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Anthropology / Archaeology

Islands against Civilisation: Anthropology, Nationalism, and the Politics of Scheduling, 1918-1950 /
Saagar Tewari
Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025
xvi, 504p.; 22 cm.
Bibliography Includes Index.
9789354426483
700gm.
\$ 36.00 / pb

In British India, 'scheduling' meant the act of placing certain areas under 'special administrative regimes', where the usual laws and regulations did not apply. After independence, similar provisions were included in the Constitution of India, in the form of the Fifth and Sixth Schedules, for predominantly tribal areas. This book provides a history of the late-colonial discussions around the future of tribal communities in South Asia. In this debate were first, the British anthropologists and administrators, who believed that the introduction of modern electoral democracy would harm the tribal people.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906266>

Roles of Demons and Demonology In Hinduism and Beyond / Sushil Kumar Srivastava
Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2025
xvii, 239 p.; 24 cm.
Includes Bibliography.
9788120843974
700gm.
\$ 50.00 / hb

Ever since my book 'Corporate Governance of the Universe' was published in 2019. (in which I had dealt how gods and devas help in governing our universe in a corporate management style), I was feeling sort of guilty consciousness that I have glorified only devas and not done any justice to demons. I have authored this book to justify that demons are also important for our existence. Without demons, all will be somewhat devas and the sanctity of devas will be almost lost and no one may need to do endeavors, which, otherwise, is necessary in the world, with the aim to transform themselves to likes of devas. Again, how could we revere and sing splendors and glories of Lord Rama, Lord Krishna and other gods/devas if there were no Ravana, Kamsa, Hiranyakashipu and likes? Most of the themes for worshipping our Lords and devas are based on victory of 'good' over "bad".

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Development and Integration Nepali Culture in Assam / K.K. Muktan
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xii, 166p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9789363447578
450gm.
\$ 22.50 / hb

The Assimilation of the Gorkhas in the larger Assamese society is as old as nearly two hundred years ago. Common borders, shared history, language and culture among many factors were instrumental in the migration history. The Gorkha recruitment in Indian army from 1815 was another turning point in Assam military history especially during the wake of the Burmese invasion.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907100>

Waiting Town Life in Transit and Mumbai's Other World-Class Histories / Lisa Björkman

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

172 p.;

9789358520194

\$ 40.00 / hb

Drawing on a decade of ethnographic research in the Indian city of Mumbai, Waiting Town is an unconventional little book—experimental in form—about how we come to know the worlds about which we write. The narrative follows the author's fieldnotes diaries as they wend their way through a series of ethnographic puzzles that emerge in the wake of a high-profile mega-infrastructure project that became an internationally celebrated prototype and model. Waiting Town complicates this celebratory narrative by revealing the conflicting temporalities and procedural pretensions of 'world class' developmentalism.

Forests, Foragers, and Empires: Socionatural Histories of Southern India / Kathleen D. Morrison

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

x, 449 p.; 24 cm.

9789358520347

\$ 42.50 / hb

Forests, Foragers, and Empires: Socionatural Histories of Southern India explores the complex histories of south Indian forests and foragers, focusing on historical recognitions and misrecognitions emerging from prior assumptions about human and non-human history, and about presumed fundamental characteristics of 'nature' and 'culture'. Many of these essays focus on the hunting and gathering peoples of southern India, especially as they have articulated with others throughout the Holocene. Other essays consider the larger-scale landscape histories within which these are situated, from the forests themselves to local and long-standing networks of production, trade, and power.

Mumbai Taximen: Autobiographies and Automobilities in India / Tarini Bedi

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

237p.;

9789368837503

\$ 32.50 / hb

In this first book-length study of Mumbai's taxi industry and of the livelihoods that surround it, Tarini Bedi draws from the lives and voices of chillia taxi drivers who have sustained a hereditary trade for more than a century. Bedi considers the Bombay taxi in all its forms: a material object that is driven, an economic and political connection, an expression of kinship, an embodiment of urban time and technology, and more. She illustrates how the accumulation of capital in this masculinized and mobile trade depends on forms of fixed domestic labor and an ethics of care, and how connections among these factors impact the production and reshaping of working-class personhood and laboring subjects. From beginning to end, the world of Mumbai automobility unfolds through depiction of the sensory, embodied, and political domains of taxi drivers' work.

Singing the Goddess into Place: Locality, Myth and Social Change in Chamundi of the Hill, a Kannada

Folk Ballad / Caleb Simmons

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

xviii, 245 p.; 25 cm.

9789358525144

\$ 37.50 / hb

Singing the Goddess into Place demonstrates how folk narratives reflect local context while also actively working to upend social inequities based on caste and ritual/devotional practices. By delving into this world, the book helps us understand how a landscape is transformed through people's relationship with it and how this relationship helps build meaning for the communities that call it home.

Art (Visual)

A Treasury of Life: Indian Company Paintings c.1790-1835 / Giles Tillotson (editor)
New Delhi: Delhi Art Gallery(DAG), 2025
329 p.; ills; 26 cm.
9788198517753
2000gm.
\$ 175.00 / hb

The term Company painting was coined some seventy years ago to describe works made by Indian artists working for European patrons in India typically employees of the various foreign trading companies in the later eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Early enthusiasts of the genre were few: most people thought it was too late or decadent to be considered as good court art, and too early ...

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Deconstructed Realms: India's Tryst with Cubism / Shatadeep Maitra and Diksha Ahire
New Delhi: Delhi Art Gallery(DAG), 2025
192 p.; ills; 26 cm.
9788196383374
1300gm.
\$ 164.00 / hb

Indian art in the twentieth century was shaped by a rich blend of influences--both indigenous and Western--that culminated in a distinctive visual language developed by Indian modernists. In a post-war world, as artists began to engage with art from around the world, a dynamic exchange of ideas, influences, and movements took shape. Among the many currents that permeated the artistic consciousness...

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=905749>

Transcending Boundaries: Premodern Cultural Transactions across Asia: Essays in Honour of Professor Osmund Boppearachchi / Susmita Basu Majumdar
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xlviii, 815 p.; 29 cm.
9789361770593
\$ 162.50 / hb

Transcending Boundaries: Premodern Cultural Transactions across Asia celebrates the scholarship of Osmund Boppearachchi, a pioneering scholar in the fields of art history and numismatics, whose work has impacted numerous other domains of history. Going beyond the traditional approach of cataloguing coins, Professor Boppearachchi has worked to link numismatics with sculptural and pictorial iconography. Across his decades-long career, he has transcended the boundaries of academic disciplines to carry out path-breaking research.

Biography / Memoirs

Lo Bir Sendra: A Hunter in the Burning Forest / Jaipal Singh
New Delhi: Navayana Publishing Pvt. Ltd., 2025
184p.; ills. 23 cm.
9788198067081

300gm.
\$ 10.00 / pb

Jaipal Singh was born in 1903 to a family of priestly Pahans in Jharkhand. He becomes the first Adivasi to study at Oxford University. A sports star, he quits the ICS to captain the Indian hockey team to an Olympic gold in 1928, another first. His globetrotting life brings him a string of cushy jobs. But he is troubled by the condition of the Adivasis. He begins fighting for their rights. He runs newspapers, unions and political parties. To resist the plunder of his homeland, he joins the Adivasi Mahasabha and launches the struggle for Jharkhandi statehood. Jaipal Singh represents Adivasis in the Constituent Assembly, and remains a member of parliament till his death in 1970.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907334>

Burnt: Beyond Return / Basudev Sunani; Raj Kumar
Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xxvi, 261p.; 22 cm.
9789354427626
450gm.
\$ 21.00 / pb

When an upper-caste mob sets fire to a Dalit settlement in Lathore village, Odisha, forty families become homeless overnight—refugees in their own land. Seen through the unflinchingly honest eyes of Makaru, a Dalit migrant settled in Raipur, returning to his ancestral village after years of exile, Burnt is a powerful meditation on memory, trauma and survival. As he journeys by train to the place he had fled as a boy, Makaru also journeys deep into his childhood, tracing the roots of caste violence and resilience that have shaped his community, and confronting memories he wants to forget.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907335>

From Science to Society Journey of an Indian Geologist / Subhayu Chattopadhyay
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
416 p.;
9789355721280
\$ 41.25 / hb

Business / Management

Sustainable Management Practices in Tourism / M.R. Biju, M.R.B. Anantha Padmanabha (Ed)
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xxvi, 213p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9789355946713
550gm.
\$ 23.75 / hb

Tourism in India is a vibrant and diverse industry, showcasing the country's rich cultural heritage, breath taking natural landscapes, and spiritual traditions. It is an integral part of the country's economy and cultural identity. With its vast geographical and cultural diversity, India offers a plethora of attractions, experiences, and opportunities for travellers seeking unique encounters. The COVID-19 pandemic, no doubt, has had a profound impact on the tourism industry in India, as it has globally.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907089>

Plain Speak Management: Insights from Life's Lessons / Ranjan Kumar Mohapatra
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xxvii, 302p.; ill. 23 cm.
9789363445369
650gm.
\$ 37.50 / hb

Can AI lead with empathy or inspire with passion? As the world races ahead, chasing bigger dreams and tighter deadlines, management is no longer just about hitting targets or organizing workflows. It's about mastering the art of balancing humanity's heartbeat with the sharp edge of logic. It's the place where emotion meets strategy, and compassion becomes the driving force behind success. In this philosophy lies the essence or what you may call the mantra of Ranjan Kumar Mohapatra, a thinker and believer who redefines management as the meeting point of human connection and intellectual clarity. His book invites us to lead not with authority, but with authenticity, reminding us that the most effective managers are those who manage people, not just processes.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907106>

Digital India Navigating Sustainable Development Goals / Somnath Chatterjee, Furquan Uddin, Gholam Syedain Khan

Noida, U.P., India: Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 2024

205p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789389934342

450gm.

\$ 17.00 / pb

Digital India: Navigating Sustainable Development Goals is a comprehensive edited volume exploring India's transformative digital journey in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This resource-rich book caters to academics, researchers, policymakers, practitioners, students and global stakeholders. Covering diverse topics such as the impact of COVID-19 on education, Fintech adoption, gender justice, and sustainability challenges, it provides a nuanced understanding of the intersection between technology and sustainable development. The book serves as a valuable resource for gaining insights into the practical implications of Digital India initiatives and their role in achieving SDGs.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907206>

Communication / Journalism

Framing The Media: Government Policies, Law and Freedom of the Press in India / Pamela Philipose

Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025

xii, 165p.; 22 cm.

9789354427893

250gm.

\$ 16.00 / pb

The Orient BlackSwan 'Policy Studies' series is designed to address, investigate and analyse public policy in the field of governance. Considered the 'fourth pillar of democracy', news media is shaped by many stakeholders, including journalists, business owners, the State and, of course, the public. Caught between powerful competing interests, can the media truly function as an independent institution? Taking Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech and expression, as its starting point, Framing the Media assesses the impact of legislation and public policy on press freedom in India.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906262>

Economics / Development Studies

Demystifying the Economics of Technology: Perspectives on Development with Reflections from India /

Amit Shovon Ray

New Delhi: Social Science Press, 2025

xiv, 209p.; 22 cm.

9789383166404

550gm.
\$ 28.75 / hb

Technology Has Long Been Recognized to Be Crucially Important for Economic Growth and Prosperity of Societies. The Role of Technology in Driving the World Economy Has Magnified Manifolds Over the Last Few Decades, With The Emergence of A New Economic, Institutional, And Technological Architecture Steering Us Towards A Truly Knowledge Driven Economy and Society. The Concept of Technology Has Attracted The Scholarly Attention of Economists For Over A Century, Mainly Exploring What Constitutes Technological Change, And Its Consequences For Economic Development.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906228>

Covid-19 Pandemic in India: Impact and Assessment Studies / M.R. Biju, M.R.B. Anantha Padmanabha (Ed)

New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025

xxii, 240p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789355946706

600gm.

\$ 25.00 / hb

This handy volume presents Fourteen chapters on varied aspects and issues connected with the management of COVID-19 pandemic viz; managing COVID-19 in the Islamic Republics of South Asia, its implications on society, polity and economy of India, COVID-19 and its impact on the human rights of vulnerable groups, issues pertaining to food security, Atma Nirbhar Bharat and its accomplishment, CSR practice to tackle COVID pandemic, gender perspective in managing COVID-19, role of women in PRIs and SHGs, COVID management experiments in the state of Kerala etc Through these well researched papers and scholarly articles the concerned tried to explore and examine fundamental issues confronted with the management of COVID-19 during the pandemic days. Through their contributions, the scholars submitted solid and practical suggestions to revitalize the system, which may be useful to the students, researchers, practitioners and policy makers in the field.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907084>

Best Practices in Sustainable Development Goals / Sujit Kumar Paul, K. Gireesan (ed)

New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025

xxxix, 362p.; ill. 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789363449114

750gm.

