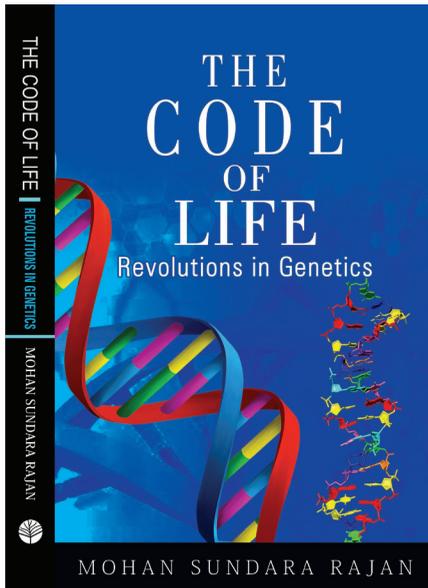


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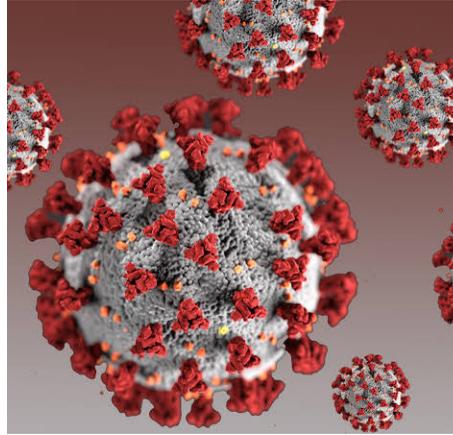


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NBT Launches Corona Studies Series



“The ‘Corona Studies Series’ will be our long-term contribution towards informing and preparing readers with the various aspects of the Corona pandemic,” said Prof. Govind Prasad Sharma, Chairman, National Book Trust, India while speaking of the new ‘Corona Study Series’ launched by the Trust.

Prof. Sharma added that the Trust will be bringing out affordable books on the identified subject areas in different Indian languages. It will also provide a suitable platform to authors and researchers willing to contribute in this genre.

Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, National Book Trust, India said, “In response to the national crisis of this proportion, we believe that as a national institution it is our duty to take initiatives within our domain area to provide support in the form of new reading materials.”

Shri Malik further said, “We have been closely following the Corona-related developments and taking cues from the multi-dimensional initiatives of our parent Ministry of HRD’s (Government of India) initiatives to meet the challenges

of the Corona Pandemic. As a body for reading promotion, we find that we have a significant role to play. Accordingly, we started #StayHomeIndiaWithBooks initiatives by uploading pdfs of some of our select and bestselling titles for free downloads, and we have been receiving tremendous response. Taking a comprehensive view, we are launching this publishing series.”

He added that, “As the first step, we have set-up a Study Group comprising of some experienced and young psychologists/ counsellors to prepare books on the sub-series on ‘Psycho-Social Impact of Corona Pandemic and the Ways to Cope’. We hope to bring out both e-editions and printed editions of these books soon enough as support materials for the readers.”

“We have identified various areas for preparing suitable reading materials under the series. Besides, the sub-series on the Psycho-Social Impact on various segment of population due to Corona crisis, we are preparing children’s books to let them know about Our Corona Warriors, and other story and picture books related to various aspects of Corona to create awareness. Also, books focused on art, literature, folklore, economic and sociological aspects, science/health awareness emerging out of the Corona pandemic, and the lockdown, are also in the pipeline”, said Shri Kumar Vikram, Editor, National Book Trust, India.

The NBT Study Group comprises of Dr. Jitendra Nagpal, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist & Incharge, Instt. of Mental Health & Life Skills Promotion, Moolchand Medcity, and Program Director, Expressions India -

The National Life Skills, Community & School Wellness Program; Dr. Harsheeta, Scientist at Defence Institute of Psychological Research, DRDO, Ministry of Defence; Sq. Ldr (Rtd.) Meena Arora, ICF Certified Behavioural Coach and Creator of 'Ridhima and Me' comic series on Parenting; Lt. Col. Tarun Uppal, Cyber Security Trainer, Organisational Psychologist & Neuro-Linguistic Programme Trainer, and an expert in Stress Management; Ms Rekha Chauhan, President of the Association of Indian School Counsellors & Allied Professionals, and Certified Life skills Trainer Consultant Psychologist; Ms Sonie Sidhu, Counsellor & Psychotherapist, Indian Army; and Ms. Aparajita Dixit, Child and Adolescent Psychologist, Family Counsellor and Academic Coordinator, Expressions India.

