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## Results of PM- YUVA Mentorship Scheme Announced

National Book Trust, India, under the Ministry of Education, announced the results of the All-India Contest organised on the Theme 'National Movement of India' under the PM-YUVA Mentorship Scheme as a part of the programmes of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on December 25 2021. As per the Scheme, 75 Authors were to be selected through this contest for a Scholarship-cum-Mentorship Scheme for the young authors below the age of 30 years.

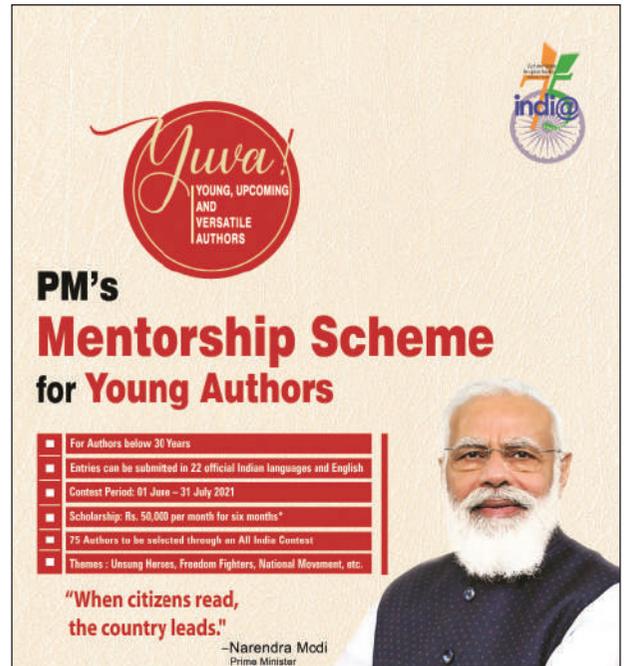
The All-India Contest was organised from 1st June-31st July 2021 through the platforms of MyGov and National Book Trust, India. Nearly 16000 entries in 22 official Indian languages and English were received from across the country including some from the Indian Diaspora Community. All the book proposals were read by multiple expert panels and went through three layers of scrutiny.

It may be recalled, during his Mann Ki Baat address dated 31st January 2021, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had stated: "I call upon our young friends to write about our freedom fighters, events associated with them and tales of valour during the freedom struggle from

their areas." Thereafter, the PM-YUVA Mentorship Scheme for young authors was launched by the Ministry of Education, Government of India with National Book Trust, India as the Implementing Agency.

Out of the 75 selected authors, 38 are males and 37 are females. Two among these authors are below 15 years of age, whereas 16 fall in the age-group of 15-20 years, 32 fall in the age-group of 21-25 years and 25 authors are in the age-group of 26-30 years.

The selected authors will undergo six-months of Mentorship, in which they would be provided research and editorial support under the guidance of eminent authors and the Editorial Team of National

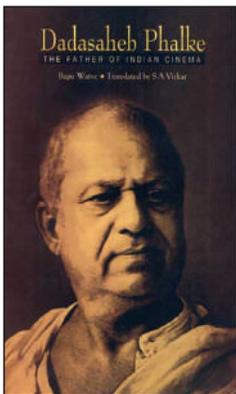


The poster features the 'Yuva' logo (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) and the Indian National Emblem. It lists the following details:

- For Authors below 30 Years
- Entries can be submitted in 22 official Indian languages and English
- Contest Period: 01 June – 31 July 2021
- Scholarship: Rs. 50,000 per month for six months\*
- 75 Authors to be selected through an All India Contest
- Themes : Unsung Heroes, Freedom Fighters, National Movement, etc.

At the bottom, it features a quote from Narendra Modi: "When citizens read, the country leads." and his name as Prime Minister.

### PICK OF THE MONTH



**Dadasaheb Phalke:**  
**The Father of Indian Cinema**  
Author: Bapu Watve  
Translator: S A Virkar  
ISBN: 812374319-X / Price: Rs. 125

Book Trust, India to develop their book proposals as full-fledged books to be published by the Trust as the part of initiatives of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Their published books will be later translated into other Indian languages as well.

During the mentorship, the selected authors will receive a scholarship of Rs.50,000 per month for a period of six months. Further, a royalty of 10% will be payable to the authors on successful publication of their books.

