer, former Secretary to the Government of India, is best known for leading the implementation of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) - Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship programme, which became the world's largest sanitation revolution.

But Iyer is not your typical bureaucrat. With a far-from-usual career combining two distinguished tenures in the government and an eventful stint outside it, he likes to describe himself as an uncommon 'Insider-Outsider-Insider'.

In *Method in the Madness*, he reflects on the unique path he chose - from cracking the IAS to becoming a globe-trotting World Bank technocrat, to playing the role of a coach to his professional tennis-playing children, to finally returning to India and implementing the SBM.

Written with humour and wisdom, this is an inspiring read full of key management insights, practical career advice, and valuable life lessons that will resonate with readers across age groups and professions.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Method-Madness-Insights-Career-Insider-Outsider-Insider/dp/9390327563>

55. Kumar, Pramod. *The idea of new India: essays in defence of critical thought*. Delhi: Aakar Books, 2021. (Acc. No. 54601)
320.954 KUM

The idea of 'New India' has acquired a new currency. The dominant grammar of politics dilutes the critical impulse and deters the expression of alternate politics. The interpretive possibilities have been replaced by a reactive exchange. Technology is presented as a panacea, rather than just a facilitator. Legitimacy and normative dignity for these ideas is acquired by redefining the role of the institutions and also through constitutional amendments. A major intellectual effort is required to reformulate public policy, governance systems and social relations to balance the opposite claims of market efficiency and economic growth with social equity and justice. Please note: Taylor & Francis does not sell or distribute the Hardback in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Source: <https://www.routledge.com/The-Idea-of-New-India-Essays-in-Defence-of-Critical-Thought/Kumar/p/book/9781032150697>

56. Panda, Bijayant Jay, ed. *India today India tomorrow: where we are headed and how we will get there*. New Delhi: Rupa Publications, 2021. (Acc. No. 54595)
320.954 IND

A must-read for anyone interested in India and its role in the comity of nations. India was marching ahead to become a significant power at the world stage. But then COVID-19 struck, leaving the country—as also the rest of the world—reeling under its catastrophic impact. While it gives the pandemic a good fight, India mustn't lose vision of the future that its leadership had envisaged for it. How indeed does the India of tomorrow

look like? And how do we get there, especially in the aftermath of the pandemic? Edited by Baijayant 'Jay' Panda, this volume offers a navigation plan from India today to India tomorrow in the voices of the very people holding the reins to the future. India has an arduous road ahead of it. What it needs to do is to not lose sight of the goalpost and a strategic approach. This book is that strategic plan.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/INDIA-TODAY-TOMORROW-Where-headed-ebook/dp/B08TWKCNSG>

57. Steytler, Nico, eds. *The value of comparative federalism: the legacy of Ronald L. Watts*. London: Routledge, 2021. (Acc. No. 54560)

321.02 VAL

This book explores new avenues of international research in comparative federal studies. It re-examines the conceptual tools and methodologies for understanding federal systems, and the role of comparative federalism in the dissemination and implementation of federal concepts. It highlights the influence of comparative federalism on constitution-making as well as constitutional reforms.

The volume provides innovative and pragmatic perspectives from both the Global North and the Global South, with case studies drawn from established federations such as India, Canada, Australia, and Austria, and emerging federal systems such as Italy and South Africa. Advocating a combined approach that integrates modern and traditional theoretical routes with practical insights and contemporary analyses, it discusses the issues of multilevel elections and federal governance; coalition governments and multiparty democracy in parliamentary federal systems, such as India; minority empowerment; gender budgeting; self-governance; multinational federalism; unitary states; the nation-state; and degenerating federalism. It also breaks new ground by looking at federalism from a gender perspective and deals with tools for measuring fiscal responsibility, and a social and cultural index.

Source: <https://www.routledge.com/The-Value-of-Comparative-Federalism-The-Legacy-of-Ronald-L-Watts/Steytler-Arora-Saxena/p/book/9781138361485>

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Political Representation in India: Ideas and Contestations, 1908–1952 maps extensive and wide-ranging debates, marked by contestations and strident demands on political representation in colonial India. Further, it explores these themes during the Constitution-framing process. These debates, previously overlooked, are significant for they helped shape the institutional structures of political representation in the form of the electoral system of Indian democracy. It assists in providing an answer to why and how independent India came to adopt its current electoral system characterised by the First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) system. It also analyses how and why the alternatives to FPTP, primarily any form of proportional representation, were rejected.

Moreover, the book simultaneously provides a rich and detailed description of how

communities, and religious, caste and ethnic categories came to be defined as their demands for political representation were conceded. It also briefly deals with the issue of delimitation of constituencies during the colonial and the immediate post-independence period.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Political-Representation-India-Contestations-1908-1951-ebook/dp/B07SSX4TYD>

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India 2021 - A Reference Annual is a comprehensive digest of the countrys progress in different fields. The book deals with all aspectsof development - from rural to urban, industry to infrastructure, science and technology to art and culture, economy, health, defence to education and mass communication. The sections on general knowledge, current affairs, sports and important events, are a must read for comprehensive understanding of these fields.

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Artha-shastra is about generating food, i.e. wealth, by creating goods and services; Kama-shastra is about indulging our hungers with this food. Dharma-shastra insists we consider the hunger of others, while Moksha-shastra is about outgrowing our hungers, in order to be detached and generous. Together, these four Hindu shastras provide a framework within which human action, its purposes and consequences, can be defined; together, they validate human existence and give it meaning.

