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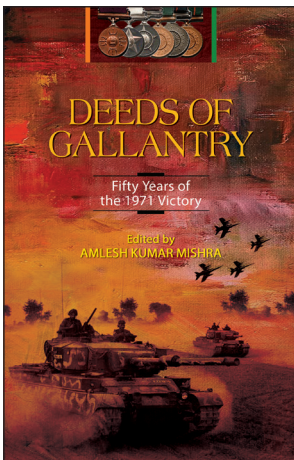
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PICK OF THE MONTH



Deeds of Gallantry

Edited by Amlesh Kumar Mishra
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NBT Title 'Bharat Vaibhav' Released by Dr. Mohan Bhagwat



Dr. Mohan Bhagwat, Honorable Sarsanghchalak, Rashtriya Swayam-sevak Sangh; Dr. Satyapal Singh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Shri Arif Mohammad Khan, Hon'ble Governor of Kerala released the book *Bharat Vaibhav* in the presence of Prof. Govind Prasad Sharma, Chairman, National Book Trust, India and Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, NBT at a release function held in NBT Headquarters, New Delhi on 10 August 2021.

While releasing the book, Dr. Mohan Bhagwat, said that traditional Indian knowledge is the pride of India. India was born to share its knowledge tradition

across the world. Highlighting the various features of the book, Dr Bhagwat said that the book contains an ocean of knowledge and it should be translated into all Indian languages and widely publicized.

In his address Shri Arif Mohammad Khan, Hon'ble Governor of Kerala, said that the morale and self-confidence of any nation has only been awakened with the help of its culture. The culture of India is eternal and it is our collective responsibility to try our best to imbibe it in our lives, and pass it to our future generations as well.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Satyapal Singh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament said the essence of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'





effortlessly flows through the narrative in the book and it is the first step towards the supreme glory that the country should strive to touch. He further said that India has been considered as the Vishwa Guru for its traditional knowledge and there is a need to familiarize the coming generations with this glorious tradition.

Appreciating the book, Prof. Govind Prasad Sharma, Chairman, NBT, said

that India's knowledge tradition is one of the oldest in the world and this book will play an important role in re-establishing these Indian values in the world. Prof. Sharma also spoke about the publishing programme and various book promotional activities of NBT.

Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, NBT India, while expressing his gratitude to all the guests, assured that more such

literature will be available in the times to come and NBT will always be in the forefront in building a knowledge-based society.

Published by National Book Trust, India, the book 'Bharat Vaibhav' presents the various dimensions of India's traditional knowledge system, its ancient culture and civilization and its need for today's world.

NBT Celebrates its 65th Foundation Day

National Book Trust, India celebrated its 65th Foundation Day on 1st August 2021. The event was marked by the Annual Foundation Day Lecture and a 1 km race competition for NBT employees held on 2 August 2021.

Dr Lalit Behari Goswami, Associate Professor (Retd.) PGDAV College, and Chairperson (governing body) Lakshmibai College, University of Delhi delivered the NBT Foundation Day lecture held at NBT Headquarters in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Lalit Behari Goswami talked about the expansive trove of traditional knowledge our culture has at its disposal and appreciated NBT's efforts in presenting this knowledge in all Indian languages for readers of varied age-groups through its content. Dr Goswami further elaborated on how NBT has been



a forerunner in igniting the flame of curiosity for knowledge through its books has helped cultivate a league of global citizens.

Prof. Govind Prasad Sharma, Chairman, NBT congratulated all the officials on the joyous occasion and another successful year of NBT's functioning and praised the NBT team for their efforts in serving the organization. He also reminded them of the responsibility NBT has on its shoulders to mold its readers into a generation of critical thinkers. He urged the NBT team to not be content with the success but strive forward to reach even greater heights of achievements.

Congratulating all NBT officials, Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, NBT said, "As Knowledge Partner of the Nation, NBT is a benchmark for quality content globally. NBT is the only premier organization in the world that has worked continuously even during the pandemic and launched seven

books under the Corona Studies Series, to help people deal with the psychosomatic repercussions of Covid-19. NBT has since its inception been serving readers in all corners of the country with quality and affordable content and will continue to do so with reinforced vigour."

On this occasion, as per NBT tradition, employees who had completed 25 years at NBT were felicitated for their hard work and dedication. These include Shri Rubin D'Cruz, Shri Ashish Choudhary, Shri Mukesh Kumar, Smt Neelkamal Arora, Shri Ashok Kumar Yadav and Shri Sunil Jadav.

The race competitions for both men and women were held in the morning. Both the competitions saw many enthusiastic participants running for better health in the competition. The winners were later awarded certificates and medals.