S. No.	Name of the Selected Candidate	Language
1.	Priyam D Jyotsna	Asamiya
2.	Budhidipta Dihingia	Asamiya
3.	Susmita Halder	Bangla
4.	Mouli Roy	Bangla
5.	Anila Swargiary	Bodo
6.	Bharti Devi	Dogri
7.	Aalia	English
8.	Aarushi Maheshwari	English
9.	Aditya Suryawanshi	English
10.	Aishwarya Mehta	English
11.	Akshat Dev	English
12.	Aleena Anabelly A	English
13.	Aashisha Chakraborty	English
14.	Ekshu Sharma	English
15.	G. Aarthi	English
16.	Gouri Bhunia	English
17.	Kainaat Arif	English
18.	Mithun Murali	English
19.	Naomi Dasharath Satam	English
20.	Prapti Sharma	English
21.	Chanamthabam Ronika Devi	English
22.	Souhardya De	English
23.	Sudarshana Jha	English
24.	Vaishnavi Gornale	English
25.	Nishtha Chhabra	English
26.	Namrata Hazarika	English
27.	M S Meenakshi	English
28.	Rani Unnamalai K	English
29.	Shubham Ambani	Gujarati
30.	Prakashkumar Ganpatbhai Suthar	Gujarati
31.	Patel Swetaben Dasharathbhai	Gujarati
32.	Anoop Krishwan	Hindi
33.	Atoot Santosh	Hindi
34.	Dharmraj Gupta	Hindi
35.	Dinesh Mandora	Hindi
36.	Indu Verma	Hindi

37.	Isha	Hindi
38.	Kapil Mewada	Hindi
39.	Madalsha Mani Tripathi	Hindi
40.	Madhav Sharma	Hindi
41.	Ritika Bisht	Hindi
42.	Sushant Bharti	Hindi
43.	Utkarsh Anand	Hindi
44.	Jayasimha K R	Kannada
45.	Tejas H Badala	Kannada
46.	Tahir Ahmad Lone	Kashmiri
47.	Krishnendu Mohan Thakur	Maithili
48.	Anuranj Manohar	Malayalam
49.	JS Anantha Krishnan	Malayalam
50.	Anushka TS	Malayalam
51.	Pradium Moirangthem	Manipuri
52.	Patwardhan Dhruv Sachin	Marathi
53.	Shreyash Rajesh Kolhekar	Marathi
54.	Kirti Gangadhar Fate	Marathi
55.	Pravin Pralhad Nayase	Marathi
56.	Monika Rana	Nepali
57.	Anindya Narayan Singh	Odia
58.	Dileswar Rana	Odia
59.	Omm Priyadarshi Chhotaray	Odia
60.	Sartaj Singh	Punjabi
61.	Harleen	Punjabi
62.	Jaspreet Kaur	Punjabi
63.	Jnana Sindhu	Sanskrit
64.	Rankini Hansda	Santhali
65.	Lakshya Tekchandani	Sindhi
66.	J.U. Sughaana	Tamil
67.	Geetha K	Tamil
68.	Saravanan G	Tamil
69.	Bonagiri Sukanya	Telugu
70.	Devarakonda Praveen Kumar	Telugu
71.	Kammari Gnaneshwer	Telugu
72.	Nisar Ahmad	Urdu
73.	Safiyah Akhter Subhani	Urdu
74.	Neha	Urdu
75.	Anzar Aquil	Urdu

## NBT as Knowledge Partner at the 4th International Sustainability Conclave

National Book Trust, India was Knowledge Partner for the GEM 4th International Sustainability Conclave Expo & Awards 2021 which was

organized from 3-4 December 2021 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, NBT shared his views along with the panellists during their discussion about the Role of Environmental Friendly Development in Nation Building.

NBT also put up an exhibition displaying select titles published by NBT at the venue for the attendees to browse through and buy.



## NBT's Participation in Abhivyakti Literary Festival

National Book Trust, India participated at Abhivyakti Literary Festival 2021, organised by the Army Wives' Welfare Association (AWWA) from 17 to 19 December 2021. On the first day of the literary festival, Hon'ble Minister of Women & Child Development Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, attended the event. Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, National Book Trust, India



presented her with a set of NBT books.

