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New Book Alerts

What's New at the Library



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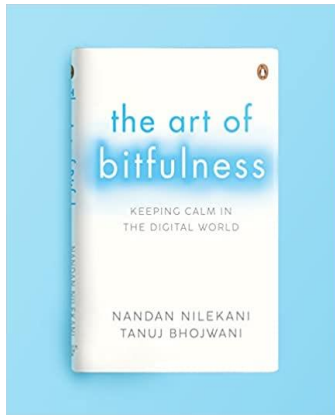
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NEW BOOKS ADDED IN THE LIBRARY

1. The Art of Bitfulness/ Nandan Nilekani



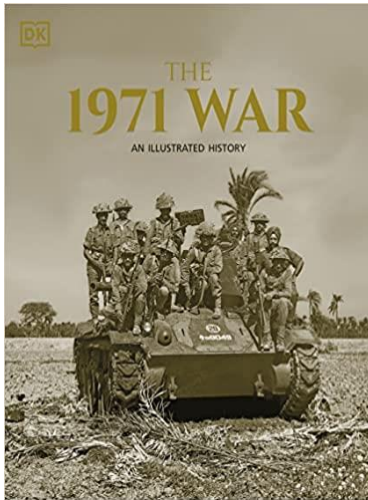
In this short, practical book, Nandan Nilekani and Tanuj Bhojwani describe a framework to tune out the overwhelming noise of the internet. They empower you with tools to take back your time, attention and privacy from those who want to capture and sell it. They reveal their own personal systems, and how they stay on top of a constant flow of information. This book doesn't believe our excessive screen time usage is a personal failing. The internet creates winner-take-all market conditions, which in turn create an attentional race to the bottom. It doesn't have to be this way. The book covers how we, as a collective, can take back control of our future. The authors even analyse the promise of web3 & cryptocurrencies to see where that alternative will take us. The reason to read this book is simple: If you don't design your technology around your life, someone else will design your life around their technology.

Pub: Penguin Random House

Call No.700.456 N695A

Accession No.157331

2. **The 1971 War : The Illustrated History/ Dorling Kindersley**



On 3 December 1971, India entered the war after Pakistan launched pre-emptive strikes at a number of Indian airfields. The “lightning war” that lasted 14 days became India’s greatest military victory.

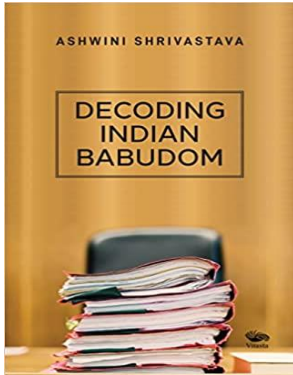
The 1971 War changed the face of the Indian subcontinent and the geopolitics of the region. Its end, with the defeat of Pakistan, led to the creation of a new nation state and the end of the Bangladesh Liberation War. Drawing from the archives of the Ministry of Defence, this lavishly illustrated book uses never-before-seen images to give an objective account of the events that took place in the War. In doing so, not only does it tell the story of some of the most extraordinary battles and encounters that defined the War, but also showcases acts of immeasurable courage and sacrifice of the Indian Army, the Indian Air Force, and the Indian Navy.

Pub: Dorling Kindersley

Call No.954.920514 D711W

Accession No.C21016

3. Decoding Indian Babudom/Ashwini Shrivastava



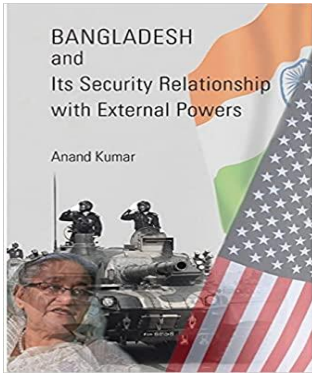
This first-of-its-kind book by a journalist covering bureaucracy lists the ailments of India's administrative system from a common man's point of view. It delves into the pain faced by the lesser privileged in accessing governance in our country. The book highlights the reasons behind this alleged notoriety. The possible causes of the rampant organized corruption in some (if not all) property registry offices, RTOs, civic authorities among other departments, the visible red tape, ineffectiveness of the administration in ensuring ease of accessing governance and the existence of unprofessional approach from 'public servants' towards the public are also discussed.

Pub: Vitasta

Call No.352.754 S561D

Accession No.157330

4. Bangladesh And Its Security Relationship with External Powers/Anand Kumar



A state's security is heavily dependent upon its geopolitical environment. The geopolitical setting of South Asia changed in 1971 with the birth of Bangladesh as a new, independent nation. India already faces a hostile neighbour on its western border. In the north, China is a major threat. In this geopolitical setting the kind of relationship India has developed with Bangladesh becomes important.

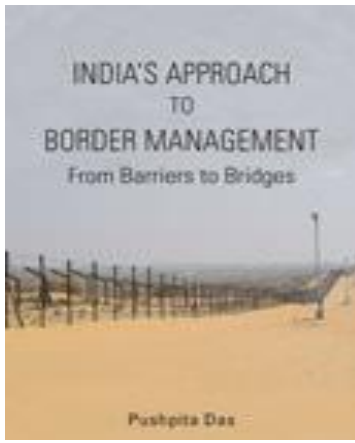
The military coup of August 1975 in Bangladesh marked a major shift in the way the country perceived its foreign and defence policies. India, its supporter in the liberation war, was now presented as the main threat to national security. A country's defence policy and defence-related procurements depend on the threat perception of that country. Bangladesh, despite being a poor country, has tried to acquire significant defence capability mainly due to its perceived sense of insecurity and to some extent to participate in the United Nations peacekeeping operations. Some of the steps taken by Bangladesh purportedly to enhance its own security have meant that the security environment in the region has actually deteriorated. In this context Bangladesh's security relationship with other major powers has significant implications for Indian security, and the book tries to throw light on it.