The Study Group stated that, "This Study Group is deeply conscious of the challenging task assigned to it in

the tough times of COVID-19 Global pandemic crisis. The Group heartily welcomes this visionary initiative of National Book Trust, India. The Group will develop methodologies and practical tips to deal with situations, helped by easy-to-assimilate reading materials on various segments through research, virtual interviews and case studies. This shall help in overall empowerment and awareness to deal with the lockdown and keep the optimum emotional strength and courage."

Several books for the following segments will be prepared by the Study Group. These include:

1. Corona Virus (Covid 19) Affected Families, 2. Elderly People, 3. Parents with Special Focus on Mothers/Women, 4. Children and Adolescents, 5. Professionals and Workers, 6. Corona Warriors: Medical and Essential Services Providers, and 7. Differently-abled, Special Needs and Mentally Challenged Population.



Realising the extraordinary psychological, social, economic and cultural impact of Corona Pandemic for the human society in times to come, National Book Trust, India, has launched a publishing series titled 'Corona Studies Series' to document and to provide relevant reading materials for all age-groups for the post-Corona readership needs.

NBT Launches #StayHomeIndiaWithBooks

One of the major fallout of corona virus pandemic is the lockdown. Restrictions on any kind of movement have been imposed. These restrictions have forced people of all ages be it old, young, or children to stay at home. They cannot go outside for their routine activities like going for a walk or playing games.

To help people spend quality time, the Government of India has taken several preventive measures and initiatives. As part of these initiatives, National Book Trust, India has launched #StayHomeIndiaWithBooks!

Under this initiative, readers of all age-groups, especially children can now read books at home by downloading NBT's select and best-selling titles for Free. With so many books available, children in their leisure time, can either read books themselves or with the help of their elders.

Over hundred books across genres including fiction, biography, popular science, teacher's handbooks, and books for children and young adults, can be downloaded from the NBT's website :

<https://nbtindia.gov.in>.

Let us Together Fight the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- Avoid places with large gatherings
- Clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water
- Maintain social distancing
- Avoid travel as much as possible
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early
- Avoid spreading rumours through social media apps

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Some select titles include, *A House of Bamboo*, *A Touch of Glass*, *Holidays Have Come*, *Animals You can't Forget*, *Birju's Problem*, *Chunmun Finds Freedom*, *India's Young Heroes*, *Nine Little Birds*, *The Puzzle*,

Gandhi Tatva Satkam, *Women Scientists in India*, *Activity-Based Learning Science*, *The Bridge in the Moonlit Night and Other Stories*.

In addition, there are books on and by Tagore, Premchand, and Mahatma Gandhi. These are books for everyone to read and enjoy.

The PDFs are for reading only, and any unauthorized or commercial use is not allowed.

Online Questionnaire on COVID

To assess the community perception about the psycho-social impact of coronavirus pandemic and prepare books under Coronavirus Study Series, the Study Group of psychologists and counsellors has released a set of Questionnaires in Hindi and English.

These questionnaires are in seven different segments to assess 'Psycho-Social Impact of COVID-19, the Lockdown and How to Cope with Them. The seven segments comprise: 1. Parents, Mothers & Women; 2. Children, Adolescents and Youth; 3. Employees, Professionals, Self-Employed & Workers; 4. Differently-abled; 5. COVID-19 Affected Families; 6. Medical & Essential Services Providers; 7. Elderly (60 Years and Above).

The Public circulation of the Questionnaire is intended to create a conducive environment for community participation and sharing of emotions in the lockdown period.

