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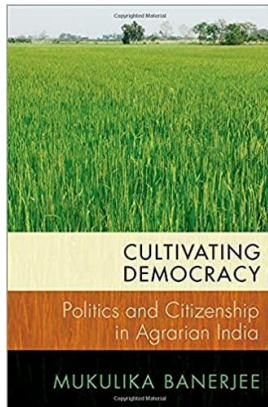
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NEW BOOKS ADDED IN THE LIBRARY

1. Cultivating Democracy /Mukulika Banerjee



An ethnographic study of Indian democracy that shows how agrarian life creates values of citizenship and active engagement that are essential for the cultivation of democracy.

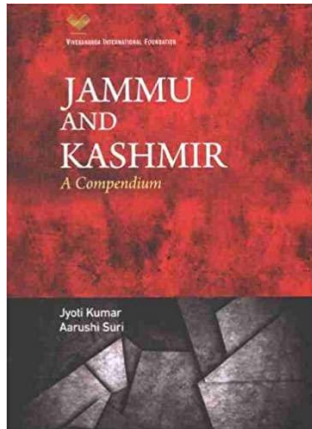
Cultivating Democracy provides a compelling ethnographic analysis of the relationship between formal political institutions and everyday citizenship in rural India. Banerjee draws on deep engagement with the people and social life in two West Bengal villages from 1998-2013, during election campaigns and in the times between, to show how the micro-politics of their day-to-day life builds active engagement with the macro-politics of state and nation. Her sensitive analysis focuses on several "events" in the life of the villages shows how India's agrarian rural society helps create practices and conceptual space for these citizens to be effective participants in India's great democratic exercises. Specifically, she shows how the villagers' creative practices around their kinship, farming and religion, while navigating encounters with local communist cadres, constitute a vital and continuing cultivation of those republican virtues of cooperation, civility, solidarity and vigilance which the visionary Ambedkar considered essential for the success of Indian democracy. At a time when so much of that constitutional vision is under threat, this book provides a crucial scholarly rebuttal to all, on Right or Left, who dismiss rural citizens' political capacities and democratic values. This book will appeal to anyone interested in India's political culture and future, its rural society, or the continuing relevance of political anthropology.

Pub: Oxford University Press

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2.Jammu And Kashmir/ Jyoti Kumar



Over the last seventy years, Jammu & Kashmir has seen political machinations, violence, cross-border terrorism, instability and economic stagnation. On August 5, 2019, the Indian Government decided to amend Article 370 of the Indian Constitution and usher the state into a new era of peace and development, paving the way for complete integration with the national mainstream. Following the momentous decision, there has understandably been a great deal of interest in Jammu & Kashmir due to its reorganization as a Union Territory. The Vivekananda International Foundation presents this Compendium on Jammu & Kashmir based on authentic sources to mark the first anniversary of the reorganisation.

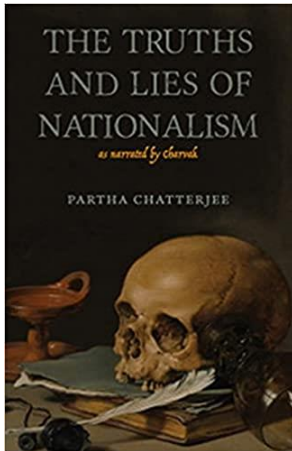
The compendium traces the history of Jammu & Kashmir since ancient times. It is an attempt to bring out the rich amalgamation of varied identities that exist within the state's population and presents evidences of its vivid and complex cultural and ethno-religious heritage. The compendium discusses Jammu & Kashmir's accession to India, its political history, Pakistan sponsored cross border terrorism over the years, radicalization of youth, confidence-building measures (CBMs) initiated by India, the amendment of article 370 and the current situation. The compendium is an excellent academic resource for both scholars of history, politics, terrorism and international relations, and general readers alike.

Pub: Pentagon Press

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3. The Truth and Lies of Nationalism/ Partha Chatterjee



This book is intended for a general readership and is utterly free of academic jargon. It is meant to be read by anyone wanting to understand what “nationalism” and “democracy” mean in the Indian context. It is essential reading for everyone worried about India’s future. Partha Chatterjee has translated and edited a manuscript of mysterious origin which presents a completely new way of telling the history of Indian nationalism. Resolutely criticising the doctrines of Hindutva as well as pluralist secularism, the book examines ongoing debates over Indian civilisation. Making new connections, it provides a detailed and original account of how the present borders of India were defined by British colonial policy, the Partition of 1947, and the integration of the princely states as well as the French and Portuguese territories. What is emphasised is not so much a state machinery inherited from colonial times but the moral foundation of a new republic based on the solidarity of different but equal formations of the people. After a trenchant analysis of current conflicts over religion, caste, class, gender, language, and region in India, the book proposes a new politics of revitalised federalism.