Pub: K.W

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5. India's Approach To Border Management From Barriers to Bridges/ Pushpita Das



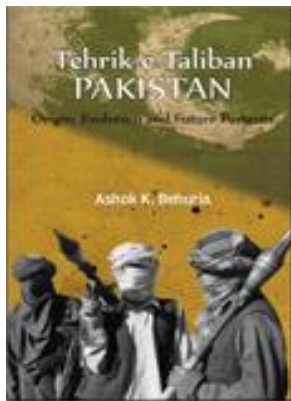
This book attempts to provide a comprehensive understanding of the circumstances which have shaped India's approach towards its international borders and the framework it has developed to better manage its borders. The book argues that persistence of various cross-border threats and challenges and an absence of robust intra-regional trade among its neighbouring countries forced India to employ a security-centric and unilateral approach to border management with emphasis on hardening the borders to cross-border trade and travel and keeping the border areas underdeveloped to act as a buffer against external conventional threats. However, as India's economy grew and the country gained more confidence and resources, India started perceiving the borders as bridges rather than barriers. Consequently, greater emphasis was being laid on development of border areas and restoring severed lines of communication with its neighbours through increased investments in building transportation networks both within the border as well as beyond. It also started constructively engaging its neighbours to effectively manage its international borders. Besides discussing the threats and challenges that India faces along the borders, the book aims to develop an understanding of India's border management practices by analysing various programmes and initiatives such as the raising of border guarding forces; building of physical and electronic fences; the establishment of modern facilities for smoothening legitimate cross-border travel; the development of the border areas through special programmes; and increasing trade and connectivity as well as other cooperative bilateral mechanisms.

Pub: K.W.

Call No.320.1254 D229I

Accession No. C21014

6. Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan :Origin Evolution And Future Portents/Ashok K. Behuria



This volume is a result of an abiding interest in the phenomenon of radical Islamist terror that haunts Pakistan today. The research questions that it seeks to answer are: Why do the tribal areas remain a problem for rulers and administrators throughout history? How and why did radical Islam embed itself in the terrain?

Was it influenced by the overall emphasis on Islam in Pakistani state politics? What is the role of history and politics in fuelling religious passions in the area? What has led to the survival of TTP despite humongous efforts of the Pakistan Army to decimate it? What are the future portents of such a movement? What impact is it likely to have on Pakistani society and politics?

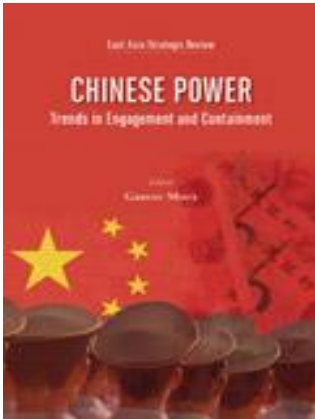
The volume makes an attempt to understand the context in which Pakistani Taliban or TTP, as it is called now, came into being, the enabling factors that made the growth of TTP possible, the formation and growth of TTP as a militant organisation, its leadership and its activities over the years, its ideological orientation and its worldview, its aims and objectives, its relationship with other militant groups in and outside Pakistan and the efforts of the Pakistani establishment to come to terms with such a phenomenon. There is an attempt to analyse the process and study its implications for Pakistan and the region.

Pub: K.W

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Accession No. C21013

7. Chinese Power: Trend In Engagement And Containment/Gaurav Misra



The East Asia Strategic Review is an annual publication of the East Asia Centre, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), New Delhi. The current volume titled "Chinese Power: Trends in Engagement and Containment" intends to present an Indian perspective on China's strategic outreach in the East Asian region under President Xi Jinping. It analyses how Beijing employs the instruments of diplomacy, economy, military and political outreach to engage with the regional countries and how US presence influences the regional dynamics.

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8. India-China Rivalry Asymmetric No Longer/Abhay Kumar Singh



**India-China Rivalry:
Asymmetric No Longer**
An Assessment of China's
Evolving Perceptions of India

In recent years, there has been growing interest in deciphering the nature and contours of bilateral dynamics between India and China, since the contours bilateral dynamics between the two rising powers have potential implications for the evolving geopolitical order in the region and even beyond. This book is not about understanding the nature of rivalry dynamics between India and China but prominently focuses on China's mental and emotional image of India, which has remained an underexplored dimension in contemporary scholarship.

The aim of the book is two-fold. First, this book is an effort to analyse China's contemporary perceptual image about India primarily through the analysis of Chinese publications on the subject. Second, this book questions the prevalent notion of characterising India-China rivalry as 'one-sided' or 'asymmetric.'

Unarguably, power asymmetry, with substantial Chinese advantage, has been a persistent characteristic of India-China relations and is likely to remain or even grow further. India, being weaker in this dyad, naturally has a greater threat perception vis-à-vis China. However, this apparent power asymmetry does not provide China with an overwhelming advantage over India.

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