Smt. Veena Naravne, President AWWA visited the NBT stall and Mobile Exhibition Van stationed at the venue. Shri Gaurav C Sawant, Author Param Veer Chakra series published by NBT also visited the NBT stall and browsed through the displayed collection.



## New Delhi World Book Fair 2022 Postponed

The New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF) is India's largest book fair that is organised by the National Book Trust, India at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi every year. Every year, NDWBF acts as a platform that puts up a number of activities along with a vast pool of Publishers and Booksellers from India and abroad.

In lieu of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the offline fair has been at halt since it was last organised in January 2020. Yet, NBT launched its first ever Virtual Book Fair in 2021 in order to comply with the government restrictions on organising large gatherings.

However, in view of the latest DDMA (Delhi Disaster Management Authority)

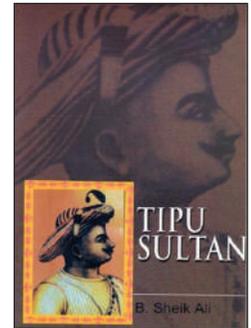
guidelines released dated 4th January 2022 and the requests made by various stakeholders and visitors, the New Delhi World Book Fair scheduled from 8-16 January 2022 at Pragati Maidan (ITPO) stands postponed. The fresh dates will be announced separately. Keep checking the website and our social media handles regularly for updates.

## Book Review

### Tipu Sultan by B.Sheik. Ali

Tipu Sultan was an enlightened ruler who strove hard in making Mysore a prosperous state. The book is based on the life of Tipu Sultan, the ruler of Mysore who opposed the British government in India. The book is great for anyone who wants to know about the life of Tipu Sultan, his historical background, his wars with the Marathas and the Nizam, his relations with foreign and Indian powers, his administration, way of working, policies, etc. The book shows the fierceness

of Tipu Sultan in fighting the British. It is written in an easy language and will be helpful for students, teachers and learners of history. For those seeking to gain knowledge about the life of Tipu Sultan and history, this book will prove to be beneficial for them. It is a great yet inspiring book to learn from Tipu Sultan, how to keep fighting with bravery in the face of the enemy.



### NBT's Participation at One-Day Exhibition in Shahjahanpur

National Book Trust, India participated in a one-day Book Exhibition on 4th January 2022 in Shahjahanpur (Uttar Pradesh). A wide variety of books in different genres published by NBT were



displayed. The titles which were displayed included biographies of great men, freedom fighters. Along with this, NBT also included books on subjects like culture, tourism, art etc., in this one-day exhibition.

### NBT Books Featured in HT Student's Edition

#### NBT INDIA BOOKLIST

##### BIRJU AND THE FLYING HORSE

Author: Dipa Agarwal  
Illustrator: Subir Roy



What if all your wishes could come true? Join a little boy named Birju and his horse as they embark on multiple adventures together and learn the meaning of life. Birju is a differently abled boy who gets a magical rocking horse one day who can fly. This lovely and interesting story is about love and friendship but above all, selflessness. See how Birju's selfless and humble nature proves to be beneficial for himself and everyone around him as he puts helping others first. Also published in multiple regional languages.

##### READ ABOUT CULTURE & FLAVOURS OF INDIA

Follow a differently abled boy, Birju and his flying horse as they help people during their adventures. Read a wonderful story about a little caterpillar who learns about the world from a page of a book. Peruse tales about India from Jawaharlal Nehru's contributions to orthodox societal challenges. Enjoy a story of a young girl who helps some boys make kites and form a wonderful friendship. Know about different species of Indian birds and trees.

##### FLY HIGH IN THE SKY

Publisher: International Centre for Literacy & Culture  
Illustrator: Jagdish Joshi



Adding a little bit of fun and colour to your life can make you happy. Meeta is a small girl who gives us this message along with her group of friends. The boys make colourful and vibrant kites with the help of Meeta after their kite is torn to pieces. Once all the seven kites are ready, they soar high in the sky giving joy to everyone. This story portrays the spirit of oneness and friendship. Also published in Assamese, Hindi, Malayalam, Odia, Telugu and Tamil.

##### A JOURNEY

Author: Jagdish Joshi  
Illustrator: Jagdish Joshi



This fun and delightful story is about a cheery little caterpillar who has a very curious nature and wishes to know a lot of things about the world, and a wise sheet of paper from a book who meet and become the best of friends and embark on an enlightening journey. The page teaches the caterpillar various things while also learning a lot from the caterpillar. This story shows us how important knowledge is. Also published in Hindi, Odia, Punjabi, Assamese and Tamil.

