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New Books Alert



What's New at the Library



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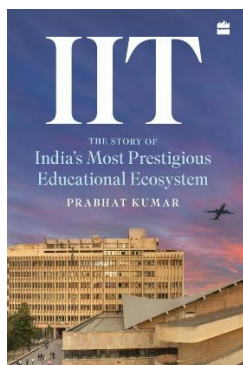
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1. IIT the story of India's most prestigious educational ecosystem by Prabhat Kumar



1956. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru stood on the grounds of the erstwhile Hijli Detention Camp-where the British had once imprisoned and executed Indian freedom fighters-and laid the foundation stone for the first Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Kharagpur, West Bengal. Seven decades later, the IIT is not just India's most prestigious educational ecosystem, but its alumni-the IITians-are among the architects of the modern world, leading technology giants, pioneering research and driving entrepreneurial revolutions from the Indus Valley to the Silicon Valley.

How did the institution scale from one campus to twenty-three without compromising on academic integrity?

How did an engineering degree from IIT become the golden passport for a successful life? Why do entrepreneurs from the IIT ecosystem have a distinct advantage over non-IITians?

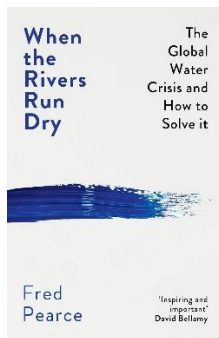
In his book, Prabhat Kumar, himself an IIT alumnus, unveils the story of these centres of excellence-from their idealistic origins in Nehru's India to their staggering global influence today. Blending razor-sharp analysis, archival secrets and exclusive interviews with the pioneers, directors, struggling aspirants, billion-dollar founders and unsung heroes, this definitive book delivers an illuminating, multi-generational portrait of an institution that has established India's presence on the world stage.

Pub: Harper Collins

Accession No: 159529

Call No: 378.54 K96I

2. When the rivers run dry the global water crisis and how to solve it by Fred Pearce



We cannot live without water. But with 7.5 billion people competing for this single unevenly-distributed resource, the planet is drying up.

In *When the Rivers Run Dry*, Fred Pearce explores the growing world water crisis, from Kent to Kenya. His powerful reportage takes us to places where waterways are turning to sand before they reach the ocean; where fields are parched and crops no longer grow; where once fertile ground has turned to desert; where wars are fought over access to water and cultures are dying out. But he offers us hope for the future - if we can radically revolutionise the way we treat water, and take personal responsibility for the water we use.

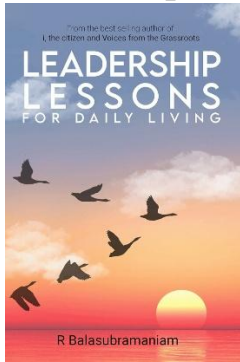
This landmark work, from a respected and accomplished scientist, will transform the way we view the water in our reservoirs and rivers, and change the way we treat the water in our taps.

Pub: Granta

Accession No: 159419

Call No: 363.61 P359W

3. Leadership lessons for daily living by R Balasubramaniam



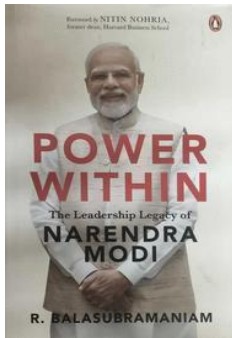
‘LEADERSHIP LESSONS FOR DAILY LIVING’ is an attempt to document the wisdom and the demonstration of leadership exercised by the ‘ordinary’—nay, ‘extraordinary’—people in specific circumstances. It is more about people exercising leadership and less about them being leaders. Each incident reflects some attribute of leadership being exercised in a particular context and time. It gives a deeply democratic message of enduring value that we all are capable of great leadership in our own spheres of living, and that we can cultivate the habits and the practice of good leadership. It engages the reader in a style that evokes the use of parables to convey enduring wisdom, each short chapter offers a story, from which Dr. Balu extracts enduring principles, which are then explicitly synthesized. The book is to stimulate self-reflection and inner dialogues on purpose and responsibility; or as input for conversation among friends or colleagues interested in discussing together the role of leadership in their lives and shared endeavors; or as a resource in formal classes on leadership at any level of education.

Pub: Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement

Accession No: 159530

Call No: 658.4092 B171L

4. Power within the leadership legacy of Narendra Modi by R Balasubramaniam



Western thought on leadership is trait-oriented; it emphasizes the importance of ‘being a leader’. Indian leadership offers a contrast—it focuses on the ‘exercise of leadership’. Power Within introspects on this practice as it captures the civilizational wisdom of Bharat through the lived experience of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The book delves into the fifty years of his public life and explores how he discovered his purpose, the seeds of which were sown in his formative years. Poignant anecdotes from his colleagues shed light on how his relentless hard work and communicative approach propelled him to the prime ministerial post. They also underscore his constant quest for self-discovery in the service of others.