\$ 38.75 / hb

Best Practices in Sustainable Development Goals is a book that showcases the models, approaches, and experiences from different parts of the world. This edited book captures some of the best practices in SDGs from the global, the regional, the national and the local, with inputs from number of institutions, organizations and individuals who are working with and “working for sustainable development”. It reiterates that the journey towards achieving the SDGs is a collective endeavour that requires adaptability, unwavering commitment and resilience from all the stakeholders.

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Sustainable Development and Digital Transformation / M.R. Biju, M.R.B. Anantha Padmanabha (Ed)

New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025

xxiii, 288p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789355946720

650gm.

\$ 30.00 / hb

The Pursuit of sustainable development has become increasingly intertwined with the rapid advancements in digital technologies, giving rise to the concept of digital transformation. This introductory note delves into the complex interplay between sustainable development and digital transformation, exploring their synergies, challenges, and potential implications.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907090>

Growth of Unplanned Towns and Cities in the North Eastern Region of India: Problems and Alleviation Measures / Phain Singh Nianglang, Siddheswar Sarma
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xxiii, 366p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9789355946225
750gm.
\$ 37.50 / hb

Town planning is the process of managing land resources. It involves the control of existing and new developments, as well as strategy preparation to ensure manage future requirements. It is designing and managing the physical, social, and economic development of cities, towns, and other urban areas. Most of the cities and towns in India, especially in the hills came into being unplanned, thus lack proper civic facilities and amenities. As the title suggests, this book presents the pros and cons of unplanned cities and towns of NER of India. Substantially a collection of articles, contributed by different professionals and experts on the theme, this book is organised in two parts.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907093>

The Evolution of the State Bank of India: The Era from 1981-1996 - Vol.5 / Abhik Ray
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xxv, 1333p.; 23 cm.
Bibliography Includes Index.
9789355946676
1550gm.
\$ 150.00 / hb

State Bank of India (SBI) traces its roots to the Bank of Calcutta (later renamed as Bank of Bengal) which operated from the early 19th century marking the advent of modern banking in the Indian subcontinent. Shortly thereafter two similar banks, Bank of Bombay and Bank of Madras, were also founded. In 1921, the three banks were merged to create an all-India bank, the Imperial Bank of India (IBI), to extend banking facilities and render the money resources of India more accessible to the country's trade and commerce. As the largest commercial bank of India then, IBI was nationalized by the Government of India to create SBI on 1 July 1955 for providing increased banking facilities in the rural areas. Aligning its policy with national objectives, SBI took up development banking activities, viz. branch expansion, financing of SSIs, agriculture and exports on a scale never attempted before.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907096>

Economic Adaptation: Responding to Climate Change Threats / Udai Prakash Sinha, Kavitha S. Sharma
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
viii, 392p.; 23 cm.
Bibliography Includes Index.
9789363444799
750gm.
\$ 38.75 / hb

"Economic Adaptation: Responding to Climate Change Threats" is a critical exploration of how economic policies and strategies can be effectively adapted to combat and mitigate the impacts of climate change. The book underscores the necessity of integrating climate change.

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Dr. Manmohan Singh: Architect of India's Economic Renaissance / Udai Prakash Sinha
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xix, 390p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9789363444577
750gm.
\$ 38.75 / hb

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.

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Roadmap for A Sustainable World / Atul Bora
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xix, 579p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9789355944412
1000gm.
\$ 10.00 / hb

The book attempts to provide a roadmap for transition to a sustainable world from its current unsustainable trajectory. Unlike the 17-SDGs without the priority and interrelationship among the goals or more than 300 definitions of sustainable development; the book envisions a "Sustainable World" which is simultaneously safe, healthy and just. While providing a roadmap, the book discusses how a spiral of crises has emerged at the dawn of twenty-first century, in spite of showcasing miracles of science and technology. A systemic, precaution based and sustainable framework of governance is provided to address the complexity, uncertainty, ambiguity and diversity involved in the process of transition towards a simultaneously safe, healthy and just world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907101>

Polity, Federalism and Gender New Narratives / M.R. Biju, M.R.B. Anantha Padmanabha (Ed)
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xxxv, 431p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9789355947048
850gm.
\$ 43.75 / hb

Indian polity, with its diverse population and complex socio-cultural fabric, has been a subject of numerous narratives concerning its political structure, federalism, and gender dynamics. This volume presents two dozen studies on wide range of issues which are broadly categorized under four parts. The introductory part presents seven chapters focusing on neo-liberal instrumentality, identity politics, subaltern resistance, women's subjectivity, the right to offend, sedition culture and Citizen's Amendment Act. It is followed by Part II, captioned contemporary political discourses includes new narratives on contemporary Indian polity, constitution for the masses, democracy and insurrection and developmental gap and statehood formation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907105>

Navigating The Inflation Surge: Economic Insights and Solutions / Kavitha S. Sharma, Udai Prakash Sinha
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
vi, 466p.; 23 cm.
Bibliography Includes Index.

850gm.
\$ 21.25 / hb

This book is an essential resource that delves into the complexities of rising inflation and its broad implications on the global economy. The book explores the multifaceted causes of inflation, including monetary policies, fiscal stimuli, supply chain disruptions, and shifts in consumer behavior, providing a comprehensive understanding of the phenomenon. The book begins by examining the root causes of the recent surge in inflation. It highlights how an increase in money supply, combined with heightened demand for goods over services post-pandemic, has led to significant price hikes across various sectors.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907108>

Kerala and the Knowledge Economy / K.J. Joseph, P.V. Unnikrishnan
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xv, 192p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9789355947819
600gm.
\$ 27.50 / hb

This book is the culmination of an international consultation organized by the GIFT in collaboration with GLOBELICS following the Kerala Budget 2021-22 that envisioned transforming Kerala into a Knowledge Economy. This book aims to present the outcomes of this consultation, organized into three main parts; contextualizing Kerala's vision of knowledge-based transformation, highlighting the key pillars of the knowledge economy, and actionable steps to realize Kerala's potential.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907111>

Economic Transition in Early Modern India: Production, Subsistence and the Market in Eighteenth-Century Bengal / Rajat Datta
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
308p.;
9789361774027
\$ 26.25 / hb

This book examines how the agrarian society of Bengal was transformed in the decades after the British conquest. While the focus is local, the arguments have a wider resonance. Datta revisits old debates, re-examines established orthodoxies, offers provocative arguments, and persuades us to rethink the history of late Mughal and early modern India. His arguments proceed at two levels. At one, he explores the working of markets: estimating bullion influx, trade fluctuations, price movements, and commodity flows.

A Remembered Village, A Remembered Town: Socio-Economic Changes in Western Tamil Nadu / S. Neelakantan
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xxxv, 222 p.; 22 cm.
9789358521856
\$ 25.00 / pb

Western Tamil Nadu has witnessed tremendous changes in the last many decades, which have underpinned its contemporary economic, social and political importance. However, the region in general has remained largely understudied. A Remembered Village, A Remembered Town gives an impressionistic account of socio-economic changes in a village, Appipalayam, and its nearest town, Karur, in the second half of the twentieth century. As a trained economist, S. Neelakantan brings his scholarship to bear on his lived experience and, whilst exploring labour, landed power, caste, and rural-urban linkages, provides an insightful account of the transformations, growth, and stagnation witnessed in the Kongu region across five decades.

Transformative Change in Society and Administration: A Perspective, Development and Challenges / T. Gopinath, Vivek Trivedi, Rajeev Kumar
Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2025
ix, 230 p.; 24 cm.
9789391978983
650gm.
\$ 40.00 / hb

The book 'Transformative Change in Society and Administration: Perspectives, Development, and Challenges' comprises the different dimensions of society and administrative practices that strive to make social change through its policies and programmes to ensure the transformation and evolve social welfare administration. The book may be found useful by policy makers, students and researchers in public administration, and scholars having interest in the subject.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907354>

Education

India's Education Paradox: National Policies and Regional Insights / Debdas Banerjee
Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2024
xxiv, 301 p.; 22 cm.
Includes Index.
9789354428661
650gm.
\$ 40.25 / hb

Education is championed as a fundamental human right. However, in India, inequality in education contributes the most to the overall inequality index. India's Education Paradox critiques the growing interpersonal and interstate educational inequalities along with the falling standards in education, through previous education policies, and in the way analyses the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Contesting the routine constructs of 'inequality' and 'efficiency' in education with the help of alternative paradigms, the author examines the subject in the context of wide-ranging regional economic disparities, to take us a step closer to understanding why India is at the crossroads between 'expanding up' and 'expanding out'.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906221>

Teacher Education and National Education Policy 2020 - In 2 Vols. (Vol.1: Development and Technology Integration, Vol.2: Research and Quality Assurance) / P.K. Sahoo, B.C. Das (ed)
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xlv, 698p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9789363445871
1400gm.
\$ 75.00 / hb

This multivolume compendium documents development in Teacher Education and the National Education Policy 2020. The compendium brings out the ideas, experiences, and empirical evidence of distinguished educationists, experts, and researchers on the present status and the future scenario of sustaining quality and transformations in teacher education. This compendium will be helpful for students, teacher educators, researchers, curriculum designers, practitioners and policy makers in the field of education and teacher education.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907088>

Peace and Value Education for Viksit Bharat @ 2047 / Lokanath Mishra, Rashmirekha Das, Mikael L. Chuaungo
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xviii, 321p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.
9789363442825
650gm.
\$ 40.00 / hb

Peace and Value Education for Viksit Bharat @ 2047 This book aims to investigate the transformative potential of education in promoting Peace and value, harmony, and global citizenship via the analysis of various pedagogical methods and practical implementations for Vikshit Bharat @2047. As global civilizations are engaged with conflict, violence, and injustice, peace education becomes an essential instrument for fostering a more equitable and harmonious society. This book provides an extensive examination of peace education, incorporating philosophical, sociological, and cultural viewpoints that illustrate the profound consequences of promoting peace via education.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907107>

National Education Policy 2020: Roadmap to Future / Suman Sharma, Tripti Bassi (ed)
Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2025
156 p.; 23 cm.
9789391978617
550gm.
\$ 25.00 / hb

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 marginalized 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.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907351>

School Education in Contemporary India / Dhananjay Joshi, Indrajeet Dutta, Reetu Chandra
Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2025
235p.; 24 cm.
9789349637979
700gm.
\$ 40.00 / hb

School Education in Contemporary India offers a comprehensive exploration of India's evolving school education system in the post-liberalisation era. The book is aligned with the vision of India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Global Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) which call for universal access to quality school education for all children. The volume examines key dimensions such as Early Childhood Care and Education, elementary to secondary education, teacher education, vocationalisation, and inclusive policies for marginalised communities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907352>

Environment / Ecological Studies

Back from the Brink: Rejuvenating India's Lakes, Ponds and Tanks: A Compendium of Success Stories / Sushmita Sengupta
New Delhi, India: Centre for Science and Environment, 2024
118 p., Ills, 28 cm.
9788194663980
450gm.
\$ 13.75 / pb

A Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) team visited over 250 lakes and ponds under 26 schemes in four ecological regions—the Desert, Indo-Gangetic Plains, Deccan Trap and Coastal Plains—across the country to survey impactful programmes and schemes for rejuvenation or restoration of waterbodies.

This compendium analyses success stories that celebrate government programmes, both Central and those specific to states. The programmes helped revive lakes, ponds and/or tanks used by communities within cities or villages as well as brought a rise in water levels in wells and borewells around lakes, increase in land under irrigation and return of flora and fauna. In many cases, fish farming started or resumed post-restoration activities. The work of communities and private players in rejuvenating waterbodies is also highlighted.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=905034>

The Rise of the Neo-Locals: A Generational Reversal of Globalization / Sunita Narain
New Delhi, India: Centre for Science and Environment, 2024

121 p.; 22 cm.

9788194663966

350gm.