##### STORIES FOR CHILDREN BY JEELANI BANO

Author: Jeelani Bano  
Illustrator: Shashi Shetty



Jeelani Bano tells you two beautiful and inspiring stories. The first story named "The Smiling Rose" is about the first Prime Minister of India, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and how he played an important role in the shaping up of the new India after gaining independence. The second story named "The Magic Box" is a fun and unique story that gives an insight to the myth of our ignorant and orthodox society that needs to be broken. Also published in Hindi, Odia, Punjabi, Telugu and Urdu.

##### A KITE'S STORY

Author: Sukanya Dutta



This book introduces children to the many species of birds and trees in and around our neighbourhood. Told by a pair of kites, Mr and Mrs Cheel, the book takes us through their life, their features, their habits and habitats as well as the joys and travails of raising their chick in a world where habitats are dwindling and human hostility is on the rise. Enriched with photographs, this book encourages children to explore around them. Also published in Hindi language.

## BOOK EXCERPT

### Back To Nature

Our highly consumptive lifestyle is putting tremendous pressure on the natural resources. The reckless economic development is poisoning the air we breathe, the water we drink and the soil we live on. Besides, the oceans are becoming acidic, the mountains garbage dumps and the felling of trees leading to environmental disaster! The turbo lag between the pace of growing global hunger and we finding alternatives has led us to tipping point of global warming where our very survival on the planet is being jeopardised. It is time we go back to Nature and think to do things differently. This does not mean that we annihilate the progress made and literally start living like pre-historic man, but change our lifestyle to make it simple and socially viable. This book tells us how to make this happen.

**F**ood comes first in the hierarchical needs of a human being. Therefore, eradicating hunger arising from deprivation must be a national priority and an all party endeavour. -M S Swaminathan

So much is being talked about Special Economic Zones these days. In its efforts to industrialise the nation, our government has formulated over 600 SEZs spread over half million hectares of land in different parts of the country. SEZs with cheap land, good infrastructure, tax-breaks, and other incentives are luring the Ambanis, Tatas, Birlas, Jindals, and other industrialists, to set up export-oriented industries in these promising enclaves. Government is so desperate to earn foreign money through these industries that it is ready to lose over Rs 200,000 crores as tax benefits and breaks promised to the various SEZs in the country.

There is no doubt that industrialisation is needed to improve the economy of the country, and for that purpose the government's decision to go in for SEZs is welcome. But the question is why these industrial enclaves should be set up in prime agricultural lands, sacrificing the country's food production and farmer's livelihood. Let the SEZs be set up in uncultivable wastelands, and coastal areas where hardly any food can grow. Why have them in Singur, Nadigram, Alibaugh, Gopalpur and other fertile areas in West Bengal, Punjab, Haryana and Maharashtra, where three to four crops are grown in a year. When the government, Tata, Reliance, Jindal, Mittal or any other agency, identifies a cultivable region as ideal for manufacturing, on account of its infrastructural advantages, it should point out the loss in the country's agricultural output and the socio-economic impact on the lives of villagers in the region. It might then make sense to acquire land in a less agricultural region. We have over one hundred million hectares of wasteland in India that can be developed to set up as many SEZs as needed. But why encroach on prime agricultural land for this purpose?

SEZs will divert thousands of hectares of cultivable land to uses other than growing food. It is estimated that the country's total food production will be reduced by about 10 per cent by diverting over

half-a-million hectares (mostly prime agricultural land) to be acquired for SEZs in different regions of the country. Is that not against our national interest?

