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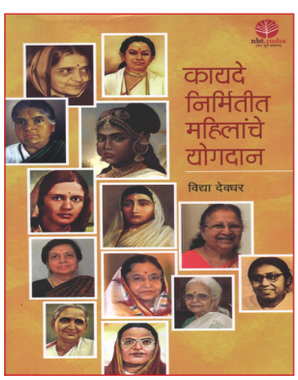

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Book Festival at Andaman and Nicobar

National Book Trust, India in association with the Art & Culture Department, A&N Administration, organised the Andaman and Nicobar Book Fair from 1 – 10 April 2025 at ITF Ground, Sri Vijaya Puram. The Fair was inaugurated by Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Lt. Governor, A&N Islands.

A literary landscape, the Fair brought together booklovers, authors, and publishers. The Book Fair featured around 32 stalls displaying more than 30,000 books of various genres, authors and from different publishers across India.

The ten-day literary extravaganza witnessed overwhelming participation from all walks of life. Booklovers gathered in large numbers at the festival ground, enjoyed the specially curated literary sessions.

During the Fair, Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, National Book Trust, India led a session titled, 'How to publish a book?' for educators from various schools across Andaman. The session focused on the creative process involved in writing a book and how Andaman and Nicobar Book Fair plays a vital role in nurturing the reading habit among children.

A special stall of Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya was also set up encouraging children to explore free digital books and enhance the habit of reading and learning.

A special feature of the ten-day festival was the Children's Corner where activities featuring fun activities, workshops, and sessions tailored specially for kids were organised. These special sessions were focused on skills and art forms like puppetry, origami, storytelling, poetry, theatre and art. Education consultant and storyteller, Seema Wahi Mukherjee brought the joy of puppetry and drawing to the children, and also hosted a character creation workshop for the young minds.

The Fair proved to be a perfect place for children to explore the magic of books, stories and hands-on creativity. It served as an opportunity for publishers and authors to connect with the people of these Islands. The event, with its aim to celebrate literature and promote reading habits, left an indelible mark on the literary and cultural landscape of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

NBT marks its presence at the Bogota International Book Fair

India has made its debut at the Bogota International Book Fair. National Book Trust, India, showcased a Collective Exhibit of Books from India for the first time at the 37th Bogota International Book Fair 2025, Colombia, which began on 25 April and continue until 11 May 2025.

Shri Kumar Vikram, Chief Editor & Joint Director, NBT,

representing National Book Trust, India called on Shri Vanlalhuma, Hon'ble Ambassador of India to Colombia and Ecuador, to brief him about the participation of NBT at the Fair. The Hon'ble Ambassador was also briefed about the upcoming participation of India as the Guest of Honour Country in the 2026 edition of FilBo.

On this occasion, the Hon'ble Ambassador was presented with two of the significant publications of the Trust: *'Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh: Through the Ages'* and *'India: Mother of Democracy.'* Shri Manoj Kumar Sahu, Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Bogota, was also present on the occasion.

A meeting of Emiro Aristizabal Alvarez, Chairman, Colombia Chamber of Books, the organisers of the Bogota International Book Fair (FilBo), and his core team of senior officials was held with Shri Kumar Vikram and Shri Manoj Kumar Sahu, Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Bogota, to discuss various aspects pertaining to India's participation as Guest of Honour Country at FilBo 2026 and the participation of Colombia as the Guest of Honour Country at the New Delhi World Book Fair in 2027.

Shri Sahu also visited the NBT stall. The exhibit promoted Indian books, the NDWBF 2026, the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya initiative, and fostered dialogue on literary exchanges between two countries, marking a new chapter in Indo-Colombian cultural and publishing collaboration.

Ms. Adriana Angel, Director of the Fair, also made a visit to the stall and appreciated the Spanish titles of the Trust.

Organised by the Colombian Book Chamber and Corferias, the fair, called FilBo, is spread over nearly 60,000 square meters. It has 17 dedicated pavilions on various genres and categories of books. The collective exhibit evinced quite an interest among the visitors of all age groups.