\$ 12.25 / hb

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History

Hindi Hindu Histories: Caste, Ayurveda, Travel, and Communism in Early Twentieth Century India / Charu Gupta

Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2024

xxiii, 380p.; ill. 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

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What did everyday Hinduism in India look like a hundred years ago? Was it freer and more diverse than it is today? Were its practices more varied and less politically curtailed than now? Hindi Hindu Histories provides illuminating historical accounts of Hindu life through individual actors, autobiographical narratives, and genres in the Hindi print-public culture of early-twentieth-century North India. It focuses on four fascinating figures - an anticaste crusader who advocated intercaste marriages and wrote on sexological matters; a pioneering woman Ayurvedic practitioner who specialised in female health and household recipes; a maverick travel writer whose work reflects early ideas of the muscular Hindu nation being forged today; and a Left journalist who sought to bridge Hinduism and communism.

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The Indian University: A Critical History / Debaditya Bhattacharya

Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025

ix, 286p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

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Is there such a thing as an 'Indian university'? Is there an 'idea' of an Indian university? Were universities in India living and breathing products of the soil, or were they conceptual imports from a colonial heritage? What is the relationship between universities in India and the 'publics' that have inhabited or are alienated by them? More pointedly, how 'public' is the Indian public university? This volume explores the historical makings of the Indian university as it stands today, by sifting through archives, colonial/postcolonial policies, textual-literary records and political-economic developments.

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Scripting a New Gender Politic: Telugu Women's Journals, 1883-1960 / Shaik Mahaboob Basha; Mrinalini Sinha

Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025

xx, 515p.; ill. 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

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In the nineteenth century, spurred by colonial criticism of Indian social practices, Indian male intellectuals embarked on a project of social reform, at the heart of which was improving the condition of women. Education was central to their efforts, and as print cultures flourished across the subcontinent, the reformers launched Telugu-language journals and magazines that focused exclusively on women readers. From the first journals—Sathihitha Bodhini and Telugu Zenana—to the later Hindu Sunday, Andhra Mahila and others, they became a site for new discourses on the 'woman's question'. A comprehensive history of Telugu women's journals from the late nineteenth to the mid-twentieth century, this book highlights women's own engagement with the social reform movement.

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Uncollected Writings / Sumit Sarkar

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For the past half-century, one of the most influential, respected, and popular scholars of modern Indian history has been Sumit Sarkar. When his first monograph, *The Swadeshi Movement in Bengal 1903–1908* (1973), appeared, it showed something of a paradigm shift within its genre. As one eminent historian put it: "Very few monographs, if any, have ever rivalled the meticulous research and the thick description that characterised this book, or the lucidity of its exposition and the persuasive power of its overall argument." Ten years later Sarkar published *Modern India 1885–1947*, in which the synthesis and critique of everything significant that had been written about the period was hailed as admirably cogent and lucid.

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A Critical History of Women's Health in Modern Sri Lanka / Darshi Thoradeniya

Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2024

xlvi, 232p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

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Sri Lanka became known as an apparent 'success story' in the initial two decades of its independence. Crucial to this image is women's health, given its central importance to the indicators of decreasing population growth rate and decreasing mortality. However, how have individual women's bodies fared within the twentieth-century Sri Lankan stories of development? In *A Critical History of Women's Health in Modern Sri Lanka* Darshi Thoradeniya traces women's health from the initial days of birth control and family planning, to development and population control, to militarisation and financialisation of women's bodies. Questioning this 'success story', she shows how women's bodies were used for the nation-building project of post-independence Sri Lanka.

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Compelled to Collect: Museums and the Race for India's National Past / Mrinalini Venkateswaran

Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2025

xvi, 280p.; ill. 23 cm.
Bibliography Includes Index.
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As a catastrophe that uprooted millions, the partition of India has a compelling hold on South Asia and its historians. More specifically, Punjab has, as the partition's western heartland, shaped modern India's perception of itself in fundamental ways. Focusing on this region, Venkateswaran argues that collecting "tangible history" – relics, documents, and paintings – for museums was a crucible in which citizenship, national identity, and belonging were articulated, forged, contested, and denied in the aftermath of partition. She draws on hitherto unknown or little used archival material and connects disciplines that have seldom been linked: partition studies, South Asian museum historiography, and art history.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906232>

Lineages of Brahman Power: Caste, Family, and the State in Western India 1600-1900 / Rosalind O'Hanlon

Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2025
x, 442p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
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The Marathas of western India came into prominence in the seventeenth century, when Shivaji carved out an independent kingdom. In the eighteenth century the Marathas established an India-wide empire, with their Brahman leaders entrenching religious orthodoxy at the heart of their state. Later, it was from Maharashtra – the "crucible of Indian nationalism" – that India's leading nationalists emerged, as did Babasaheb Ambedkar and V.D. Savarkar.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906233>

In India: from Ceylon to Nepal / Pratapaditya Pal, E.O. Hoppe

New Delhi: Dev Publishers, 2025
304p.; ill. 25 cm.
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\$ 75.00 / hb

Desiree Levi's intelligent and passionate description of her 1921-1922 journeys, *DANS L INDE: DE CEYLAN AU NEPAL*, was first published in Paris a century ago and appears here for the first time in English translation. Madame Levi's honest, unvarnished prose paints a vivid, detailed picture of India's cultural, political, and social life at a crucial moment in the struggle for independence and recognition. She had a front-row seat to Gandhi's anti-colonial efforts, visited Hindus, Jains, Parsees and Sikhs in their homes and temples, and socialized with the common men and women too often ignored by Europeans of the period. Thanks to her husband, Sylvain Levi, a renowned Sanskrit scholar and author of a monumental history of Nepal, she gains access to aspects of life in India and Nepal that otherwise would have eluded her.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906258>

Debating Swaraj / Dhananjay Rai (ed)

Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025
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<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906259>

Work, Wisdom, Legacy: 31 Essays from India / Y.V. Reddy, Ravi Menon, Shaji Vikraman, Kavi Yaga
Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025

xviii, 316p.; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

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A simple question led to this collection of essays: How could those who began their working lives soon after independence share their thoughts on work with their grandchildren in the twenty-first century, in a way that would interest them? To answer this question, Y.V. Reddy brings together eminent and successful individuals who also explore why we work; how we define success and failure; the values we bring to work, and the values we imbibe from workplaces.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906263>

Rajwati and Her Times / Madhu Bhaduri

Calcutta, India: Stree, 2025

xvi, 105p.; ills. 23 cm.

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\$ 12.50 / pb

Rajwati started life in 1896 in Lucknow, the crown of Awadh. Circumstances led her privileged father to turn into a nonconformist. She lived through the burbonic plague and saw nationalist and revolutionary winds turn into storms. The partition of India threw her and her family into the category of unwanted refugees. How did she survive these upheavals, what did they turn her into?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906265>

Epidemic Narratives: The Cultural Construction of Infectious Disease Outbreaks in India / Dilip K. Das
Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025

xviii, 380p.; 22 cm.

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550gm.

\$ 33.00 / pb

Epidemic Narratives contends with a reality that is now increasingly becoming our way of life as new infectious diseases break out and older ones resurface almost every year. Using the approach of interdisciplinary studies, the book examines stories of outbreaks in India, from the late-nineteenth century to the present, in the form of fiction, film, memoir, blogs, media reports and epidemiological accounts, to show how epidemics have been represented in social understanding. These stories bear relevance to our experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic, and will continue to do so for similar outbreaks yet to come.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906267>

For Home, Family, and Nation: Women and the Politics of Gender in Bengal, 1870-1947 / Aparajita Dasgupta Sengupta

Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025

xxi, 445p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

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\$ 33.50 / pb

The lives of the bhadramahila (generally, upper-caste educated women) and the rise of the 'New Woman' in late-colonial Bengal has attracted significant critical interest. However, For Home, Family, and Nation, is the first full-length study to focus on the evolution of gender issues in nationalist politics in Bengal and

study the complex relationship between feminism, nationalism, and communalism, over a period of eight decades, from the 1870s onwards. This book examines the flexibility of this strand of nationalist thought, which constantly adjusted to new methods of selection and appropriation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906278>

History of Haryana: Ancient, Medieval and Modern Period / Aijaz Ahmad

New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025

xiv, 265p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

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This text book "History of Haryana: Ancient, Medieval and Modern Period" is a narrative of resilience, cultural amalgamation, and socio-political transformation that have shaped its identity over the ages. Haryana is a home to several sites from the Indus Valley Civilization, indicating its significance as a cradle of early civilization.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907092>

The Legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: Women Empowerment and Gender Equality / Nupur Tiwary (ed)

New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025

xxiv, 216p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

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Dr. Ambedkar left behind a legacy that still breathes life into the struggle for equality. His work for Dalit women was a symphony of hope and transformation, an ode to their potential and commitment to their emancipation. Today, as we stand on the shoulders of his ideals, let us remember his efforts not as mere historical anecdotes, but as a torch that guides us in the unending journey towards a just and inclusive world. The Book tries to radicalize feminism by placing the Dalit category into the heart of feminist thinking. It also re-examines and rethinks Indian feminism by replacing it with a new paradigm, namely that caste-based feminist inquiry offers the only theoretical vantage point for holistically resolving gender-based inequalities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907110>

Ina and Manipur: An Unforgettable Battle for India's Independence in the Indo-Myanmar Region / Shukhdeba Sharma Hanjabam, Aheibam Koireng Singh, Kakchingtabam Ruhinikumar Sharma (ed)

New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025

xxvii, 424p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

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When the sounds of air raids and bombing by Japanese airplanes were heard for the first time at Imphal on 10th May, 1942, it was alarmingly clear that Manipur was going to be one of the important theatre of World War II as Imphal holds key to both the opposing fronts in their future scheme. Manipur's strategic importance and the necessity to control or defend it were, in fact, going to determine the course of the War.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907113>

Attentive Minds: A History of the Indian Performative Art of Avadhana / Hermina Cielas

New Delhi: Manohar Publishers and Distributors, 2025

xv, 381 p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

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From tenth-century South India to twenty-first-century cultural events, from the court assemblies to the public space: *Attentive Minds* takes you on a journey through the fascinating world of avadhāna, a complex and long-living performative art of India whose practitioners showcase highly developed cognitive skills (like attention, ability to multitask, memory) and specialized knowledge. With the help of epigraphic and literary sources and field research, Hermina Cielas reconstructs avadhāna's history in its socio-cultural context and provides a detailed systematization of the art. Her multifaceted study investigates the cultural phenomenon scarcely known outside of India.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906500>

Apostolate of St. Thomas in India / Pius Malekandathil
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
542p.;
9789361777370
\$ 42.50 / hb

Apostolate of St. Thomas in India traces the history of the missionary works of St. Thomas and the origins of Christianity in the subcontinent. It delves into the genesis of the St. Thomas Christians, a community whose various works including their historical documents in Syriac and Malayalam were destroyed by the Portuguese colonizers at the Synod of Diamper (1599) fearing their heretical contents. The chapters here revisit these themes from different perspectives, examining a variety of archaeological and literary sources and using tools of historical research and a multi-disciplinary methodology to question the existing overarching historical narratives about the St. Thomas Christians.

Police Power and Colonial Rule, Madras, 1859-1947 / David Arnold
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xiv, 391 p.; 1 map; 24 cm.
9789361776670
\$ 28.75 / hb

Dilemmas of a Trishanku: Memory, Self, and Society in Contemporary India / Deepak Kumar
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xi, 278 p.; 22 cm.
9789361771613
\$ 17.50 / pb

Dilemmas of a Trishanku presents a thought-provoking account of a society and a nation marked by its contradictions and seamlessly combines everyday social and political experiences with academic insights. The Pauranic story of a pious king called Trishanku, who probably still hangs between the heaven and earth, is used as a metaphor to capture the different nuances of dilemmas which we all face in life as individuals and as citizens. Based on both historical data and what sociologists call 'participant observation', this account dwells on the predicaments and struggles of post-independence India.

Inclusive Pedagogies: Teaching & Learning Practices in Higher Education in India / Kanika Singh
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
199 p.; 25 cm.
9789361771248
\$ 30.00 / hb

Inclusive Pedagogies: Teaching and Learning Practices in Higher Education in India, emerges from the work of the Centre for Writing and Communication at Ashoka University, Sonapat. It addresses some of the most fundamental issues facing higher education in India, namely, of pedagogy and inclusion. The essays in this volume offer a range of perspectives ranging from an ideological vision for inclusive pedagogy, critically analysing policy and disciplinary discourses, to individual experiments in syllabi-

making and classroom interaction. The contributors to this book are scholars trained in a variety of disciplines, sharing their experiences of engaging with the idea of 'inclusion' as teachers, scholars and administrators in young and emerging universities.