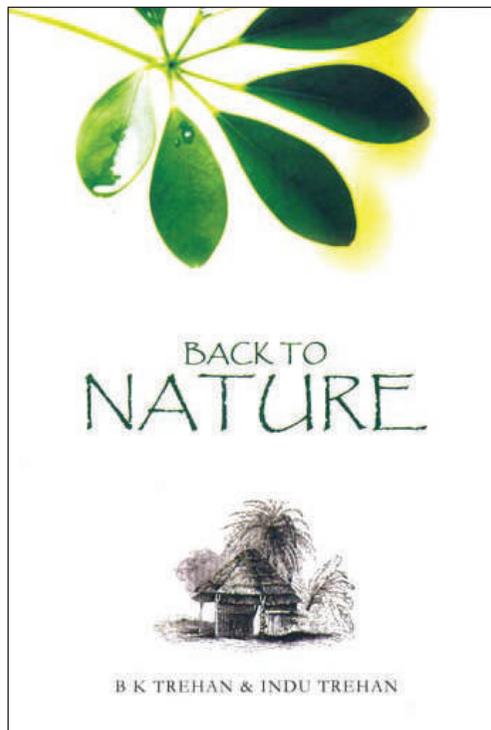
Priceless agricultural land is being handed over to influential private parties at throwaway prices in the name of Special Economic Zones. It is feared that farmers are being forced to sell their land and lose their occupations, and that state governments and developers are

profiting. There are also apprehensions that the SEZs will turn into real estate projects, golf courses and luxury resorts, if enough safeguards are not built into the SEZ policy.

If SEZs are primarily for setting up export-oriented industries, as the present policy says, these should be located in coastal areas, and not near Delhi, or other inland cities. Many developing countries, including China, have used SEZs successfully. But in China, there are only five or six such zones, that too in uncultivable coastal areas. But here in India, a large number of SEZs are planned near metropolitan cities like Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and others. The current trend of SEZs coming up near metropolitan areas is already skyrocketing property rates, and compounding the urban infrastructure bottlenecks—roads, parking, water, power, sanitation etc. SEZs had the potential to become the playing ground of modern India.

The objective was to promote large scale efficient manufacturing for exports. Unfortunately, the focus has shifted from players to playgrounds.

Stiff opposition to the acquisition of agricultural land in West Bengal, Gujarat, and some other states has forced the government to rework the entire policy on SEZs. It is hoped that the revised comprehensive policy will not be at the cost of national agricultural interests. And now, government is planning jungle SEZs, where it will lease out large tracts of degraded forest land to industry for development. Government hopes the scheme will generate investment to help in increasing forest cover to 33 per cent of the country's land area by 2012. A welcome step, indeed, but much depends on how the scheme is implemented. Let us hope that good, rich forests, will not be sold to vested interests as degraded jungles.



## Select NBT Titles on National Biography

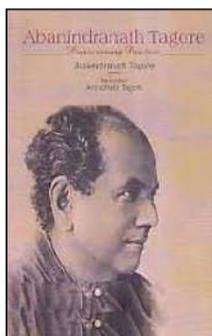
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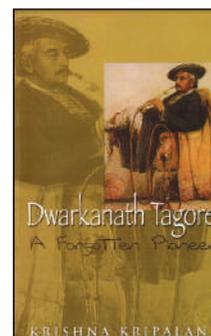
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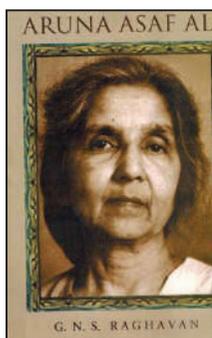
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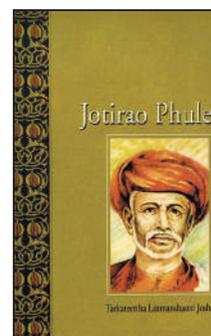
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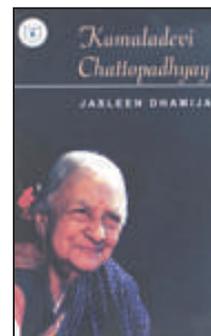
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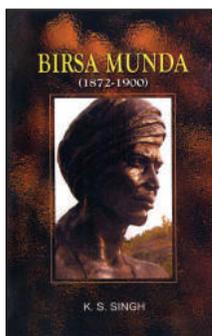
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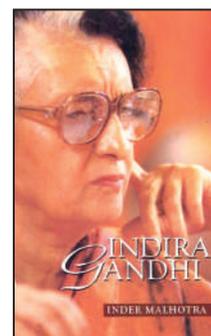
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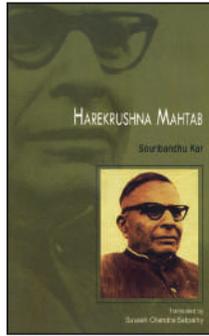
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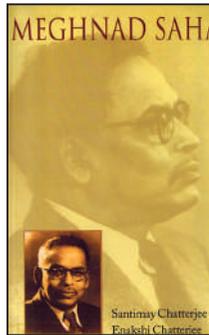
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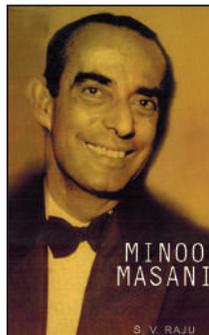
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This book is a brief biography of Minoo Masani, freedom fighter, thinker, author, parliamentarian and politician, Masani became an overnight celebrity as the author of a book for children Our India. Masani was a member of the Constituent Assembly and later a Member of the Lok Sabha between 1957 and 1971. A close associate of C Rajagopalachari in founding the Swatantra Party, he was the doyen of the liberal movement in independent India.