The FILBo 2025 is also featuring over 2,300 activities. In this event, participants of the productive chain of books meet, and for two weeks readers, authors, editors, distributors, agents, and booksellers participate in the second-largest book fair in Latin America after the Guadalajara International Book Fair.

The Fair was inaugurated on 25 April with the participation of exhibitors from more than 25 countries. Spain is the Guest of Honour Country, and the theme of the fair is 'The Words of the Body.'

India will be participating in the Bogota International Book Fair 2026 as the Guest of Honour Country, with NBT as the Nodal Agency.

India at Abu Dhabi International Book Festival

National Book Trust, India, is participating with a collective exhibit of books from India at the 34th Abu Dhabi International Book Fair being held from 26 April. The Fair will continue until 5 May 2025.

At the Fair, the National Book Trust, India discussed possible collaborations with the Arab, Southeast Asian, and European publishers.

Mr. Khalid from the National Council for Culture, Art & Letters, Govt. of Kuwait, discussed the prospective association to promote reading, culture, and exchange of rights with Indian publishers during the upcoming New Delhi World Book Fair 2026.

Mr. Abdullah of the Bahrain Authority for Culture & Antiquities, Government of Bahrain, explained the relationship between Bahrain and India, and showed interest in participating in the New Delhi World Book Fair 2026.

Mr. Tamer of the National Center for Translation, Government of Morocco was excited to know the scale of the New Delhi World Book Fair 2025, and showed interest in participating in the upcoming edition.

India had a chance of hosting a delegation from the National Book Council of Malaysia, Ministry of Education, Government of Malaysia. Discussions focused on potential collaborations to promote reading culture, publishing, rights exchange, and participation in the upcoming New Delhi World Book Fair 2026.

Representatives from the Publishers' Association of Mongolia, including Ms. Altantuya S. also visited the NBT-India stand. Enthralled by the scale and impact of NDWBF, they expressed keen interest in participating in its 2026 edition, with a focus on fostering literary exchange and strengthening people-to-people connections.

Cherisse Aquino–Tugade, Executive Director, National Book Development Board, Ministry of Education, Government of the Philippines, held discussions with NBT India regarding collaborative opportunities in reading promotion, publishing, and rights exchange. Her team confirmed participation in the forthcoming New Delhi World Book Fair 2026.

Similarly, Ioan Birta, noted philologist from Romania and member of the Association of Romanians in the Balkans, expressed deep admiration for India's heritage. He shared that he holds an original *Tamrapatra* in his personal collection and conveyed interest in participating in NDWBF 2026.

One of the largest book fairs in the world, Abu Dhabi International Book Fair is hosting around 1,400 participants from 96 countries. Since 2007, it has been organised by KITAB, a joint venture between the Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage and the Frankfurt Book Fair. The aim of the fair is to strengthen literary ties across borders and take a step forward in cultural exchange, translation, and global reading promotion of Arab publishers.

The Fair is a global platform that brings diverse cultures together with the goal of endorsing reading, spreading culture and knowledge, and promoting cultural exchange and dialogue between countries.

NBT India's Stand is being visited by booklovers from different walks of life who are showing keen interest in the books on display.

Shri Mayank Surolia, Deputy Director, Exhibition and Shri Sachin Kudurkar, Marketing Head is heading the NBT team deputed there.

Adding a special moment to the event, Bela, a young reader from Nasik, Maharashtra—currently studying in Abu Dhabi—was presented with the book *Exam Warriors* authored by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. Students of Bright Riders School, Abu Dhabi (Class XI–XII) reflected on their experience of staying connected to their Indian roots through books, digital media, and cultural engagement. Shri Mayank Surolia also presented a copy of *'Exam Warriors'* to a reader from Abu Dhabi, and to Karthik Gaggar of Rooftop, a startup involved in Art Publishing.

Activities for Children!