One Planet, Many Worlds: The Climate Parallax / Dipesh Chakrabarty

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

144 p.;

9789358527643

\$ 16.25 / hb

"For Chakrabarty, 'global' does not refer to the entirety of the world, but rather to a particular mode of thought. In critiquing the global, Chakrabarty offers another mode of thinking that can perhaps provide the philosophical grounding for a truly ecological approach. ... The human becomes only one node within a much more complex and multivalent system of actors, both human and non-human.' — Green European Journal 'This book provides a thought-provoking, complex discussion of how climate change challenges the humanities, history, and the human sense of time but presupposes a command of intellectual history... Overall, Chakrabarty outlines the overlapping of different histories once thought to be distinct.

Sikander Hyat-Khan: Collected Papers of the Premier of United Punjab, 1928–1942 / Jeanne Sheehan

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

xlii, 769 p.; 24 cm.

9789361775307

\$ 62.50 / hb

Sikander Hyat-Khan: Collected Papers of the Premier of United Punjab, 1928–1942 presents a comprehensive examination of a pivotal figure in the history of unified Punjab. Hyat-Khan, whose tenure was cut short by his passing at the age of 50, served as a beacon of leadership in the years leading up to the Partition that would reshape the subcontinent. As Punjab's first democratically elected leader, Hyat-Khan championed intercommunal harmony, assembling a cabinet of diverse faiths, and spearheading significant reforms across agriculture, economy, law, education, and culture.

Benign imperialism? : proper conduct and the public interest in colonial India / Peter Robb

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

x, 340 p.; 25 cm.

9789361777141

\$ 38.75 / hb

Were colonial rulers in India worse than other governments and if so why? To consider those questions, the first part of *Benign Imperialism?* examines confidential discussions within the Government of India concerning official misconduct, law, and public benefit, particularly in the Bengal Presidency in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Officials debated the purpose and methods of British rule, how to punish civil servants' misconduct, the relationship between executive and High Court, and the importance of public opinion in India (and Britain).

History in History: Interpretations of the Indian Pasts / Eugenia Vanina

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

426 p.;

9789361772658

\$ 45.00 / hb

History in History: Interpretations of the Indian Pasts is not about the history of India but about the evolution of the conception of history in India. As a record and reconstruction of the past, as social perception and as an important part of national, group or individual mindset, development of this consciousness through the epochs differ not only in techniques, forms of socio-political organization and values but also by how people recall their past, inquiring the bygone times to understand their present and future.

Assam in History and Memory: Restructuring the Past in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries /
Sudeshna Purkayastha
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xii, 339 p.; 25 cm.
9789361778674
\$ 38.75 / hb

Assam in History and Memory examines the shaping of Assamese historiography in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. A major theme of this study is the fascinating local tradition of buranji literature, which gives primacy to historical memory and has played a key role in the creation of the modern Assamese past. The book also explores the complex relationship between vernacular historiography, Assamese nationalism, and the construction of an Assamese linguistic identity in the colonial and postcolonial periods. In tracing such historiographical transformations, the book identifies the changing political, social and cultural contexts in the colonial period, when the politics of identity were reworked and the modern Assamese past was restructured.

Against the Mughals Dreams and Wars of Dattu Sarvani, a Sixteenth-Century Indo-Afghan Soldier / Simon Digby, David Lunn (Editor)
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xxii, 316 p.; 25 cm.
9789361773877
\$ 40.00 / hb

The Life and Works of Simon Digby is intended to bring most of Simon Digby's publications, together with a large body of work left unpublished at his death, to new and wider audiences. The series stands as testimony to his extraordinary scholarship. Publication of this series has been made possible by the Simon Digby Memorial Charity (SDMC). Registered in the Channel Island of Jersey where Digby was based, the SDMC was established to further the study of subjects that were of particular interest to Simon Digby.

Does Environmental History Matter?: Shikar, Subsistence, Sustenance and the Sciences / Ranjan Chakrabarti
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xxiv, 300 p.; ill. 24 cm.
9789366278667
\$ 37.50 / hb

Does Environmental History Matter? explores the territory of climate history and environmentalism through its methodology and historiography, focusing on its origins and usefulness in the contemporary world as well as its multidisciplinary character. The chapters brought together in this volume examine numerous issues in the context of the ongoing global climate crisis and analyse how such disasters are caused by the complex relationship between humans and the environment.

Cities, Citizens, Classrooms and Beyond: Essays for Narayani Gupta / Partho Datta
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xviii, 398 p.; 25 cm.
9789366270043
\$ 32.50 / hb

Narayani Gupta's pioneering scholarship, concern with the fate of Delhi and campaigns to make the city a habitable space continues to inspire generations of people from diverse fields. Among her writings, *Delhi Between Two Empires* (1981) remains a classic work of urban history. One of the founders of the Conservation Society Delhi, her activism over many years has generated a new civic consciousness around monuments, heritage and shared spaces. Her work with Delhi schools has been equally significant.

Trade and Commerce in Colonial Bombay: A History of the Emergence of its Business and Financial Establishments, c.1661–1935 / Meenu Kanojia
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
xxiv, 325 p.; 25 cm
9789366272191
\$ 37.50 / hb

Trade and Commerce in Colonial Bombay: A History of the Emergence of its Business and Financial Establishments, c.1661–1935 examines the evolutionary history of the Bombay Mint along with the banking institutions which led to an efflorescence of trade and commerce in colonial Bombay. From a small trading island in the seventeenth century, Bombay developed into a financial centre during British rule. The book also investigates the effect of import of bullion from parts of South America, Europe, and Asia and its role in India's economic development. The monetary concerns of the British paved the way for trade and commerce in Bombay with the introduction of English currencies minted in the Bombay Mint.

Flowers of the Sun: The People and Land of Kutch, c.1740–2020 / Mariam Dossal
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
xliv, 428 p.; 25 cm.
9789368838661
\$ 40.00 / hb

Flowers of the Sun: The People and Land of Kutch, c.1740-2020 examines Kutch's rich and fascinating history, spanning nearly three centuries. It highlights the strong Sufi tradition of Kutch, the shared love of the land and the awareness that survival in the harsh environment requires cooperation and innovation, 'mil and mithas', friendship and sweetness. The early years of the nineteenth century witnessed efforts by the British to establish political and military control over Kutch, Sindh and north-west India.

The Rise of Islam and the Bengal Frontier 1204-1760 / R.K. Agnihotri
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
412p.;
9789358527186
\$ 16.25 / hb

Among the regions of South Asia, Bengal proved extraordinarily receptive to the Islamic faith. This area, and especially the eastern delta comprising today's Bangladesh, contains the world's second-largest Muslim ethnic population. How and why did such a large Muslim population emerge there? And, more broadly, how does the religious transformation of an entire population take place? Richard Eaton's study examines the unique processes that shaped Bengal's cultural landscape, focusing on the dynamics of moving frontiers and the long historical encounter between Islamic and Indic civilizations. The Rise of Islam and the Bengal Frontier is as much an essay in geography as in history, for the Bengal delta was a frontier of many facets.

King, Country and War: Ideology, Memory and Written Indian History, c.1600-1900 / Anirudh Deshpande
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xxviii, 248 p.; 24 cm.
9789366274782

To counter the influence of nationalist anachronisms on Indian historiography, King, Country and War: Ideology: Memory and Written Indian History, c. 1600–1900 presents a critical analysis of six themes of Indian historiography: the historicization of the Indian mind, the role of individuals in history, desh and rashtra in pre-colonial India, forts in Indian history, the Third Battle of Panipat and hybridity in Indian history. The book asserts that deconstructing the ideological binaries which condition the Indian minds comprises the beginning of our quest for a critical appraisal of India's past. This book presents a serious interrogation of the theoretical assumptions of colonialist and nationalist historiographies which continue to influence the historical thinking of contemporary Indians.

Living with the Past: The Law Family of Calcutta / Supriya Law
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
xxiii, 354 p.; 24 cm.
9789361779091
\$ 50.00 / hb

Living with the Past provides an insider's view into the history of the Laws (an Anglicized derivative of the Bengali surname 'Laha'), a Subarnabanik mercantile family that rose to prominence in the commercial world of mid-nineteenth to early twentieth century Calcutta. This study delves into the mercantile origins of the family, examines the functioning of the family firm, Messrs Prawn Kissen Law & Co. (established in 1839), and explores the religious life of the Laws.

Strange Familiarities: Tracing Epistolary Cultures in the Subcontinent, 1857-1915 / Nandini Bhattacharya
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
xi, 328 p.; 24 cm
9789368834304
\$ 36.25 / hb

Strange Familiarities traces epistolary traditions produced within the ethnolinguistic cultures of nineteenth-century Bengal and the North-West Provinces in colonial India. The book provides a close reading of texts and English translations of epistolary literature, selected due to their novelty and radical responses to the 'postal revolution' of the time.

Histories of the Sciences and the Politics of History: Essays in Honour of S Irfan Habib / Dhruv Raina
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
xxi, 308 p.; 24 cm.
9789368838692
\$ 33.75 / hb

Political Economy of Colonial and Post-Colonial India analyses critical aspects of the political economy of the colonial and the post-colonial period and focuses on the debates on the transition from one to the other. The volume discusses the Great The history and politics of the pursuit of the numerous disciplines of the sciences is enmeshed with debates about the impact of colonialism and decolonization, their relationship with emerging 'global' concerns, popular and state-driven science policies of governments, as well as their linkages of languages and cultural expressions.

The Calcutta Medical College, 1822-1897: Medicine, Social Psyche and the Making of Modern Citizenry / Jayanta Bhattacharya
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
454 p.;
9789368830627
\$ 43.75 / hb

The Calcutta Medical College, 1822-1897: Medicine, Social Psyche, and the Making of Modern Citizenry explores the history of the first medical college in India and its evolution through the nineteenth century. Established during the period of 'hospital medicine', the college paved the way for a paradigm shift in the field of medical cosmology. Not only did this lead to new governing and medical processes—such as dissections during medical classes, post-mortem examinations, and the use of medical tools like stethoscopes—it also had a great impact on the social psyche of the general populace of Bengal.

Zamindars, Polity, Economy and Culture Eastern Uttar Pradesh in the Eighteenth Century / Syed Najmul Raza Rizvi
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
xxvi, 329 p.; 25 cm.
9789368830184
\$ 42.50 / hb

Zamindars, Polity, Economy and Culture provides a micro study of the zamindars of present-day eastern Uttar Pradesh, which encompassed some parts of the Mughal subahs of Awadh and Allahabad. The eighteenth century, which this book covers, was a period of transition that saw the decline of Indian feudalism and the rise of nascent capitalism and large market towns. As the 'last guards' of Indian feudalism, the zamindars found themselves facing a difficult situation on two fronts: first, with the quasi-independent central authorities, and second, with their ryots.

The University of Delhi: A Comprehensive Account of Resilience, Knowledge, Leadership and Growth /
Manisha Choudhary
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
614 p.; 24 cm.
9789370337558
\$ 50.00 / hb

After the shift of the capital of British India to Delhi in 1911, the imperial administration noted the need for a new educational institution in the city. The University of Delhi was ultimately established in 1922, after many delays and a decade-long struggle. Though originally conceived to serve imperial interests, the university underwent transformative changes. It has played an important role in the growth and development of the nation—participating in the nationalist movement, aiding refugees during Partition, and embodying the democratic traditions of independent India even in turbulent times.

Sufis in the Life of Medieval India: The Life and Works of Simon Digby, Volume III
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
xxx, 421 p.; 25 cm.
9789368831983
\$ 50.00 / hb

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

Culture of Science and the Making of Modern India / Deepak Kumar
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
xvi, 314 p.; 24 cm.
9789370335332
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This book is a collection of essays focussed on the science and society interface especially in the context of colonization. It begins with discussing the strength and weaknesses in our inheritance, and gradually moves to what changes colonization had brought and how did our society grapple with. Divided into four parts and based on an extensive use of primary data, this book takes into account the contestations, adaptations, compromises and hybridity without ignoring the over-arching framework of colonialism. Closely linked to the power or success of the colonial or metropolitan knowledge is the status and relevance of the indigenous (non-Western) knowledge.

Kingdom Formation in Precolonial India: A Historical Study of the Koch Kingdom, c.1540-1773 / Rup
Kumar Barman
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
x, 324 p.; ill, 24 cm.

9789366279152
\$ 40.00 / hb

State formation in the Indian subcontinent has been a subject of research among historians and social scientists for decades. Based on their approaches and findings, scholars have conceptualized and propagated various models of early and secondary state formation. Kingdom Formation in Precolonial India explores the possibility of an alternative model of kingdom formation by examining the precolonial history of the Koch Kingdom, which flourished in the Tista–Brahmaputra region between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries.