National Webinar on Indian Knowledge System

As part of the celebration of one year of transformative reforms under National Education Policy, 2020, Government of India is organising a series of theme-based webinars on different aspects of National Education Policy, 2020. Indian Knowledge System, Language, Arts & Culture being one of the innovative thrust area of NEP, Indian Knowledge System at AICTE under Ministry of Education organised a National Webinar on Transforming Education in the Light of Indian Knowledge System, Language, Arts & Culture on 5 August 2021 in New Delhi.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Employment was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Shri Tejasvi Surya, Member of Parliament; Shri Amit Khare, Secretary, Higher Education and Senior officials from Ministry of Education and AICTE were also present.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Dharmendra Pradhan discussed the relevance of traditional knowledge systems and ancient wisdom in contemporary times and their role in the making of an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. He stated that there is a need to synergise knowledge with art, culture, language with a spirit of Bharatiyata.



The Minister said that no society can thrive without connecting to its roots. Our past is filled with examples of architectural grandeur, engineering marvel and artistic excellence, he further added. He called for conservation, promotion and dissemination of this cultural wealth of India should be the top priority of the country because it is crucial for the country's identity.

Shri Pradhan highlighted that the

National Education Policy has laid down a roadmap for 21st century India and lays emphasis on our traditional knowledge systems. By taking Indian knowledge traditions forward, we can sow seeds for starting a new era. We must recreate our traditional knowledge with contemporary, contextual relevance to connect with the youth, he added. Shri Pradhan stated that solutions to many of contemporary challenges lie in our traditional knowledge systems.

Shri Tejasvi Surya expressed his views on the need of new NEP 2020 with respect to Traditional Indian Knowledge in 21st century. He said that Science, Culture, Civilization, Art, various ancient learnings, History etc. are an important part of our glorious tradition and our young generation should be aware and respect these traditions.

The webinar was divided into three sessions on the themes including 'Indian Knowledge System,' 'Languages' and 'Arts & Culture.' The webinar was attended various scholars, social activists and academicians from across the country like Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE; Prof. Santosh Kumar Shukla, Dean, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, JNU among others.



75th Independence Day Celebrations

National Book Trust, India celebrated India's 75th Independence Day with the hoisting of the National Flag at NBT's headquarters in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi on 15th August 2021. The event was attended by all the officials of the Trust.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, NBT said, "Without the freedom of thought there can be no wisdom and to have freedom of thought, one must read. On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day of our nation we as citizens must pledge to read as much about the freedom

fighters and the freedom struggle as we can and imbibe those valiant principles in our own lives."

In his special message to mark the joyous occasion, Prof Govind Prasad Sharma, Chairman, NBT said, "Today our nation is celebrating 75 years of Independence by commemorating the sacrifices made by our forefathers for our freedom as Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav. In a mark of true respect to their patriotism, we must work together to embrace our cultural traditions and bring glory to our great nation. Jai Hind."



Excerpts

National Book Trust, India has recently published a book titled *Deeds of Gallantry* edited by Amlesh Kumar Mishra. Herein we reproduce an excerpt from the chapter titled 'Battle of Gangasagar' of the book.

During the 1971 War, 4 Corps led by Lt Gen Sagat Singh was asked to carry the eastern thrust into East Pakistan. The Corps was also expected to deny any enemy ingress into Tripura and Silchur, which shared a close border with Gangasagar town. The town included Gangasagar Railway Station, Mogra, Goal, Gangail and Triangle area.

To serve the twin purpose of protecting Tripura and facilitating the advance into East Pakistan the Corps planned to destroy the Akhaura defences by capturing the villages named Karnail Bazar, Gangasagar and Akhaura lying on the same axis. To this end the 'Operation Nutcracker' was planned.

The success of the operation largely depended on the capture of Gangasagar a strategically important town close to Kasba and Akhaura. The safety of the road Brahmanbaria-Comilla was also dependent on Gangasagar. In fact, Gangasagar was the gateway for any advance in the Eastern sector that leads to Dhaka. ...

Two Pakistani battalions, viz 12 Frontier Force and 12 Azad Kashmir were entrusted with the task of defending the town with some Razakars (East Pakistani Paramilitary troops) in support. On the Indian side 73 Mountain Brigade under Brigadier ML Tuli was entrusted the task to capture Gangasagar. But the task was not easy. The Indian forces had to move forward through open and marshy fields with no covering. These adverse conditions could easily shake the morale of any individual but the Indians chose to pick up the challenge.

As part of IV Corps the Battalion was already located in the border town of Pratapgarh on the southern outskirts of Agartala. To launch the assault, 14 Guards had to walk for five hours to reach the spot. Soon they set up roadblocks ahead of the town on all sides to bottle up the enemy.