During the Andaman Nicobar Book Fair held from 1-10 April organised by National Book Trust, India, Children's Corner buzzed with excitement as activities such as Storytime adventures with ANET's Ocean of Tales, Creative fun at Paper Craft Time, Artistic talents on display at the Drawing Competition (with awesome prizes!) were conducted. From the magical tales of "Aao Kahaani Sune", to shaping imagination in "Island Clay Creations", and exploring colours in the Illustration Workshop were held. In storytelling sessions, with vibrant portraits and joyful music children explored their imagination with experts like Priyanka Chatterjee, Akash, Kavita Gupta, Promotho Mazumdar and Shivam Rao.

Many children-based activities in various schools across cities were also organised by National Book Trust, India. An engaging story time at Bal Bharati Public School, Noida was organised for students featuring "Let's Hear a Story" by Anju Kumari and "It's Storytime" by Archana Chandel.

A literary day with lots of fun and endless learning was held at East Point School, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi. Students enjoyed storytelling with Shivani Kanodia, creative writing with Swati Goyal, and learned how to write a book with Amrit Nagpal, followed by fun at the caricature workshop with Karan Singh.

Interesting activities for children were organised at Nirmal Bharti Vidyalaya, Dwarka, Delhi. Shivani Kanodia narrated many interesting stories in the session "Aao Kahani Sune" and children's writer Suryanath Singh provided information related to Hindi literature through a session based on the topic "Aao Jaane Hindi Sahitya". Children participated with great enthusiasm and interest in both the sessions.

Three engaging sessions were conducted at The Indian School, Sadiq Nagar, New Delhi, for students across age groups. Sessions included lively musical storytelling session by Vasudha Ahuja and Kunal; a story writing workshop, introducing students to the art of crafting compelling narratives led by Shalini Bansal; and a creative writing workshop by Amrit Nagpal, encouraged students to collaboratively create and narrate stories based on pictures.

A story-writing and creative writing workshop was held at Bal Bharati School, Noida by Vinita Zutshi. Students from classes 4, 5, and 6 participated with great enthusiasm. Through interactive approach, unravelling the art of creative writing, the session was transformed into a hands-on learning experience that captivated young minds.

Interactive sessions were conducted at Queen's Valley Public School, Dwarka for students across various grades. The day featured a fun puppet storytelling session by Swati Goyal for young students, a mask-based storytelling session for Grade 3, and a lively caricature workshop by Karan Singh for Grades 6–8.

At the end of every workshop organised, informative orientation was also given to both students and teachers about the vast world of books accessible on the National Digital Library (NDL) through the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya.

NBT Online Course in Book Publishing

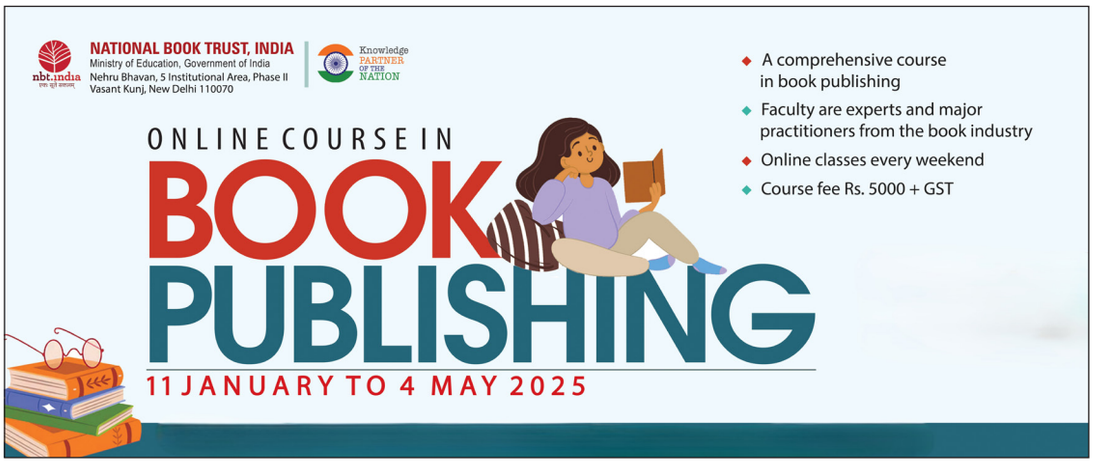
The National Book Trust, India's publishing course is the first in India to offer comprehensive training to students and exposure to the publishing industry.