The Hidden String: Agrarian Economy of Colonial Bengal and Its Institutional Framework / Binay Bhushan Chaudhuri

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

934 p.,

9789370330139

\$ 66.25 / hb

The Hidden String is a remarkable study undertaken over a two-and-a-half decades and revisited after a gap of three decades. It examines the intricate relationship between agricultural practices and institutional frameworks in rural Bengal in the colonial period. At its core, the work elaborates two fundamental concepts: the nature of agricultural production and the institutional structures that governed it. The analysis of agrarian systems reveals how cultivation patterns were linked to ecological constraints and climate rhythms.

Accessing Water in the South Asian City / Sara Keller

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

xv, 436 p.;

9789368839910

\$ 42.50 / hb

Water has always been essential to cities, but more than that, it is a crucial element of urban life in South Asia, materializing through remarkable waterscapes and practices. Looking at a broad geographical and historical scale, Accessing Water in the South Asian City discusses the role played by urban socio-religious constructs in the shaping of exceptional, complex, and sometimes problematic, waterscapes.

Selected Reminiscences and Struggles of the Kisan Sabha / Ramchandra Pradhan

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

344 p.;

9789366279657

\$ 28.75 / hb

Reminiscences and Struggles of the Kisan Sabha is the first in the five-volume series 'Selected Works of Swami Sahajanand Saraswati'. Sahajanand (1889–1950) was not only a prominent peasant leader but also a freedom fighter and social reformer. The present volume traces the historical evolution of peasant movements as well as the transformation of the Sahajanand-led Kisan Sabha from a moderate peasant organization to a militant one. It also chronicles how a band of dedicated 'non-leaders' at the village level fought and brought massive relief to the people under their sway. It was a true replica of David and Goliath story described in the Holy Bible.

What Should Peasants Do? / Sahajanand Saraswati; Ramchandra Pradhan (Translator)

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

306 p.;

9789366274997

Selected Works of Swami Sahajanand Saraswati - Vol.II

\$ 27.50 / hb

What Should Peasants Do? constitutes the second volume of five-volume series titled the 'Selected Works of Swami Sahajanand Saraswati'. The essays here act as a clarion call for the peasant struggle against landlordism and British imperialism. These writings reflect the deep understanding of the strengths of the peasants as annadata (food provider) and their central role in the economy and society of the nation. Simultaneously, he points out the weakness of peasants in organizing themselves to fight for their basic needs and families against the zamindars and moneylenders or being dependent on the middle class leadership for their resistance against the colonial order. Written during his time in jail, Sahajanand implores the peasants to embrace the Kisan Sabha on a mass scale, build up a viable Kisan Kosh, and raise and support a dedicated band of Kisan Sevaks.

Major Addresses of Swami Sahajanand Saraswati / Sahajanand Saraswati

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

330 p.;

9789366270876

Selected Works of Swami Sahajanand Saraswati - Vol III

\$ 29.00 / hb

Major Addresses is the third in the five-volume series 'Selected Works of Swami Sahajanand Saraswati'. These addresses were primarily delivered by Sahajanand on the forums of the Bihar Provincial Kisan Sabha as well as the All India Kisan Sabha between 1935 and 1949, with the final given at the conference of the Virakta Mahamandal. They mark the evolution of the national movement as well as that of peasant movement in India. Some of the ideas presented here are specific to the context of colonial India but his core ideas remain relevant even today: how to intensify the popular movement to establish a new and revolutionary social order marked by equity and justice.

Major Essays and Other Writings / Swami Sahajanand Saraswati

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

378 p.;

9789366272306

Selected Works of Swami Sahajanand Saraswati - Vol. IV

\$ 30.00 / hb

Major Essays and Other Writings is the fourth book in the five-volume series 'Selected Works of Swami Sahajanand Saraswati'. The thirty essays compiled here cover the period between 1933– and 1950, a crucial phase in the making of the Indian nation and the peasant movement. Sahajanand's writings are marked by his skill for detailed field investigations and reasoned arguments. He not only critiques issues related to land patterns, party systems and zamindars, but also offers creative alternatives and solutions.

Urbanization through Ages: Shades in Indian History / Sanjay Subodh (et.al)

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

286 p., 24 cm.

9789370338654

\$ 41.25 / hb

Urbanization in India isn't just a modern phenomenon that started with the IT boom or industrial revolution. It's a fascinating journey that spans thousands of years, from the sophisticated drainage systems of Harappa to today's bustling metropolitan cities like Mumbai and Delhi. Understanding this historical perspective helps us grasp why Indian cities look and function the way they do today, and how centuries of urban development have shaped the social fabric of our nation.

Bird of Thought: Entanglement and the Illusion of Separation / Aditya Malik

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

9789370335516

\$ 37.50 / hb

Bird of Thought is an exploration into the idea of 'relationality' in conceptual and theoretical terms as the fundamental characteristic of all phenomena, processes, and events, including those involving

conscious subjects and the world of objects they occupy. Along these lines, the author employs the notion of 'entanglement' found in quantum mechanics to create a new, re-imagined, 'prior-to-material' understanding of Earth as a field of possibility that gives rise to simultaneously occurring, inter-dependent, relational spheres of the biological, physical, and social. Interspersed within these themes is a discussion of literary and philosophical genres from different historical periods that articulate ideas of interdependence and harmony through dreams, alchemical visions, and rules of musical composition. The questions and materials here are placed within a transdisciplinary framework so we can begin to comprehend the immense complexity of the world which cannot be adequately grasped by specialized areas or disciplines.

Aspects of Early History of India: A Tribute to Indologists / Vidula Jayaswal

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

316 p., 24cm.

9789370336292

\$ 36.25 / hb

Aspects of Early History of India: A Tribute to Indologists covers lesser-known but significant aspects of Indian prehistory and the early historical period, specifically the art and archaeology of the middle Ganga plain. Incorporating new findings, the book discusses the early stages of architecture in the subcontinent, now dated to the Early Stone Age (at Paisra, Bihar); the antiquity and nature of the Varanasi, the longest surviving city in India; and the beginnings of sculptural art and their artisans.

Slices of Indian History: The Story of India's Transformation / Salil Mishra

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

358 p.;

9789370335707

\$ 37.50 / hb

The essays in Slices of Indian History touch upon diverse facets of modern Indian history, including the major episodes, processes, institutions and personalities. Put together, they tell the story of Indian's transformation in modern times and in the direction of modernity. The chapters underscore that the traditional social structure, comprehensive domination by British imperialism, and a powerful nationalist mass struggle against it, played a critical part in this process. India's journey towards modernization carries the stamp of all three building blocks. Most of the essays in the book focus on India's encounters with modernity and some major milestones in this encounter.

The Dying Lineage: the crisis of political power in the Mahabharata / Uma Chakravarti

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

xi, 248 p.; 24 cm

9789358529289

The Dying Lineage has at its core the crises of reproduction that underwrite Vyasa's Mahabharata, a text that best exemplifies the transitional moment from kin-based chiefdoms to monarchical kingdoms in the Indo-Gangetic doab in the mid-first millennium BCE. However, lineage building and putting orderly norms of succession into place was a fraught process. The Bharata patriline stared at its imminent extinction at least once every generation, barely perpetuating itself, and always faced with anxiety over its future.

Nalanda A Glorious Past / Anand Singh

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

674 p.;

9789358529517

\$ 56.25 / hb

This book deals extensively with various facets of Nālandā Mahāvihāra and its contribution to the vast expanse of knowledge and arts of Asia. Some of the important facets of the book are the origin and transformation of Nālandā from Vihārato Mahāvihāra, a brief sketch on Nāgārjuna, father of Nālandā scholasticism, formation of an academic culture at Nālandā, emergence of a book cult in Nālandā,

worship of Tārā and the cult of Nāgas. Apart from this it also includes an analysis of financial management, water management, monastic structures, as well as Ārogyavihāra and school of medicine at this centre. Examining the maritime contacts between Jāvā-Sumātrā (Suvarṇadvīpa) and Nālandā as well as Nālandā's connections with ancient China, this work explores the efflorescence and decline of Nālandā Mahāvihāra.

Pushing the Boundaries of South Asian History: Essays in Honour of Dwijendra Narayan Jha / D. N. Jha, Jaya Tyagi, Saiyid Zaheer Husain Jafri
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xlix, 553 p.; 24 cm.
9789358526684
\$ 41.25 / hb

Pushing the Boundaries of South Asian History is a tribute to Professor Dwijendra Narayan Jha's skill and craftsmanship as a historian. He was an outstanding scholar, who constantly reinvented himself and kept abreast of changes in historical perspectives and methodology. In this volume, a wide range of historians, whose works have made significant contributions to the understanding of South Asian history, have come together to pay homage to him through their work; in doing so they attempt to redefine the existing spatial, chronological and conceptual boundaries relating to the history of the region.

Beyond the Empire of Jagannātha: Politics and Culture of Goddess Worship in Early Medieval North Odisha / Madhuparna Roychowdhury
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xiii, 357 p.; 25 cm.
9789366275826
\$ 40.00 / hb

The regional tradition of goddess worship is as important as the famous Jagannātha temple and its realm of ritual influence for the religious and cultural life of Odisha. Beyond the Empire of Jagannātha: Politics and Culture of Goddess Worship in Early-Medieval North Odisha studies the well-known temple of Kicakeśvarī at Khiching in the modern district of Mayurbhanj in north Odisha. This was the region over which the celebrated Bhañja rulers of medieval Khijjingakot.t.aman.d.ala ruled, with their centre of power in Khiching, during the early medieval times.

Broken Mirror: Conversations with Artists and Thinkers / Chinmoy Guha, Zenith Roy
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
320 p.; 24 cm.
9789361775079
\$ 31.25 / hb

Broken Mirror captures the life-experiences, worldviews, hopes and frustrations of several leading cultural personalities who have left a deep imprint on the shaping of the Indian ethos. The individuals represented here cover a significantly wide range of authors, filmmakers, scholars, artists and critics who simultaneously represent Bengal and India. Through these interviews, Chinmoy Guha draws out the inner self of these personalities, examines their personal trajectories and worldviews in the face of the changing paradigm of cultural and knowledge discourse in the country, and traces the formation and evolution of the larger cultural milieu.

Clio Revisits Calliope: A Historian's Excursion to The Kāvya Literature / Kesavan Veluthat
Delhi: Primus Books, 2025
x, 248 p.; 24 cm.
9789368831990
\$ 25.00 / hb

The essays included in Clio Revisits Calliope. A Historian's Excursion to the Kavya Literature analyze kavya literature in Sanskrit, bringing to bear on it a sense of history. Taken up for study are the kavyas of

Kalidasa, Bharavi and Magha, as well as a few prasastis. There is also a study of the Manipravalam poetry from Kerala, which partake of all features of Sanskrit kavyas.

South Asia before the Common Era: Revisiting Sources and Historians' Approaches / Jaya Tyagi

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

xii, 880 p.; 25 cm.

9789361778926

\$ 62.50 / hb

South Asia before the Common Era engages with the way in which the early history of the subcontinent has been reconstructed by recent historians, using the rich and varied sources from the region. Exploring the context in which artefacts and texts have been retrieved and interpreted, it traces the trajectories of how humans in early South Asia responded to their circumstances, the interconnections of communities within and beyond the subcontinent, and the multilayered and variegated histories of the region.

The Shattered Earth: Histories of Climate, Catastrophe and the Wilderness / Mili Ghose

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

370p.;

9789358529036

\$ 43.75 / hb

Global climate change poses a genuine risk to the survival of the human species and raises questions regarding human existence on the planet. The Shattered Earth brings together the writings of scholars who investigate global and local questions related to critical environmental issues including global warming and anthropogenic climate change. If we look at the history of global climate change, we can discern the areas where humans have been responsible for disrupting the environment. Humans have already shattered the earth through their lust for power and profit, and have eliminated a number of species for the sake of industries, construction of roads, and for countless other commercial purposes which resulted in the loss of biodiversity. Examining diverse aspects in three sections, this volume deliberates on historical aspects, ecology, and the wild as well as catastrophes as markers of this climate change and its reverberations in planetary life.