In *Dharma Artha Kama Moksha*, Devdutt Pattanaik uses his unique understanding of mythology to provide an accessible and lucid guide to the Hindu way of thinking, with short essays that are crisp expositions of important concepts.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Dharma-Artha-Kama-Moksha-Happiness/dp/935422444X>

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Nine years have passed since the ethnic conflict ended in Sri Lanka. The hope that Sri Lankan refugees would return to the island has been belied. This book highlights the dilemma faced by the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees in the context of the twists and turns in Indo-Sri Lanka relations. The global refugee phenomenon and the Indian experience, the movement of Sri Lankan refugees to different parts of the world, the rise and fall of the Tamil tigers and the competitive nature of Sinhala politics which stands in the way of ethnic reconciliation are analysed in detail. The peculiar problems faced by refugees of Indian origin are highlighted. The author makes a plea for the enactment of a national refugee law, which should combine the humanitarian concerns of the refugees and security interests of the Indian state.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Refugee-Dilemma-V-Suryanarayan/dp/9353221455>

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The Population Myth reveals how the right-wing spin to population data has given rise to myths about the 'Muslim rate of growth', often used to stoke majoritarian fears of a demographic skew. The author, S.Y. Quraishi, uses facts to demolish these, and demonstrates how a planned population is in the interest of all communities.

The book delves into the Quran and the Hadith to show how Islam might have been one of the first religions in the world to actually advocate smaller families, which is why several Islamic nations today have population policies in place. This busts the other myth - that Muslims shun family planning on religious grounds.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Population-Myth-Family-Planning-Politics/dp/9390351545>

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India's Power Elite is a study of the nature of power and elitism in postcolonial India. Its point of departure is the political transition under way in twenty-first-century India, with the marginalization of the Congress Party and the staging of a cultural revolution symbolized by the rise of Hindu majoritarianism. Baru deconstructs the morphology of the Indian power elite-comprising remnants of a feudal gentry, kulaks, a metropolitan business class, the civil services and a cultural elite of opinion-makers. He also examines the role of caste, class and culture in the emergence of a 'New India'. Aimed at the socially engaged reader, this book will interest both students as well as those who wield power.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Indias-Power-elite-cultural-revolution/dp/0670092444>

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The Shudras: Vision for a New Path weaves together multiple dimensions of the predicament of India's productive castes-in the spiritual, social, political, economic, philosophical and historical spheres. It reformulates their current position as well as future pathways. It strives to provoke Shudras-including regional political party leaders-all over India to realize their unique historical role in fighting unequal caste structures. And it gives a call to resist Hindutva, in which they have no liberated, equal space with the Dwija castes. At a juncture when the Shudra castes are regionalized and the Dwijas have become 'national', the fifth volume of the Rethinking India series, in collaboration with the Samruddha Bharat Foundation, seeks to bring home the real picture of their marginalized status in all key structures of the nation. It posits that the emancipation and progress of the Shudras are vital to sustain Ambedkar's constitutional democracy and move towards socio-spiritual equality.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Shudras-Vision-New-Path/dp/0670092983>

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Decisive Decade seeks answers through a critical analysis and a projection of nine crucial areas that will shape India 2030. These are: democracy and politics, security, health, education, economy, demography, society, jobs and livelihoods, and technology.

India, the book asserts, is at a crossroads. The 2020s will be the decisive decade determining our long-term future. While alternative scenarios are painted, with the idea of stirring debate and dialogue, the book takes an optimistic view. It aims to create a shared national vision towards which it charts out a road-map.

Using his experience and observations, Kiran Karnik joins the dots and integrates the diverse topics into a holistic view. He takes an objective but hard-hitting view of the country, and suggests that our primary goal must be to create a happy country.

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In February 2019 one of the worst terror attacks on India takes place in Pulwama in Kashmir. Forty Indian soldiers are dead. But when the NIA probes the bombing they hit one dead end after another. Who were the actual masterminds of this audacious strike? It seemed impossible to find out.

In this thrilling and deeply reported book, the award-winning author and journalist Rahul Pandita tells the story of how a team of extraordinary NIA sleuths cracks the case one jigsaw piece at a time. Against all odds, they manage to connect the dots between a seemingly routine troublemaker put in preventive detention at the time of the abrogation of Article 370, a mobile phone full of lustful messages recovered after an encounter that killed a terrorist and the Pulwama attack itself. The sinister roots of the strike, they would discover, are several decades deep and can be traced to one man – Masood Azhar – and the empire of terror he created in Kashmir.

Source:<https://www.amazon.in/Lover-Boy-Bahawalpur-Pulwama-Cracked/dp/9391165109>

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Rajasthan has the world's richest lineage of forts. This book's bracing narrative captures this heritage with ramparts and bastions resonating with the song and verse of Rajasthan across slope and sand, rock and river. The easy-to-read book comes from home-schooling and history trails that took the authors to the forts, enabling a blend of pen and camera for a well-rounded portrayal. The book, second in the series after *The Forts of Bundelkhand*, flags the space for amateur history-enthusiasts to invigorate understanding of how the past influences the present. The charisma of Rajasthan's forts has led to this book. It acknowledges the lofty standing of these history-citadels as a pivotal reference point for promoting heritage protection and awareness of sites that are the building blocks of local, regional and national identity. Research methodology tools help go beyond the 'annals-and-antiquities' approach. *The Forts of Rajasthan* recognizes the scope for refurbishing insights and revisiting assumptions.

Source: <https://www.amazon.in/Forts-Rajasthan-Rita-Sharma/dp/9353338670>