Its innovative and unique Certificate Course in Publishing since 1994 has contributed, to a large extent, to creating a pool of trained professionals for the publishing industry in India.

This year the course is being conducted from 11 January to 4 May 2025.

The course provides valuable insights into the growing significance of publishing in the current era. Students with interests in editing, designing, marketing, and other related fields are able to clearly understand the relevance and scope of each area through the well-structured sessions.

Moreover, the course offers a comprehensive overview of the entire publishing ecosystem, making the processes and workflows accessible and understandable to all participants.



Mobile Van Exhibition at National Law University

NBT-India's Pustak Parikrama made its way to National Law University, Delhi on 24th April 2025.

Staying true to tradition, the mobile van exhibition brought a treasure trove of books to students and faculty alike. Dr. Priya Rai, Head Librarian and Director of the Centre for Research and Innovation at National Law University, Delhi also stepped into the mobile van exhibition.

NBT Pustak Parikrama also brought the magic of books to the enthusiastic students of Lovely Public School, Mayur Vihar Phase 2 on 24th April 2025.

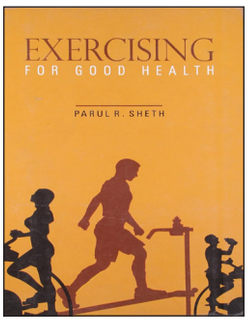
Delhi Pustak Parikrama

The Delhi Pustak Parikrama mobile van reached at Sucheta Memorial School on 21st April 2025.

Young students browsed through various titles and found their new favourite reads.

NBT's exhibition vans keep moving across the nation promoting love for books and reading.

NBT Books on Health and Diseases



Exercising For Good Health

Parul R Sheth

140 pp Rs. 170.00

In the present modern world, convenience gadgets have made us cut down on our physical activities. Physical exercise together with a controlled nutritious diet as part of our daily routine can take us a long way in living a healthy life. This book aims to explain the various types of physical and mental exercises and how these exercises can help to control certain diseases and get other benefits.

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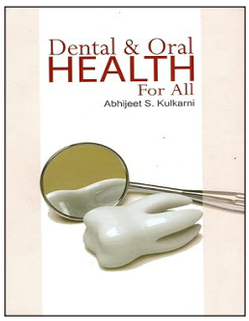

Dental & Oral Health For All

Abhijeet S Kulkarni

106 pp Rs. 170.00

Dental and oral health require awareness and significant public health measures. The low priority given to oral health, and the neglect of dental and oral diseases are among several important factors of concern. The book, in a revised and updated edition, aims at providing practical information to readers about dental and oral diseases, the available treatment options and contemporary preventive strategies to maintain and improve oral health.

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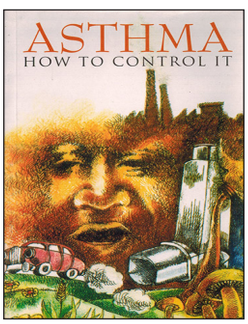


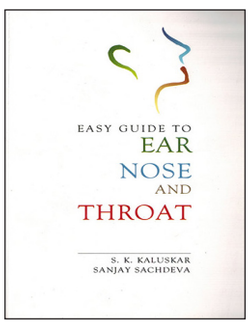
Asthma: How To Control It

M P S Menon

94 pp Rs. 155.00

This revised volume provides a contemporary account of a common though baffling ailment, which has been an enigma for thousands of sufferers who need help in handling their disability to their best advantage before seeking medical help.

ISBN 81-237-2179-X



Easy Guide To Ear, Nose And Throat

S K Kaluskar & Sanjay Sachdeva

86 pp Rs.160.00

This book is a reader-friendly guide to various ear, nose and throat problems, with an aim to create awareness on these delicate organs. It also helps to identify the various problems and their symptoms at an early stage, perceive them in proper light, and know the right time to seek help of a specialist. Written in a simple language, the book also includes tips on first-aid measures and home remedies.