Revisiting Hindavī Sufi Romances: Late Fourteenth to Early Sixteenth Centuries / Madhu Trivedi

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

362 p.;

9789358520590

\$ 37.50 / hb

Revisiting Hindavī Sufi Romances is an in-depth exploration of the various facets of north Indian society and culture displayed in four Hindavī Sufi premākhyān or romances—Chāndāyan, Mirgāvati, Padmāvati, and Madhumālātī—written during the late fourteenth to mid-sixteenth centuries. These narratives are of immense value for the study of this period as they provide crucial information on gender relations, the literary milieu, visual and performing arts, sartorial styles, cuisines, as well as the economy. Besides providing a kaleidoscopic view of the period, these narratives also highlight the perspectives of synthesis of the period they were created in. The romances bring out the syncretic ethos of the north Indian composite culture of their period and reflect traits of assimilation with indigenous socio-religious customs.

The Ceremonial of Power: The Mughal Empire under Shah Jahan / Harit Joshi

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

528p.,

9789358529050

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The Ceremonial of Power studies the court ceremonial during the reign of the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan (1628–58) and its use as an indispensable tool in asserting imperial authority. It examines Shah

Jahan's portrayal in contemporary and later historiography through an analysis of the writings of the court chroniclers, the colonial administrator-historians, and their Indian counterparts.

Encounters with Jogis in Indian Sufi Hagiography / Simon Digby, David Lunn

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

xv, 309 p.; 25 cm.

9789368830467

Life and works of Simon Digby I Volume II

\$ 38.75 / hb

Encounters with Jogis in Indian Sufi Hagiography is a magisterial and meticulous analysis of myriad anecdotes from early medieval Indian Sufi literature in which Sufis and Yogis interacted with each other. These meetings - almost always contests - regularly featured magical feats of levitation, divination and transmutation. As these are recounted from the side of the Sufis - whether recorded from their own lips or by their pious devotees - the Sufi is usually the victor.

The Lost Hero of Banaras: Babu Jagat Singh / H.A. Qureshi, Shreya Pathak

Delhi: Primus Books, 2023

350p.;

9789358525311

\$ 30.00 / hb

The Lost Hero of Banaras: Babu Jagat Singh examines the life and legacy of Babu Jagat Singh, a scion of the royal family of Banaras and an instrumental figure in Indian history during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries in India. Most historiographies of the period tend to think of 1857 as a watershed moment in India's struggle for independence. However, the present book—set during a period when the sovereignty of zamindars in north India was rapidly dwindling due to increasing colonial intervention—focuses on an armed anti-British struggle in Banaras in 1799, pioneered under the auspices of Jagat Singh.

Bombay Presidency, 1850-1920: Disease, Sanitation and Public Health Personalities / Mridula Ramanna

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

356 p.;

9789358522051

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Bombay Presidency, 1850–1920: Disease, Sanitation and Public Health Personalities examines the defining shifts in health and medicine, in Bombay Presidency, over seven decades. This work focuses on the major health and sanitation problems of the nineteenth century: the health of the European poor, battling alcoholism and venereal diseases; the views of Indian men and women doctors, about diseases, curatives and birthing practices; and Florence Nightingale's interest in the Presidency, particularly her advocacy of village sanitation.

Labour, Diaspora and Marginality: Essays in Honour of Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya

New Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

xviii, 594 p.; 24 cm.

9789356870048

\$ 37.50 / hb

This book traces the intellectual legacy of Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya (1938-2019), a monumental figure in the field of Indian history. The volume brings together articles by his former students and admirers, focusing on a range of topics such as economic and cultural histories, labour migration, the Indian diaspora, Dalit pasts, and Dalit identity. It also delves into various protest movements and the patterns of caste structure that have shaped these identities over time.

Acts of Seeing, Ways of Knowing: Visual Culture in the Making of Modern India / Sandria B Freitag

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

436p.;
9798366271880
\$ 50.00 / hb

Acts of Seeing, Ways of Knowing refracts the nineteenth and twentieth centuries history of India through reception of the first two 'mass' forms of visual culture, photography and posters (those with the capacity to produce multiple copies). India's responses to a changing public world are revealed, intriguingly, through this visual-culture repertoire. Production and consumption of these material objects revolve especially around visual culture's capacity to prompt and express identity-narratives that draw on the nexus of a dramatic expansion of consumption practices with individual efforts to construct meaning by collecting, displaying, designing, and interacting with mass-produced materials. They emerge as markers of those intending to be good, modern, citizens, who are drawn, significantly, from both middle- and lower-class/caste participants.

Gender in Indian History: Ancient to Early Medieval Period / Amna Mirza, Syed Nadeem Fatmi
Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2025
152 p.; ill. 24 cm.
9789391978648
550gm.
\$ 25.00 / hb

The book provides a comprehensive exploration of the theme of gender in Indian history offering students a nuanced understanding of the complexities of gender roles, identities, and power dynamics in ancient and medieval India. Through a multidisciplinary approach, incorporating insights from history, anthropology, sociology, and gender studies, the it examines the diverse experiences of women, men, and gender-nonconforming individuals within the cultural, religious, and socio-political contexts of pre-modern India.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907349>

Views on the Momentous Past of Alleppey: Between Alappuzha then and Alappuzha Now / Hans Schenk
New Delhi: Manohar Publishers and Distributors, 2025
192p.; 23 cm.
Bibliography Includes Index.
9789360802714
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Journey through the momentous past of Alleppey, once a pivotal spice trade gateway and industrial centre in South India. This meticulous exploration traces Alappuzha's evolution, from its planned development under the Rajah of Travancore and British influence to its eventual reclamation of its original name. Discover the intricate interplay of geography, trade (spices and coir), labour, and political movements that defined this unique Kerala port city. An indispensable read for anyone fascinated by India's urban history, economic development, and the rich heritage of its coastal towns.

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Religious Rebels in the Punjab: The Ad Dharm Challenge to Caste / Mark Juergensmeyer
New Delhi: Navayana Publishing Pvt. Ltd., 2025
x, 357p.; ill. 24 cm.
9788198697066
450gm.
\$ 17.50 / pb

They form their own religion. The Ad Dharm movement of Punjab, founded in the 1920s by Mangoo Ram of the Ghadar movement, stakes claim as a religion separate from and superior to both Hinduism and Sikhism. In this classic study, Mark Juergensmeyer chronicles the history of the Ad Dharm movement with extensive field research, surveys and interviews with Dalit leaders. He also explores Ad Dharm's links with organisations supported by Dalits: Arya Samaj, Valmiki Sabha, Ambedkar and Dalit Panther

movements, Christianity, Marxism, the Congress party, Radhasoami Satsang, and the lifestyle of modern secularism.

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Armenian Community of Kolkata: Struggle for Existence / Arunava Patra
Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2025

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How Periodic invasions, bloodsheds and genocides for more than thousand years in Armenian homeland from Arabs, Russians, Turks, Persians, Kurds and Tartar-Mongols made it a necessity for Armenians to leave their south Caucasus motherland and settle in foreign lands? How their dominance in the long-distance overland trade in the Eurasian continent helped them to build a stateless business empire spanning over continents from West to far East? How they collaborated with Mughals, Bengal Nawabs and British, French and Dutch East India Companies to continue their presence in India? How Kolkata played a role for the survival of Armenian language, religion, culture and nationalism? This book has tried to capture these socio-economic-cultural fabrics of Armenian existence in the city of Kolkata, India.

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Indology

Bhaktimanjari: A Collection of Verses on Devotion / Shakuntala Gawde; Sriram Iyer
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Collection Indologie No.164: A Manual on The Practice of Hathayoga: An Edition and Translation of the Pune Manuscript of the Hathabhyasapaddhati / Jason Birch, Mark Singleton and James Mallinson

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The Bhakti Movement: Renaissance or Revivalism? / Govinda Pillai

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Bibliography Includes Index.

9789350022061

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This is a comprehensive survey of the Bhakti Movement as it sprang in South India to spread across the subcontinent in independent and multifarious manifestations yet marked with amazing commonalities. Spanning a period of 11 centuries starting from the 6th CE, the movement encompassed in its sweep a vast range of dimensions; Social, political, economic, religious, cultural, linguistic, ethical and philosophical. Among the multifarious movements which contributed to the formation of India and its Culture, the Bhakti was undoubtedly the most pervasive and persistent, says the author.

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Vedanta and Bhagavadgita: The Unpublished Writing of K. Satchidananda Murty / Ashok Vohra and Kotta Ramesh

New Delhi: Routledge (Manohar Publishers and Distributors), 2023

viii, 114p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9781032764078

\$ 32.50 / hb

Kotta Satchidananda Murty (1924–2011), also known as Satchidananda, KSM, Murty, was a vociferous writer and an iconoclast. This volume is a collection of his unpublished writings. It includes Murty's views on the Veda, its meaning, relevance and study, and shows the significance of the Vedāntic vision to the modern world. Murty elucidates the basic tenets of Advaita Vedānta and expounds the Advaitic doctrine of the relationships between Brahman and God, Brahman and the individual self, as well as God and the world. In his writings, Murty contrasts empirical knowledge with transcendental wisdom and surveys the history of Indian science and scientific views in ancient times.

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Linguistics

People's Linguistic Survey of India Vol.22, Part II - The Languages of Odisha / G.N. Devy, D.P. Pattanayak and Mahendra Kumar Mishra

Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd., 2025

xxxi, 230p.; 24 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789354427558

750gm.

\$ 60.00 / hb

This volume of the People's Linguistic Survey of India, The Languages of Odisha (volume twenty-two, part two), discusses the Scheduled and Tribal languages spoken in the state, with examples of folktales, folk songs and vocabulary lists for a better understanding of the languages in use. The volume is a must read for language enthusiasts, historians and scholars fascinated by the cultural tapestry of Odisha and can serve as an excellent resource for readers interested in exploring the diverse dialects, folklore and literary traditions that have shaped the state over centuries.

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Literature

Postcolonialism Now: Literature, Reading, Decolonising / Sourit Bhattacharya

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Postcolonialism Now introduces a new method of decolonial reading and criticism. It critically examines the history and ongoing influence of colonialism and imperialism in postcolonial cultures and texts. The volume seeks to address the crucial question of how to read postcolonial literatures closely and comparatively, particularly through the lenses of decolonisation and anticolonialism. Through rubrics such as migration, ecology, trauma, minorities and futurity, Postcolonialism Now engages with close readings of films, graphic novels, fiction, theatre and poetry from across the globe.

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Stayed Back, Stayed On: Short Stories by Bengali Muslim Writers / Epsita Halder (ed)

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Humanistic Concerns in Punjabi Literature presents a selection of Punjabi writings in English translation that explores articulations on humaneness, justice and social issues. These poems, songs, stories, essays and plays span a vast historical period, from the twelfth century to the present. The questions they raise continue to preoccupy us today. The book is part of the 'Dakshinayan Indian Thought' series of books curated by G N Devy, showcasing the plurality and diversity of Indian traditions. The texts cover a range of themes and concerns, from the relationship between siblings to interactions within and between communities.

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Brahmins and Kings: Royal Counsel in the Sanskrit Narrative Literatures / John Nemeč

New Delhi: Oxford University Press (Distributed by Dev Publishers and Distributors), 2025

307p.; 23 cm.

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Brahmins and Kings examines some of the most well-known and widely circulated narratives in the history of Sanskrit literature, including the Mahābhārata, the Rāmāyaṇa, Viṣṇuśarma's famed animal stories (the Pañcatantra), Somadeva's labyrinthine Ocean of Rivers of Stories (the Kathāsaritsāgara), Kalhaṇa's Chronicle of the Kings of Kashmir (the Rājatarāṅgiṇī), and two of the most famous plays in the history of Sanskrit literature, Kālidāsa's Abhijñānaśākuntala and Harṣa's Ratnāvalī. Offering a sustained, close, intertextual reading of these works, John Nemeč shows that these texts all share a common frame: they feature stories of the mutual relations of kṣatriya kings with Brahmins, and they depict Brahmins advising political figures.

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Maligned Maverick: Michael Madhusudan Datta: Life, Letters and Literature / Nandan Dasgupta

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

400 p.;

9789358523829

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The playwright and poet, Michael Madhusudan Datta is easily one of the most important and controversial literary figures of nineteenth-century South Asia—characterized by radical socio cultural transformation. Despite countless discussions by commentators and biographers he remains an enigma among the literary giants who straddled nineteenth-century Bengal. By demystifying Datta’s conversion to Christianity and by debunking myths of disinheritance, the alleged ‘desertion’ of his wife, misogyny, womanizing, alcoholism, and British sycophancy, Maligned Maverick re-examines the life and work of the pioneer of modern Bangla literature.