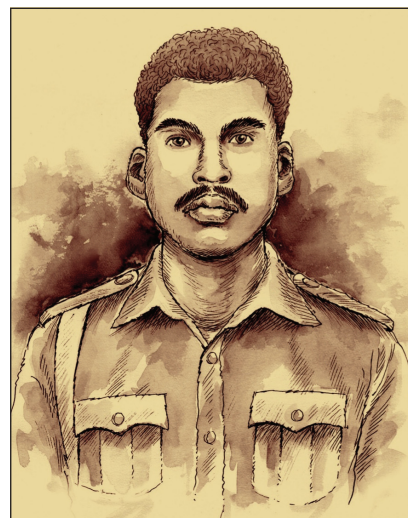
The commanding officer of 14 Guards, Lt Col VN Channa planned an unconventional attack on the town knowing that a conventional attack with artillery support may lead to higher casualties. Before launching the attack he formed a party to gather intelligence which helped him to finalise his plan. Major Ashok Kumar Tara, well known for saving the lives of the family of Sheikh Mujibur Rehman for which he was later awarded by Bangladesh Government the honour 'Friend of Bangladesh', was also a member of this party

On the basis of intelligence report the attack was launched on 3 December. Two companies of 14 Guards advanced separately to capture the railway station and to attack the built up area. They moved silently and took the enemy by surprise. But once they neared the enemy position heavy machine gun fire greeted them. It was then considered necessary to silence the MMG to protect the troops. The company commander Major Ashok Tara personally hurled a hand grenade and a Maltove cocktail (petrol bomb) at the enemy bunker and pulled out an enemy machine gun. The hand grenade lobbed in the bunker silenced the firing. Seeing the daring of the commander the whole company rushed upon the enemy. An intense hand to hand fight followed. Major Tara, who was grievously injured refused to abandon his post. He was awarded Vir Chakra.

Though the Guards encountered stiff resistance at every step they finally captured Gangasagar railway station. The defeated enemy now moved towards the built up area. ...

On the other flank, another company closed on the enemy position in built up area of Gangasagar, next to a pond. Unmindful of strong shelling, the company successfully managed to infiltrate the area. However, the enemy fire from the well fortified bunkers, located on a higher ground, inflicted many casualties on the attacking company.

At this juncture a young Lance Naik, Albert Ekka, who was with the forward assault company realised the necessity of



Lance Naik Albert Ekka, Param Vir Chakra

eliminating the murderous bunkers. He lobbed a hand grenade from the loophole of the concrete bunker, and silenced the light machine gun. Then he bayoneted two soldiers inside the bunker. In this act he was grievously injured in his neck and stomach but refused evacuation. He then climbed a wall, threw another grenade inside the bunker, and bayoneted the Pakistani soldier inside. Before succumbing to his injuries he destroyed the bunkers and opened the way for his company to move forward. He was awarded India's highest gallantry award Param Vir Chakra.

The company commander Col OP Kohli (then Captain) narrated his brave deed as follows: 'A very keen soldier, Ekka insisted on leading the file formation that proceeded along a very narrow front (the width of a railway track). I was a few feet from him when he came across a Pakistani sentry. "Kaun hay wahan (Who's there)? the sentry challenged and Ekka replied, "Tera Baap (Your father)," before charging with his bayonet.'

Gangasagar thus fell into Indian hands. The enemy withdrew to another position at Ujainisar leaving behind enormous quantity of arms and ammunition. ...

For outstanding performance in the battle of Gangasagar, 14 Guards were honoured with 1 Param Vir Chakra, 1 Vir Chakra and the Battle Honour 'Gangasagar'.