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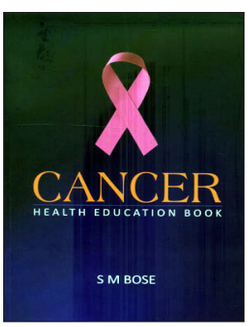

Cancer

S M Bose

124 pp Rs. 210.00

Cancer is a group of diseases that affect different organs of the human body. The exact cause of Cancer is not known but a number of factors – tobacco, diet, lifestyle, environment, etc. lead to the development of cancer. Written lucidly, the book explains the basics of cancer, causal factors, danger signals and diagnostic methods of investigating the disease. It lays stress on the psychological support, follow-up examination and nutritious diet.

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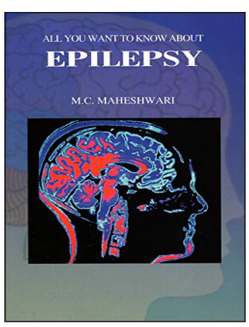

Epilepsy

M C Maheshwari

100 pp Rs. 145.00

This book provides scientific information about the diagnosis, treatment and care of epileptics in our country where superstitions, false beliefs and misconceptions about the disease are widely prevalent and prove an obstacle in its effective control.

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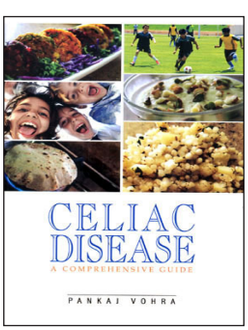

Celiac Disease: A Comprehensive Guide

Pankaj Vohra

198 pp Rs. 250.00

The book covers all aspects of celiac disease – from its history to its prevalence, manifestations, diagnosis and treatment. It also details the nuances of gluten-free diet, guides in preparing everyday food through some easy recipes and explains how to navigate one's environment to manage this condition through commonly asked questions.

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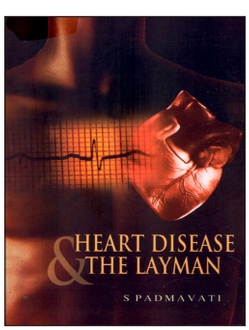


Heart Disease and The Layman

S Padmavati

65 pp Rs. 120.00

The very mention of heart disease strikes terror in the minds of many. This book puts into proper perspective what heart disease means, its signs and symptoms, methods of examination and treatment and explains the changes that occur when a heart becomes deranged in structure and function.

ISBN 978-81-237-1217-8

Recent NBT Titles in Translation

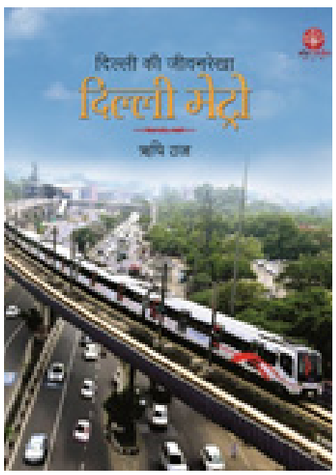
Jyare Kheldili Jiti Gai Harifaai

Yuvraj Malik

Rs. 65 16 pp

ISBN: 978-93-5743-266-5

A fictionalised story based on a real incident involving the Spanish athlete Ivan Fernandez Anaya and Kenyan athlete Abel Kiprop Mutai during a cross-country race in Burlada, a Municipality in the Navarre region of northern Spain in December 2012. This book is a Gujarati translation which has been originally published in English as *When Sports Values Win the Race.*



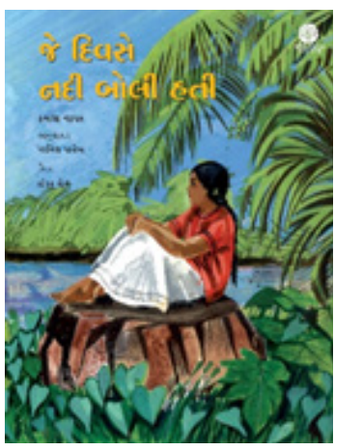
Dilli ki Jivanrekha: Dilli Metro

Rishi Raj

Rs. 410 114 pp

ISBN: 978-93-6719-365-5

This book presents the journey of the Delhi Metro from its inception to the present, two decades since Delhi Metro's inauguration in 2002, and now the second largest metro system in the world in terms of expansion. It offers a comprehensive account, enriched with colourful illustrations, covering various aspects of the Delhi Metro. This is an original Hindi publication.