The Observant Owl: Hutom’s Vignettes of Nineteenth Century Calcutta / Swarup Roy
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xlv, 294 p.;
9789358520293
\$ 27.25 / hb

Hutom Pyanchar Naksha (literally, ‘Sketches by Hutom the Owl’), a set of satirical portraits in Bengali about ordinary life in the nineteenth century, is so popular that it has never been out of print since its publication in 1861–2. The author of the sketches, Kaliprasanna Sinha (1840–70), ran several literary journals, founded the Bidyotsahini Sabha (Association for the Cultivation of Knowledge), established a theatre house named Bidyotsahini Theatre to promote Bengali drama, published the Bengali translation of the Mahabharata, and donated generously to social causes and projects of social reform. The Observant Owl, originally published in 2008, is the first ever English translation of Kaliprasanna’s work. It presents a joyously irreverent portrait of the city he lived in.

Cracked Glass Jar and Other Stories - Feminism, Women's Rights, Loneliness, Matrimony, Honour / Chandra Latha
Delhi, India: Ratna Books, 2023
240 p.;
9789355724625
\$ 15.00 / hb

These fifteen stories reflect contemporary cultural changes in Indian families. They stand witness to social, political and economic changes in globalized India and are in a way histories told from below. The writer’s interests are wide-ranging from children and women issues to unethical practices in professions, to devastation of farmers’ lives and to environmental degradation. Her empathy with the world of nature, keen observation of little creatures and plants and trees is unparalleled, and nature is the real friend to her lonely characters. However, damaging the current divisive and destructive forces are, her characters fight against these at times boldly and at others quietly, and live in hope and find happiness while playing positive role in other’s lives.

A Fine Thread and other stories / Jeyamohan and Translated by Jegadeesh Kumar
Delhi, India: Ratna Books, 2023
221 p.; 21 cm.
9789356875234
\$ 15.00 / hb

A Fine Thread and Other Stories is a collection of sixteen translated stories originally written in Tamil by the acclaimed author Jeyamohan. Each story explores rich and intriguing territories, ranging from art’s place in spirituality through the dreamy, incredible account of a young monk’s search for atonement for his ancestors’ curse in ‘Shadow Crow’, to the ruthless questions thrown at Mahatma Gandhi’s integrity and rectitude in ‘A Fine Thread’. This collection presents characters in the midst of their personal and global quandaries: we meet two American reporters, who find themselves at the threshold of the Great Russian revolution and the construction of socialism; an obsessed engineer who tries to decipher the conversation of the mountains; a dreamy, native youth who discovers tranquillity in nature; a young girl in search of meaning and exhilaration in this wonder called life. Compellingly narrated, beautifully crafted, and packed with a density of ideas, these stories provide an unflinching glimpse into the kaleidoscopic fictional world of a major Tamil writer of our times.

Forever Yours, Krishna: A Novel / Indira Parthasarathy
Delhi, India: Ratna Books, 2023
240p.;
9789356873650
\$ 15.00 / hb

Krishna is an anti-hero, an anarchist and a rebel extraordinaire. He fulfils all the dark desires lurking in the depths of our unconscious. He holds an instant appeal for all of us, young and old, transcending caste and gender. Krishna's unconventional behaviour is celebrated with great ecstasy and devotion in Indian art, music, literature and folklore. Krishna cannot be judged by the moral yardstick used for others. To the Indian mind, he cannot but do what he does. His deeds, righteous or not, are never questioned by anyone. In the imagination of the Indian people, he is the fountainhead of eternal energy, pranks and wisdom.

Leaf, Water and Flow / Avadhoot Dongare
Delhi, India: Ratna Books, 2023
256 p.;
9789355530684
\$ 15.00 / hb

We live as social beings. But our being social includes power structures of various kinds – from the language that we speak and write in to the state or anti-state actors that claim to run some of these structures. The novel attempts to grapple with these structures, the individuals who are part of these structures and also who are in conflict with these structures. There is Naxalite/Maoist politics, there is an egret who has seen a baby die in a village in central India, there is an author (perhaps the one who had written a novel titled *The Story of Being Useless*), there is a teak-leaf which is dying, there is a 'professional revolutionary' who has come out of incarceration, there is an adivasi woman who was once part of a Maoist dalam, there is a wife of a police sub-inspector, and there is a reader who reads this novel and ends it with his comments. There are some more such voices in the novel. Some of them tell their stories, some of them try to contribute to the stories of others, and a few of them are perhaps also thinking about how to end this binary and be a part of all the stories.

I'm alive...for now / Imaiyan; Prabha Sridevan
Delhi, India: Ratna Books, an imprint of Ratna Sagar P. Ltd., 2024
325 p.; 21 cm.
9789356873667
\$ 17.50 / hb

An intense exploration of the inner world of a teenager battling kidney damage while watching and listening to his parents who are locked into his struggle and – in a different way – theirs. The layers peel away: medication, nurses, surgeons, devices to keep him alive and under it all, the growl of money. His father's fury, his mother's strength and ceaseless worry, his grandmother's faith in the family deity, all form a universe utterly alien to those who have never had to spend a day in hospital. As his body gives up, his determination and fortitude stiffen and he says to himself: Well, for now, I can say I'm alive.

Primus Books-The Monsoon Cloud: Poet Kaḷamekam and His Irreverent Poetry / Suganya Anandakichenin
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
ix, 129 p., 22 cm.
9789358528336
\$ 11.25 / hb

A wordsmith, an extempore poet and a satirist, Kāḷamēkam (also known as Kāḷamēka Pulavar; fifteenth century) is widely known for his taṇippāṭals or 'self-contained verses', on a panoply of topics. These splendid but notoriously provocative verses were composed during a transitional phase of Tamil literature, by now in deep conversation with Sanskrit poetics and poetic language, thereby yielding an incredibly rich and innovative poetry. Kāḷamēkam sings of courtesans, fellow humans, of gods, of animals, praises them, derides them, and insults them, using sarcasm, dry wit, and criticism, combined

with śleṣas and yamakas, samasyās and nindāstutis. The Monsoon Cloud seeks to introduce this brilliant poet and his timeless and influential poetry, while analysing his humour, worldview, personal values, and devotion.

Readers, Rebels, Visionaries: The Literary Sphere of Bhagat Singh and Sukhdev / Neeru Nangia Anand
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

338 p.; 25 cm.
9789356877894
\$ 35.00 / hb

Caught in the Cogs of Time: The City of Copper / David Shulman

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

xi, 164 p.; 22 cm.
9789361774843
\$ 11.25 / pb

The City of Copper, probably the most chilling story in the Arabic Thousand and One Nights, tells of a mysterious city in the depths of the Libyan desert inhabited only by the dead. The story has generated many later versions, including an important nineteenth-century text in Tamil perhaps the earliest known example of modern literary prose in this language. Caught in the Cogs of Time offers a synthesis of the themes that run through all versions the multiple temporalities that shape our lives and the enigmatic relation between eternity and everyday experience. It also delves into the intense debates among the Islamic philosophers of the tenth and eleventh centuries, particularly the Isma'ili thinkers, which have had an impact on the formation and afterlife of this famous story.

Ratna Books - Mayaloka / Poornachandra Tejaswi

Delhi, India: Ratna Books, 2024

368p.;
9789390232918
\$ 20.00 / hb

'I view whatever I see, with interest and curiosity, and try to understand the same. Herein lies the immense pleasure of acquiring knowledge. Even the most complex subjects which seemed difficult to comprehend while in college, can be learnt effortlessly from life. I think our education system is flawed. We should explore newer avenues of acquiring knowledge which are essential for living, for life. Knowledge that caters to the needs of life is truly invigorating. . . 'We have categorized Photography, Agriculture, Music, writing under different heads and segregated them.

The Go-between and other stories / Ghanaśyāma Desāi; Aban Mukherji, Tulsi Vatsal (Translator)

Delhi, India: Ratna Books, 2024

187 p.; 21 cm.
9789361777042
\$ 12.50 / hb

Written in a deceptively simple and staccato style, and often with open-ended conclusions, Ghanshyam Desai's short stories are as relevant today as when they were first written. Taken from his story collections Tolu and Bandh Barna, the twenty-one stories in this book explore the longings, frustrations, guilt and violence that lie below the surface of seemingly ordinary lives. A young boy dreams of taking revenge on his father ('Plugging the leak'); a husband is tormented by the suspicion that his wife is having an affair ('Yet again'); the narrator examines his own ambivalent role in a love affair ('The go-between').

Veerapandiya Kattabomman / Mylapore Ponnusamy Sivagnanam (Ma.Po.Sivagnanam)

Delhi: Ratna Sagar P.Ltd., 2024

128p.;
9789361775253
\$ 12.00 / hb

Veerapandiya Kattabomman holds the pride of place among the freedom fighters who challenged the might of the British East India Company. In 1790, at age 30, he inherited the position of polygar of Panchalankurichi. His argument with Collector Jackson of Thirunelveli over taxes and his brave warfare, supported by enthusiastic but irregular and ill-equipped soldiers, against the powerful British army is now part of folklore. He was ultimately captured and hanged in 1799. To commemorate the bicentenary of Veerapandiya Kattabomman's martyrdom, the Government of India released a postal stamp in his honour on 16 October 1999.

An Ocean of Gems: Essays on Language, Linguistics, and Education in Memory of Dhanesh Jain / Deven M. Patel

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

212 p.;

9789366273907

\$ 27.50 / hb

An Ocean of Gems is dedicated to Dr Dhanesh Jain (1939–2019), distinguished scholar of Indian sociolinguistics and founder of Ratna Sagar, parent company of Primus Books. He was also a dedicated academic and co-editor, with George Cardona, of *The Indo-Aryan Languages*, a seminal reference work on the subject. As a publisher, Dhanesh Jain was an inspiration to authors and readers, tirelessly advocating and pragmatically supporting the Indian academic publishing industry with highcalibre academic reference books and Indological scholarship. As a scholar and reviewer for major presses, he recognized the urgent need for such a publishing enterprise in the humanities and social sciences, particularly in the discipline of South Asian languages.

Confluence of India and Central Asia Through The Ages / Syed Akhtar Husain

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

xvi, 358 p.; 24 cm.

9789368839415

\$ 36.25 / hb

Confluence of India and Central Asia Through the Ages is a compendium of papers presenting the colourful past and promising future of Central Asia and South Asia. Scholars have discussed Buddhism as the leitmotif of the Silk Route criss-crossing Asia. The book also deals with Persian and Urdu texts which demonstrate the cultural richness of the regions. A number of chapters give insights into connectivity, multilateralism, threats of terrorism and hopes of peaceful coexistence and cooperation between India and Central Asia.

Shakespeare's Re-Visions of History: Social Collusion, Violence, and Resistance in Nine Plays / Ruth Vanita

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

xii, 273 p.; 24 cm.

9789366274003

\$ 30.00 / hb

Shakespeare's Re-Visions of History provides close readings of important, widely studied Shakespeare plays, and puts forward some unique arguments. In *The Taming of the Shrew*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *As You Like It*, *Othello*, *Measure for Measure*, and *Hamlet*, Shakespeare depicts how violence is made possible by social collusion, both deliberate and inadvertent. Bystanders' acts of omission and commission allow groups such as Jews, old people, and women to be violently mistreated, and vulnerable individuals to be silenced and excluded. Vanita shows how Shakespeare's dramaturgy draws attention to this collusion through choric comments, understated irony, play with parts of speech, and songs.

The Observant Owl: Hutom's Vignettes of Nineteenth-century Calcutta / Swarup Roy

Delhi: Primus Books, 2025

xliv, 294 p.; 24 cm.

9789370337107

\$ 20.00 / pb

The *Observant Owl*, originally published in 2008, is the first ever English translation of Kaliprasanna's work. It presents a joyously irreverent portrait of the city he lived in. The writing is so vivid that one finds within these pages a sense of walking through a nineteenth-century city as fishwives call out their wares, housewives hurry to the river for baths, thieves pick pockets, and carriages creak through slush and rotting banana peels, carting passengers high on ganja.

Chastity: The Central Theme of Ramayana / Meera Prakash

Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2025

xvi, 274p.; 24 cm.

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The entire Ramayana is a supreme love story, between mesmerizing Rama and beautiful Sita, between Jeevatma (being) and Paramatma (Superlative Being). It is also a tale of a clash between love and dharma, with dharma winning hands down. Dharma demands that one is sacrificed for the benefit of many and that one can be seen as Rama or Sita, or both. Rama stuck to his Raja Dharma even if it meant separation from the love of his life. Sita stuck to her wifely Dharma even if it meant she had to face slanders in her life.