Pub: Permanent Black

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4. A New Cold War/ Sanjaya Baru



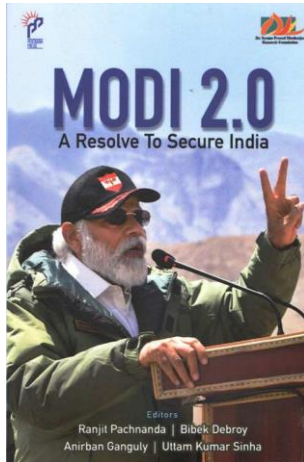
In July 1971, US National Security Advisor, Henry Kissinger, made a secret visit to China to meet top Chinese leaders. This inaugurated a new phase not just in US-China relations but in contemporary history. That visit and the subsequent US-China relationship, including the US decision to invest in China's economic rise and admit it into the WTO, combined to firm up the foundations of China's rise as a world power. For more than four decades, the leadership of the two countries had a secretive pact, which worked well to each other's benefit. The US helped power China's economic growth in the hope that Beijing would turn a new political leaf and adopt Western practices (e.g. democracy). China grew economically and militarily, used its financial prowess to spread its influence across continents, as four generations of Chinese leaders built their nation at the expense of the US. Half a century after Kissinger's historic visit, the US and China are today engaged in a trade war bordering on a new Cold War. Washington is not openly talking about 'de-coupling' from China, which has begun to challenge its global dominance, but it might very well be. China has already established itself as a dominant power across Eurasia. More worryingly, China is militarily and economically threatening its neighbours, including Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Taiwan, Australia, Philippines, Indonesia and India.

Pub: HarperCollins

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5. Modi 2.0/ Ranjit Pachnanda



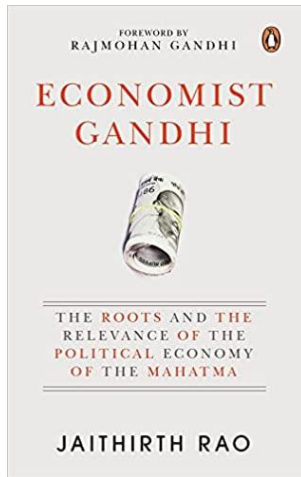
Safety and security lie at the heart of the prosperity of a nation. Real security is not only based on growth, reform and change or, what can be described as all-round development of the nation, but also enhanced focus on the borders given the escalation of tension. While trust and collaboration are central to a systematic approach to security, it is cohesively strung on three core objectives: effective diplomacy and military capabilities; bolstering economic prosperity; and providing governance and promoting democratic values. They present formidable challenges and are not easy to achieve, but under Modi's 'thinking thoroughly' leadership, there has been an earnest movement with long-term strategic planning and review. Alert to the changing threat landscape, the NDA government reasoned that any compartmentalised or silo-driven approach to national security required a fresh integrated approach. New institutional mechanisms and structures were put in place. Never before has decision-making and policy responses undergone such fundamental changes that draw in the value of pre-emptive, proactive and graded responses. This evocative volume brings out a comprehensive treatment of the important aspects of national security under Modi 2.0 government.

Pub: Pentagon Press

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6. Economist Gandhi/ Jaithirth Rao



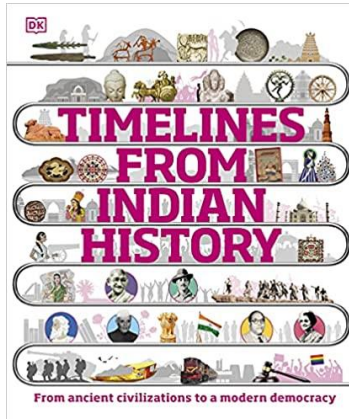
Examining Mahatma Gandhi through an unconventional lens, this book is an original and thought-provoking contribution to Gandhian literature. A refreshing take on the Mahatma's economic philosophy, *Economist Gandhi* tells us why we need to look at him as an unlikely management guru and an original thinker who enriched the discourse around market capitalism. The book explains Gandhi's positive approach towards business: even though he greatly reduced his individual wants, he was against poverty and wanted every Indian to enjoy a materially comfortable life. *Economist Gandhi* is probably the first book on Gandhi that claims that he was not against business and capitalists. It not only provides insights into a hidden facet of Gandhi's personality-his thoughts on economics and capitalism-but also enlightens the reader about some of Gandhi's views on religion, ethics, human nature, education and society. The book unveils a Gandhi who is brilliant, daring and, most importantly, distinctive.

Pub: Penguin Random House

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7. TimeLines From Indian History/Anurima Chanda



Learn about the history of India through a treasure trove of visually vibrant timelines packed with information on famous people and key events.