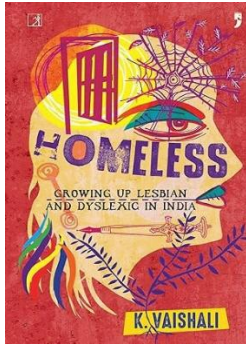
In a carefully crafted narrative, R. Balasubramaniam captures Modi’s leadership journey and interprets it through Western and Indic lenses, amalgamating them to provide a road map for those who aspire to a life of public service.

Pub: Vintage

Accession No: 159516

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5. Homeless growing up lesbian and dyslexic in India by K Vaishali



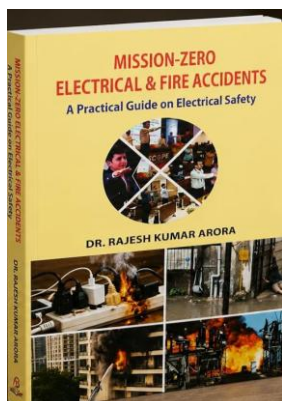
After discovering she's lesbian and dyslexic at 20, Vaishali begins to untangle her anxieties around reading and writing. She comes out to her mother at 22 and leaves her Bombay home to make her own way. In a dingy, insect-ridden yet rent-free hostel room in Hyderabad with a door that doesn't quite close, she tries to make the best of the situation by writing a book about her experiences. As she writes, she finds the past has a way of catching up with her, even as she explores her dyslexia, homosexuality, and the clitoris; falling in love and recovering from a harrowing breakup; academic failure, loneliness, and homophobia; living with sickness, anxiety, depression, and her caste, gender, and body. This is the story of Vaishali's relationship with her many truths and the truths of many young people in India.

Pub: Simon and Schuster

Accession No: 159465

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6. Mission zero electrical and fire accidents a practical guide on electrical safety by Rajesh Kumar Arora



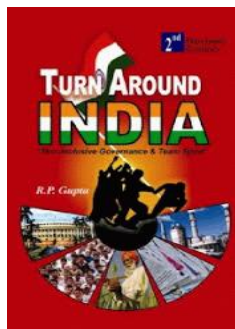
Every day, we lose nearly 40 precious lives to electrocution and electrical fires. In addition to this with these irreplaceable & tragic human losses, there is significant damage to property, equipment, and national assets. These incidents are largely preventable through awareness, adherence to standards and responsible practices. When a life is cut short by preventable electrical hazards, the ripple effect shatters the economic and emotional stability of entire households of victims. Electrical energy is the backbone of modern life—powering homes, industries, and critical infrastructure. However, its invisible and unforgiving nature makes it one of the most hazardous forms of energy when not handled with due care. As the author of this safety manual, I firmly believe that electrical safety is not merely a regulatory requirement but a moral obligation. In domestic environments, the risks often stem from lack of awareness, substandard wiring, overloading of circuits, and improper use of electrical appliances. Simple practices such as proper earthing, installation of residual current devices, and periodic inspection can prevent many such tragedies. Public awareness and adherence to basic safety norms are essential to safeguard families and homes. In industrial settings, the complexity and scale of electrical systems increase the magnitude of risk. High voltages, heavy machinery, and continuous operations demand strict compliance with safety standards, regular maintenance, and a strong safety culture.

Pub: Adhyayan Books

Accession No: 159445

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7. Turn around India through inclusive governance and team spirit by R P Gupta



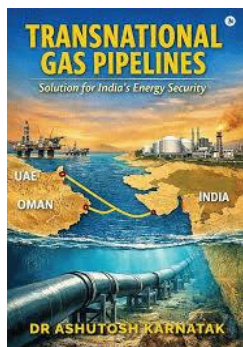
"A thought-provoking book with innovative reforms for creating economic awareness and building team spirit among Indians, particularly the young". Author has charted a unique growth map for a complete turnaround of India. His emphasis is not only on problems pertaining to sensitive issues like Black money, Inflation, Trade deficit, Subsidy and Inclusive growth but still more important on viable solutions. Even critical issues like Environment, Energy, Transportation, Natural resources and Taxation which are paramount to our economy has been deftly analysed. The book is a must reading for keen proponents of a resurgent India. The book is being presented with practical solutions and ground realities. Attempt has been laid on innovative methods for quick turnaround along with long-term solutions. It highlights on important issues like black money and corruption which needs preventive action instead of relying on punitive measures alone. It also includes major topics of Indian economy like public finance, savings and subsidy in lucid language. The book is focused on real economy instead of financial economy. Socio-political aspects have also been elaborated in the initial chapters. Basic difference between growth and development has been discussed in GDP chapter. Burning issues like Inflation, Rupee weakening and Energy shortage which needs an urgent intervention has also been dealt at length. A new approach to Environment and Natural resources which has been highly politicised has been discussed.