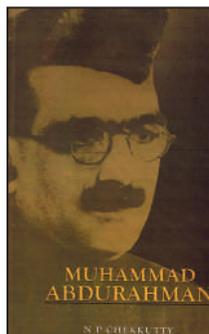
## MUHAMMAD ABDURAHMAN

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Muhammad Abdurahman was one of the most important leaders of India's freedom movement. A passionate political activist, he became the president of Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee. A great patriot, Abdurahman worked against the communalisation of Malabar politics and division of the country on communal lines. This biography looks at the life of this little-known political activist.



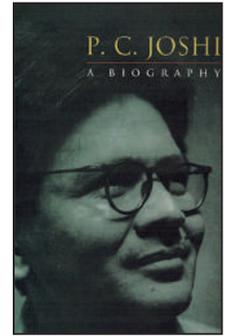
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The present monograph on the distinguished freedom fighter and the pioneering Communist leader Puran Chandra Joshi or P C Joshi, as he was popularly known, is as much an analysis of the leader as it is of the making of the Communist movement and the Party in the country and the unique dilemmas associated with its growth in India. Brought out especially to commemorate the centenary of his birth, the monograph puts the role of Joshi and the communist movement in India in the proper historical perspective while throwing valuable insights on this multifaceted personality.



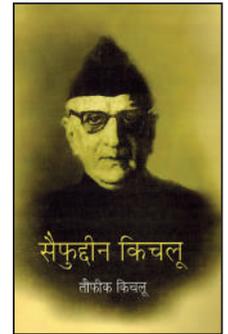
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The 'Hero of Jallianwala', Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew was in the front line of freedom fighters at the time of the massacre at Jallianwala Bagh. Since then, he was at helm of every political struggle that followed. Dr Kitchlew was also a fiery orator who inspired millions of his countrymen and women. In 1953, he became the first Indian recipient of the International Stalin Peace Prize.



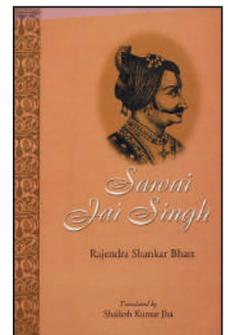
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This biography relates the story of the illustrious and adventurous life of the famous king from Rajasthan who played a significant role in the politics of the country as the Mughal Empire disintegrated in the first half of the 18th century. A successful diplomat and connoisseur of art and literature, Sawai Jai Singh's singular achievement lies in the promotion of science and technology at a turbulent and transitional period of India's socio-political life.



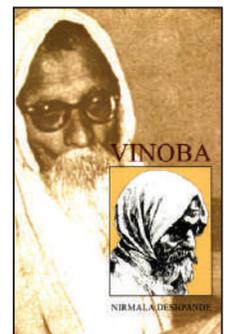
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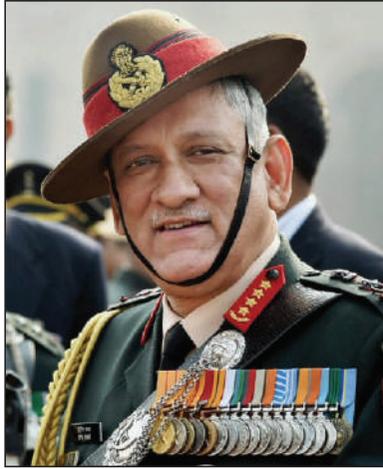
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