Take a journey of the history of the Indian subcontinent from prehistory to the colonial period and the modern era through more than 80 brilliant timelines. *Timelines from Indian History* navigates the history of India, through the formation of kingdoms, the establishment of empires, the struggle for Independence, and the emergence of a vibrant democracy and republic. Through this journey, the reader will meet the personalities who shaped India's history, culture, and society. They will learn of the events that shaped the country as we know it today, from the formation of the Mahajanapadas, the first great empire, and the Revolt of 1857, to the first elections and the scientific discoveries that put India on the international map. It will also document the histories of those who have traditionally been excluded from the mainstream narrative.

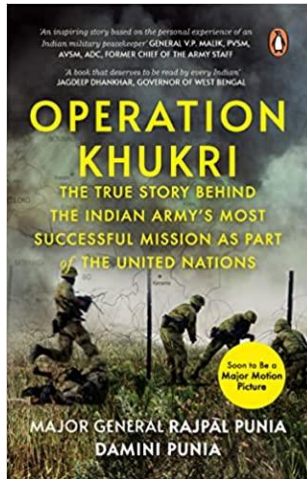
Packed with stories, profiles, and facts, *Timelines from Indian History* is a visual treat and promises to be an ideal addition to any history enthusiast and student's library.

Pub: Dorling Kindersley

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8. Operation Khukri/ Rajpal Punia



The year was 2000. Sierra Leone, in West Africa, had been ravaged by years of civil strife. With the intervention of the United Nations, two companies of the Indian Army were deployed in Kailahun as part of a United Nations peacekeeping mission.

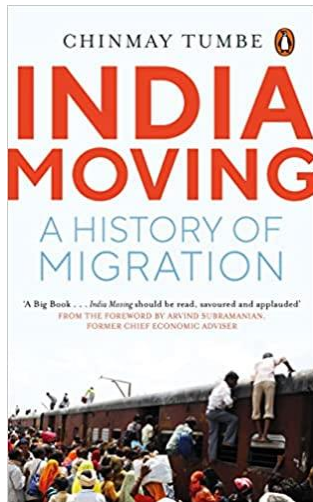
Soon, the peaceful mission turned into a war-like standoff between Major Punia's company and the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) rebels in Kailahun, with the Indian peacekeepers cordoned off for seventy-five days without supplies. The only way home was by laying down their weapons. Operation Khukri was one of Indian Army's most successful international missions, and this book is a first-hand account by Major Rajpal Punia, who, after three months of impasse and failed diplomacy, orchestrated the operation, surviving the ambush of the RUF in a prolonged jungle warfare twice, and returning with all 233 soldiers standing tall.

Pub: Penguin Random House

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9. India Moving: A History of Migration/Chinmay Tumbe



From adventure to indenture, martyrs to merchants, Partition to plantation, from Kashmir to Kerala, Japan to Jamaica and beyond, the many facets of the great migrations of India and the world are mapped in *India Moving*, the first book of its kind.

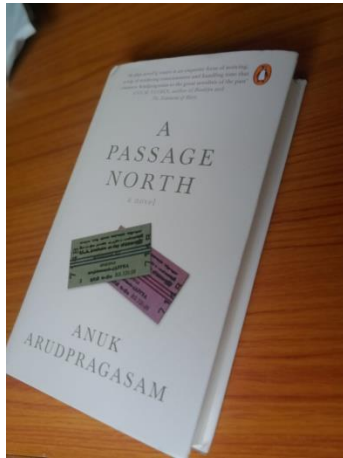
To understand how millions of people have moved-from, to and within India-the book embarks on a journey laced with evidence, argument and wit, providing insights into topics like the slave trade and migration of workers, travelling business communities such as the Marwaris, Gujaratis and Chettiars, refugee crises and the roots of contemporary mass migration from Bihar and Kerala, covering terrain that often includes diverse items such as mangoes, dosas and pressure cookers. *India Moving* shows the scale and variety of Indian migration and argues that greater mobility is a prerequisite for maintaining the country's pluralistic traditions.

Pub: Penguin Random House

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10.A Passage North: A Novel/AnuK Arudpragasam



A Passage North begins with a message from out of the blue: a telephone call informing Krishan that his grandmother's caretaker, Rani, has died under unexpected circumstances—found at the bottom of a well in her village in the north, her neck broken by the fall. The news arrives on the heels of an email from Anjum, an impassioned yet aloof activist Krishnan fell in love with years before while living in Delhi, stirring old memories and desires from a world he left behind.

As Krishan makes the long journey by train from Colombo into the war-torn Northern Province for Rani's funeral, so begins an astonishing passage into the innermost reaches of a country. At once a powerful meditation on absence and longing, as well as an unsparing account of the legacy of Sri Lanka's thirty-year civil war, this procession to a pyre "at the end of the earth" lays bare the imprints of an island's past, the unattainable distances between who we are and what we seek.

Written with precision and grace, Anuk Arudpragasam's masterful novel is an attempt to come to terms with life in the wake of devastation, and a poignant memorial for those lost and those still living.

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