NBT Books on Rivers

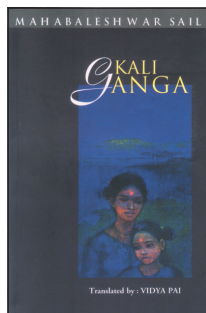
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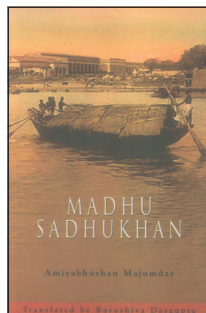
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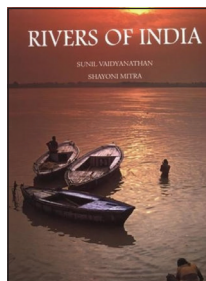
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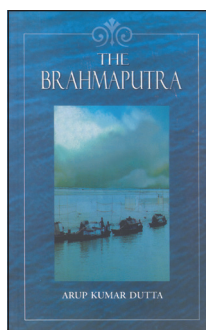
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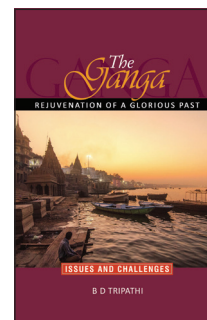
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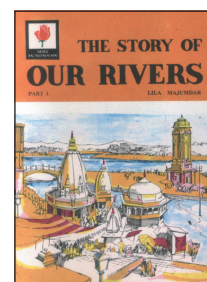
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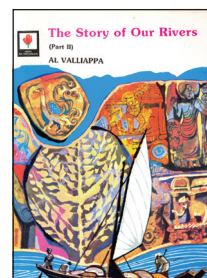
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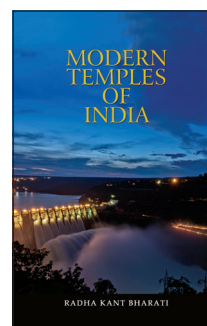
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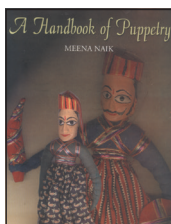
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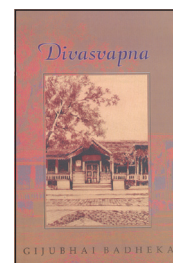
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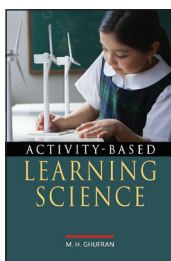
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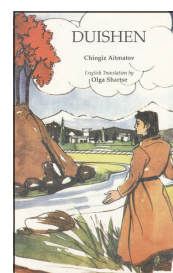
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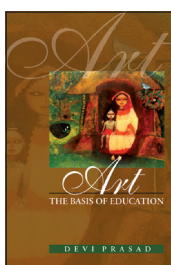
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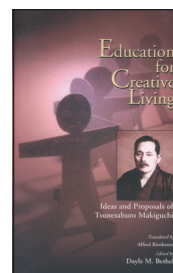
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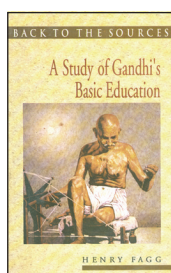
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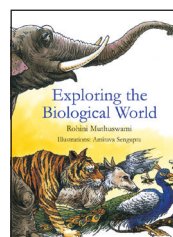
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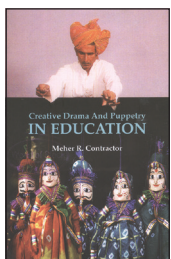


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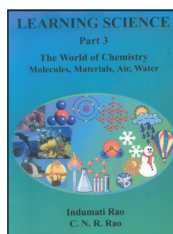
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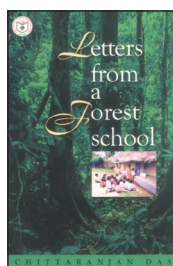


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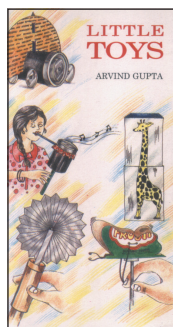
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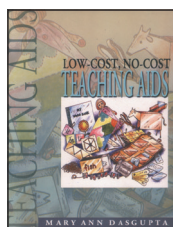
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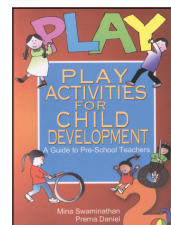
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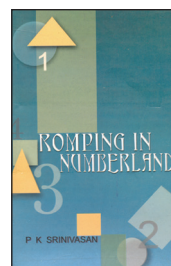
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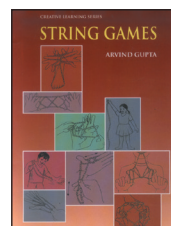
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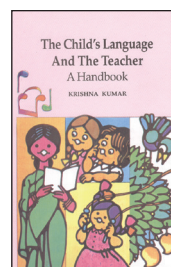
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Prof. Sharma and Shri Malik apprised the Hon'ble Minister of the new initiatives by NBT-India.

YUVA - PM's Mentorship Scheme for Young Writers

The All-India contest for YUVA- PM's Mentorship Scheme for Young Writers concluded successfully on 31 July, 2021. Huge number of book proposals in 23 Indian languages including English were received from contestants all over the country. National Book Trust, India extends a big thanks to everyone for participating in such large numbers and making it a grand success.

The results will be announced soon!

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