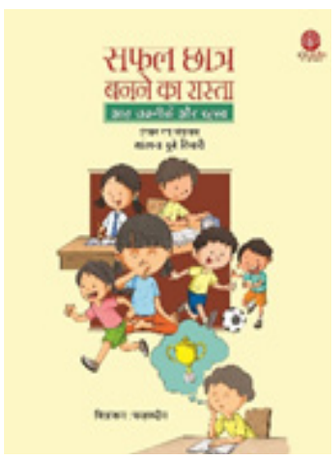
J Divse Nadi Boli Hati

Kamala Nair

Rs. 80 32 pp

ISBN: 978-93-6719-495-9

A Gujarati translation, the book is about the story of a little girl in a fishermen's village in Kerala who wants to go to school. This book is originally published in English as, *The Day the River Spoke*.



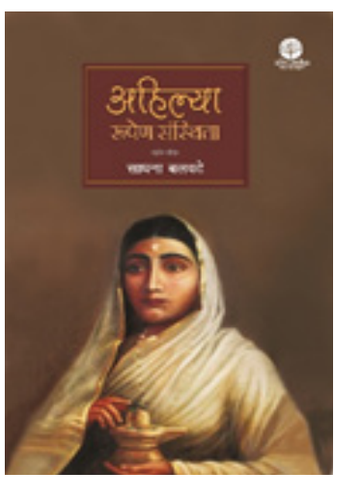
Safal Chhatra Banne ka Rasta: Aath Takniken Aur Rahasya

Shantwana Dubey Tiwari

Rs. 108 190 pp

ISBN: 978-93-6719-713-4

Written in Hindi this book is an attempt to explain various values such as discipline, self-confidence, hard work, determination, and time management, etc. in a very interesting way with anecdotes, based on the author's experiences. Overall, this book will prove to be a guide for students and general readers, which will help them move forward towards success.



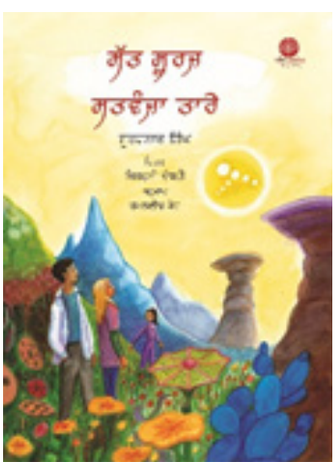
Ahilya Rupen Sansthita

Sadhana Balwate

Rs. 120 156 pp

ISBN: 978-93-6719-268-9

This play is based on the major events of Devi Ahilyabai Holkar whose life stands firmly on the pillars of justice, unity, culture, religion, and discipline. A benevolent leader and an efficient ruler, she was known as the mother of the entire Malwa region. In Devi Ahilyabai's kingdom, not only humans but even animals and birds were entitled to justice. This play is an attempt to showcase all aspects of her life.



Sat Suraj Satwanja Tare

Suryanath Singh

Rs. 155 84 pp

ISBN: 978-5491-816-2

A beautiful book translated into Punjabi takes children into a world of imagination and provides information about space. This book is originally published in Hindi

PM YUVA 3.0 Awareness Campaign at SRM University

As part of the PM YUVA 3.0 initiative, NBT-India engaged with students and faculty members from the Department of English and Other Foreign Languages and SRM SEAD – School of Environment, Architecture, and Design at SRM University, Ramapuram.

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation, with both students and faculty members showing great interest in the PM YUVA 3.0 scheme.

Many insightful questions were raised, reflecting the community's excitement about this national movement to nurture young authors and creators.

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The e-newsletter launched on World Book and Copyright Day April 23, 2025 provides information about various activities conducted by NBT across the globe.

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