Pub: Himalaya

Accession No: 159433

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8. Transnational gas pipelines solution for India's energy security by Ashutosh Karnatak



India's energy future depends on a balanced and realistic transition strategy—one that ensures Affordability, Availability, Accessibility, and Acceptability (AAAA) while advancing sustainability and energy security. This book presents a compelling case for positioning natural gas as India's primary transition fuel for the next three decades, supported by renewables and hydrogen—together conceptualized as "Happy Fuel."

Anchored in PNGRB Vision-2040, the book examines the strategic importance of transnational gas pipelines as long-term enablers of affordable, reliable, and diversified energy supply. Drawing on global experience and India-specific realities, it evaluates the techno-commercial, regulatory, and geopolitical dimensions of major pipeline initiatives, including TAPI and prospective deepwater pipelines between the Middle East and India.

Beyond infrastructure, the book advances a forward-looking vision of India emerging as a regional gas-trading and price-discovery hub, thereby strengthening supply security, market efficiency, and regional cooperation. Reconnecting with the author's pioneering concept of the Asian Gas Grid, it argues that shared energy infrastructure can transcend borders—transforming pipelines into instruments of stability, trust, and peace.

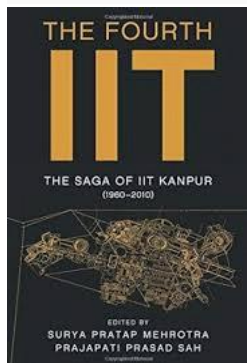
Blending engineering insight with policy analysis and strategic foresight, this book serves as a reference for regulators, ministries, public sector enterprises, investors, and energy professionals, while offering a broader message: that energy, when planned wisely, can become a foundation for prosperity, cooperation, and a sustainable future.

Pub: Notion Press

Accession No: 159421

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9. The fourth IIT the saga of IIT Kanpur (1960-2010) by Surya Pratap Mehrotra and Prajapati Prasad Sah



The Fourth IIT traces the historical evolution of the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK), established fourth in the chronological ladder of IITs after the institutes at Kharagpur, Bombay and Madras. The early beginnings of IITK are explored, with the appointment of Dr P. K. Kelkar as its founder-director, its humble commencement in the temporary premises of Harcourt Butler Technological Institute (HBTI) and the initiation of a traditional BTech programme. We see how rapid transformations enabled the institute to introduce and nurture a new academic culture in the country, illustrated by the paradigm shift in higher education in general- the spirit of IITK. An inventive approach to faculty appointments, student admissions and the development of a novel academic structure are some of the deeply appreciated attributes that IITK has epitomized- and striven for.

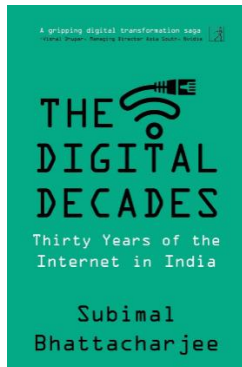
The book also captures IITK in the present times, in its pursuit of continually improving the material life of its students, staff members and the faculty, and the veritably important role played by the alumni, and also sheds light on the 'new vision' of the institute. Expertly and lovingly written by IITK insiders and long-timers, The Fourth IIT is ideal for past and present students and educators, and for anyone interested in an in-depth analysis of one of the most beloved and respected academic institutions in the country.

Pub: Penguin Enterprise

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10. The digital decades thirty years of the internet in India by Subimal Bhattacharjee



A comprehensive chronicle of India's remarkable digital transformation from the early 1990s to the present day.

As India emerges as a global digital powerhouse, this book captures the extraordinary story of how the world's largest democracy has evolved with the technology and harnessed internet technology to revolutionize governance, empower citizens, and accelerate national development. Through 19 meticulously researched chapters and a forward-looking conclusion, the manuscript weaves together the technological, political, and social threads that have shaped India's digital destiny.

The book traces India's internet journey through distinct epochs: from the tentative first connections in August 1995 through the liberalization era, the dot-com boom and bust, the mobile revolution, the digital governance initiatives under successive governments, and culminating in today's Digital India vision. Each chapter in this volume combines rigorous analysis with compelling anecdotes that bring to life the human stories behind India's digital revolution.

Pub: Simon and Schuster

Accession No: 159454

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11. Kingfisher by Rozie Kelly



"A gentle and compassionate novel that explores the nuances of queer love and friendship." Derek Owusu, *The Guardian*

When a creative writing academic becomes infatuated with his colleague – the poet – it is not long before it begins to threaten his relationship with his partner, Michael. Michael is beautiful. Michael is safe. But the poet is everything he isn't; she has everything he wants.

While he writes about steel and sex, she dreams about the movements of swallows. While he tends to his budding career, she writes from her big, white house in the woods. As he slips between his old life and this new one, his fixation grows into something more powerful. The poet, his Kingfisher, is his sole focus. He is hypnotised.

But when simultaneous illnesses threaten to destroy the precarious reality, he clings to, he's forced to question what he can and cannot take from someone. This is a novel about grief, power and desire – and the tangles in between that make up a life.

Pub: Saraband

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