Readers and general public are encouraged to participate in the Online Questionnaire and share their feelings and experiences to make the study useful for all. Corona affected families are encouraged to participate and send their responses. The link to access the questionnaire is:

https://nbtindia.gov.in/home__92__on-line-questionnaire-for-nbt-study.nbt

MHRD New Initiatives

Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Hon'ble Minister of SHRD, has initiated a campaign titled "Bharat Padhe Online" and has invited suggestions and ideas from the academic fraternity including students and teachers to boost e-learning and intensify online education in India.

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has launched a student helpline portal to connect those who are willing to help with those who need help.

Students who access the website (<https://helpline.aicte-india.org>) can get support for accommodation, food, online classes, attendance, examinations, scholarships, health, transport, sexual harassment etc.

Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated the portal in Delhi on 3 April 2020, the Press Information Bureau said in a statement.

- Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has launched a new initiative called e-PG Pathshala, which is specially designed for postgraduate students. This platform will let postgraduate students access e-books, online courses and study materials during this lockdown period. This initiative has been taken by MHRD under its National Mission on Education through ICT (MNE-ICT) initiative.
- YUKTI Portal Launched: The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has formally launched YUKTI portal, which is aimed at addressing queries and concerns of the students related to promotion policies and other details during the current COVID-19 crisis. The portal has been titled YUKTI – which stands for Young India Combating

Corona Studies Series



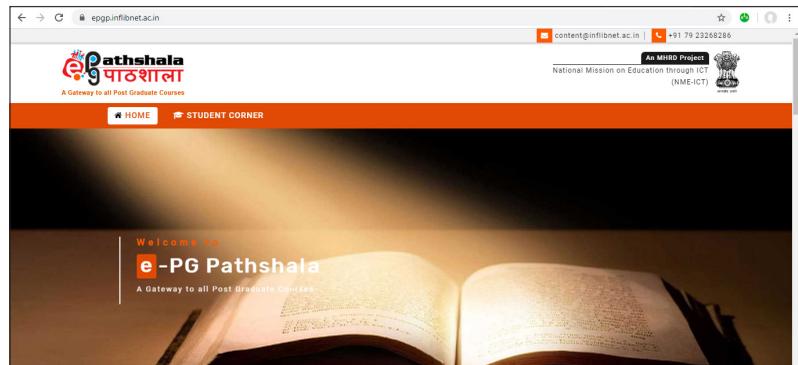
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COVID with Knowledge, Technology, and Innovation. The initiative is aimed at helping students to record & monitor initiatives and efforts of institutions during the unfortunate times of COVID-19.

- Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), has launched Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM) for the aspirants ranging from 9th standard to post-graduate level to enable them to avail the benefits of digital learning from this portal. SWAYAM is a free and interactive medium that is loaded with learning material, expert faculty sessions/lectures, online courses (MOOCs), and prestigious certifications that will make you employable in the job market. More than 1,000 faculty members are associated with SWAYAM to ensure quality learning of students.

Obituary

Arjun Dev, eminent historian and educationist, passed away on 29 March 2020 at the age of 82.

Arjun Dev was born on 12 November 1938 in Leiah, West Punjab (now in Pakistan). He did his schooling at Ambala, and graduation from University of Delhi.



His academic career began at the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). He retired from NCERT in 2000 as Professor of History and Dean, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities. Later, Prof. Arjun worked as coordinator of the 'Towards Freedom' project of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).

He coordinated the work of curriculum development and preparation of educational materials in social sciences, particularly history, and was the author/co-author of various books including *Modern India*, *ontemporary World History* and *India's Struggle for Independence: Visuals and Documents*. He was Member Secretary of the National Steering Committee on Textbook Evaluation and of National Advisory Committee on Contemporary India set up by the Govt. of India in early 1990s.

Prof. Arjun Dev was closely associated with NBT India for over two decades and he served at various advisory capacities. Some of his books including *Gandhi and Nehru Correspondence*, *Human Rights* and *Jawaharlal Nehru: Years of Struggle* have been published by NBT India.

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