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Performing Arts

Pure Entertainment: Parsi Theater, Gender, and Performance / Kathryn Hansen

Delhi: Primus Books, 2024

xxii, 449 p.;

9789358527902

\$ 37.50 / hb

For over fifty years Parsi theatre was famous for the sheer pleasure it brought to audiences in colonial India. It transformed the enjoyment of drama into a modern pastime. This cosmopolitan entertainment lured crowds to urban playhouses night after night with its passionate refrains of Urdu poetry and the melodious voices of cross-dressed youths. *Pure Entertainment* traces how Parsi theatre wedded vernacular narrative and musicality to new stage technologies to create an aesthetic that appealed across classes and communities. Its performing women and female impersonators became the first media stars. It expanded the mythological, historical, and social genres, preparing the ground for the emergence of cinema. By running profitable companies, Bombay troupes travelled to ports like Madras and Rangoon, leaving behind an unmistakable legacy.

Philosophy

Glimpses of Classical Indian Philosophy / Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty

New Delhi: Dev Publishers, 2025

x, 208p.; 22 cm.

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550gm.

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The present book is designed to offer an introductory analysis of some of the key concepts and debates in classical Indian philosophy. These debates extend over epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, philosophy of language, and philosophy of mind. All the articles in the collection are written to cater to the needs of

research students and young scholars who would like to do further research on classical Indian philosophy.

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Self and Inner Growth: Eastern Perspectives and Traditions / Salma Seth, N.K. Chadha
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025

x, 335p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

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A dire need is felt to connect to the ancient Indian knowledge and Eastern Perspectives enshrined in the voluminous body of literature in diverse fields-from material to the spiritual. This treasure trove of knowledge is what had made Bharatvarsha a 'vishwaguru'-guru/mentor/educator of the world- and fostered a vibrant culture of exchange of ideas and ideologies, learning and skills, knowledge and wisdom. These ideas and knowledge texts also found a reverent audience in other countries as they traveled through trade routes and even invasions. Colonisation, with the hegemonic knowledge structure of the British, impoverished the landscape of the country and the mindscape of the people.

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Politics

For a Just Republic: The People of India and the State / Partha Chatterjee

Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2025

x, 483p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9788178247113

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\$ 30.00 / Hb

When the Constituent Assembly forged a Constitution for the new republic of India, it settled for a limited agreement which allowed people from different parts of the country to come together, even while leaving the deep histories of cultural identity to the regions. This points, says Chatterjee, to the varying trajectory of the nation-state – as opposed to the trajectory of what he calls “the people-nation”. One of the core achievements of this book is to analyse the complex connection between the two.

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Posthumanism: Politics of Subjectivity / Arka Chattopadhyay; Sumit Chakrabarti

Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025

xix, 190p.; 22 cm.

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This volume constructs a posthumanist subject through philosophy, critical theory and literature. It tracks diverse developments of posthumanisms – from anti-humanism to poststructuralism and psychoanalysis – using micro-readings of literary narratives to situate posthumanist ideas and establish an interpretive praxis. Underlining the ethico-political strand, Posthumanism: Politics of Subjectivity demonstrates how to imagine a posthuman socio-political subject that renounces claims to species supremacy and anthropocentric privilege via the categories of animality, object, technology and ecology.

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Deconstructing India's Democracy: Essays in Honour of James Manor / Rob Jenkins and Louise Tillin

Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025

xi, 364p.; 23 cm.

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Like many of the world's leading democracies, India faces unprecedented stresses, from economic challenges wrought by premature deindustrialisation to political tensions created by majoritarianism. The erosion of constitutionally framed democratic governance represents more than just an old political order giving way to a new one: institutional decay has been the result of conscious, sustained and systemic political action. The multidimensional pressures on the rule of law make it essential for us to deconstruct democracy as it is conceived, understood and practised in India today.

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Rural Public Policy Debates in India / M.R. Biju, M.R.B. Anantha Padmanabha (Ed)
New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025
xxix, 313p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
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Rural Public Policy Debates in India encompass a wide range of critical issues and reflect the complex challenges faced by rural communities. Agriculture and rural development, poverty alleviation, education and skill development, healthcare and sanitation, infrastructure development, natural resource management, and governance and decentralization are key areas of contention and deliberation. These debates underline the need for comprehensive and integrated approaches to rural development that address the multidimensional aspects of rural life. To navigate these challenges, policymakers must adopt evidence-based approaches and engage in inclusive and participatory decision-making processes. It is crucial to involve diverse stakeholders, including rural communities, civil society organizations, academia, and experts, in policy formulation and implementation. This ensures that policies are grounded in local realities and take into account the needs and aspirations of rural populations.

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Translation and the Politics of Peace: Media, Negotiation, and Political Discourse in the Middle East / Abdul Fattah Ammourah
Delhi: Primus Books, 2024
xviii, 310 p.; 24 cm.
9789358529678
\$ 36.25 / hb

Translation and the Politics of Peace explores Middle Eastern politics from cultural, political, legal, and diplomatic perspectives to understand the language of politics, media, and negotiation embedded in English and Arabic terms and expressions. It explores approaches to translating and analysing political utterances and written discourse through speeches, media reports, and legal documents, including United Nations resolutions and treaties. This aims to help readers understand the repercussions of political discourse on contemporary Middle East politics as well as on future global events.

Governing Water in India: Inequality, Reform, and the State / Leela Fernandes
Delhi: Primus Books,
9789368834250
\$ 37.50 / hb

Intensifying droughts and competing pressures on water resources foreground water scarcity as an urgent concern of the global climate change crisis. In India, individual, industrial, and agricultural water demands exacerbate inequities of access and expose the failures of state governance to regulate use. State policies and institutions influenced by global models of reform produce and magnify socio-economic injustice in this "water bureaucracy."

Missing from the House: Muslim Women in the Lok Sabha / Rasheed Kidwai, Ambar Kumar Ghosh
New Delhi: Juggernaut Books, 2025

xxxviii, 270p.; ill. 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

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They broke barriers to build democracy. Muslim women in Indian politics are outliers, their lives and journeys shaped by patriarchy, religious orthodoxy and systemic exclusion. Yet, against formidable odds, eighteen have made it to the Lok Sabha since 1952. Missing from the House tells their stories for the first time. Through the lives of these trailblazing parliamentarians, this book uncovers the battles they fought, not only to win elections but also to challenge a political system designed to keep them out.

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The Aam Aadmi Party: The Untold Story of a Political Uprising and Its Undoing / Sayantan Ghosh
New Delhi: Juggernaut Books, 2025

xviii, 334p.; 22 cm.

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This book traces the AAP's dramatic journey, from its origins in street activism to its crushing defeat in the Delhi elections in 2025. It delves into the power struggles and personality clashes that fractured the party's ethical core, the high-stakes liquor scam, the arrests of top leaders and the political storm around Arvind Kejriwal's lavish house renovation. With the BJP using every misstep to tighten the noose, the fall was as swift as the rise. Drawing on insider accounts and sharp political analysis, this is the definitive story of one of India's most audacious and turbulent political experiments.

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The Voice of the People: Great Speeches from India's Parliament / Smita Gupta (ed)
New Delhi: Juggernaut Books, 2025

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Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative: Frameworks to Implement and Integrate Its Seven Pillars / Greg Rose, Shaun Star, Prakash Gopal
Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2025

vi, 256p.; 24 cm.

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750gm.

\$ 40.00 / hb

The Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative was launched in late 2019 by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It proposes cooperation across seven maritime sectoral pillars – Ecology, Security, Resources, Capacity Building and Resource Sharing, Disasters, Technology, and Trade Connectivity. The proposal was well received despite the vast expanse of the Indo-Pacific, and numerous, and often divergent, interests of regional countries.

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Psychology

Mental Health Psycho-Social Perspectives: Ageing: Issues and Interventions - Vol.7 / Aradhana Shukla, Anubhuti Dubey

New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 2025

xvii, 372p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

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About the series Mental health issues are the major concerns of present-day society because they help a person to lead the life successfully. This series named as, “Mental Health: Psychosocial Perspective” deals with approximately all walks of life where mental health can be noticed. In this series Six volumes are appeared and the present volume is the Seventh one. Volume One deals with psychological issues and Interventions regarding mental health. It is followed by the Second volume in which an exhaustive analysis of the mental health of multicultural societies have been made. The Third volume deals with the strength and resources that facilitate mental health. Fourth volume is related to psychological treatments and therapeutic exercises used for mental health promotion programs.

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Religion - Buddhism

Variety of Jataka and Avadana Transmission: Proceedings of the International Symposium held on the 27th and 28th of November 2023 at the International College for Postgraduate Buddhist Studies / Hiromi Habata, Satomi Hiyama (ed)

New Delhi: Dev Publishers and Distributors, 2025

xii, 189p.; ill. 27 cm.

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\$ 100.00 / hb

The jātika and avadāna constitute one of the most widely disseminated and vibrant genres within the Buddhist literary tradition. As narrative tales—ranging from concise to lengthy and elaborate—they communicate the teachings of the Buddha to a broader audience in an accessible and appealing manner. These stories have been transmitted across diverse regions of Buddhist Asia in a variety of languages, and they have significantly influenced the development of visual art forms unique to each cultural context.

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Sociology

Identity, Conflict, and Counter-Narratives: Dalit Experiences in Culture, Politics, and Stigmatisation / Yagati Chinna Rao; Raj Sekhar Basu (ed)

Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025

xv, 342p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9789354429200
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\$ 29.00 / pb

The history of Dalits in India is commonly presented as one of discrimination. Dalit understandings of the past, however, go beyond this and are intricately connected to the emotional space of the 'under-privileged'. They resist attempts to homogenise the community and its experiences, assert that the term 'Dalit' houses not one but many identities shaped by complex social processes, and call for the study of new sources and the adoption of new methodologies in constructing the histories of the marginalised.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906227>

Dalit Journeys for Dignity: Religion, Freedom, and Caste / Ramnarayan S. Rawat, K. Satyanarayana, P. Sanal Mohan
Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2025
xiv, 316p.; ills. 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9788178246888
600gm.
\$ 25.00 / hb

This book focuses on the theme of Dalit struggles for dignity in India. It begins by documenting the role of India's Dalits in ensuring inclusion of the term "dignity" in the Indian Constitution of 1950. Introducing Ambedkar's concept of "moral stamina", which emphasised the role of ethical ideas in democracy, the Introduction pairs this idea with the notion of dignity and demonstrates the foundational influence of these two concepts in Dalit activism and writings. Six essays explore the distinct trajectories of Dalit groups in search of religious alternatives.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906230>

Yashpal On Gender and Revolutionary Thought / Simona Sawhney; Kama Maclean (Ed)
Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025
ix, 330p.; 22 cm.
Includes Index.
9789354427091
500gm.
\$ 55.50 / pb

Writer and revolutionary worker Yashpal (1903–1976) was an important member of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA), a radical political group involved in India's freedom struggle. After his arrest in 1932, he famously turned—in his own words—"from bullet to bulletin". This was the beginning of a long and prolific career as a novelist, short story writer, journalist and political commentator. This book offers a reappraisal of Yashpal's work and legacy, critically examining his crucial role in both the literary and the socio-political history of India and focusing on his preoccupation with questions of gender and sexuality.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906260>

Resistance as negotiation: Making States and Tribes in the Margins of Modern India / Uday Chandra
Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2024
320p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9788178246963
550gm.
\$ 20.00 / pb

"Tribes" appear worldwide today as vestiges of a pre-modern past at odds with the workings of modern states. Acts of resistance and rebellion by groups designated as "tribal" have fascinated as well as

perplexed administrators and scholars in South Asia and beyond. Tribal resistance and rebellion are held to be tragic yet heroic political acts by “subaltern” groups confronting omnipotent states. By contrast, this book draws on fifteen years of archival and ethnographic research to argue that statemaking is intertwined inextricably with the politics of tribal resistance in the margins of modern India.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906273>

Postcolonial Popular Culture in India / Abin Chakraborty, Ramanuj Konar, Sayan Aich Bhowmik

Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025

272p.; ill. 23 cm.

9789354424410

450gm.

\$ 28.00 / pb

This anthology is an examination of Indian popular culture through the lens of postcolonial theory. Its essays focus on graphic narratives, chick-lit, Instagram poetry, memes, online games, football fans, talk shows, 24x7 news channels, and films and OTT shows. The essays are marked by a fundamental awareness of the plurality of discourses within which popular cultural representations are manufactured and received and the attendant negotiations of hegemony and counter-hegemonic currents which are inevitably generated.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=906276>

Inhabiting Technologies / Modernities: Media and Cultural Practices in South Asia / P. Thirumal and K.A. Nuaiman

Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2025

xvi, 398p.; ill. 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789354428920

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