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#### PICK OF THE MONTH



Famous Algebraists of the World: Journey through the Development of Algebra Author: Mahesh Dube ISBN: 812379605-6 / Price: Rs. 235.00

## NBT Celebrates National Youth Day with Noted Historian Shri Vikram Sampath

n the occasion of National Youth Day which is celebrated annually on 12 January 2022, National Book Trust, India (NBT) organized a talk to celebrate the birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda- one

of India's greatest writers, orator and humanitarian through an online event. The theme of the event was "It's All in the Mind" where the chief guest, Dr Vikram Sampath, noted historian and writer addressed the youth and encouraged them to read and write books and become future established authors for the coming generation of aspiring writers. Highlighting the teachings of Swami Vivekananda, Dr Sampath remarked that the teachings of Swami Vivekananda are universal and we should invoke them in our day-to-day life. He added that every work is sacred and it is the greatest sin to think one-self weak.

On this occasion, NBT also launched the

training framework of YUVA- PM's M e n t o r s h i p Scheme for Young Authors, where the 75 selected authors would be mentored about different aspects of fiction writing. "This



training programme is being launched on an auspicious day," said Dr Sampath on the launch of PM's Mentorship Scheme.

Speaking on the importance of the scheme, Dr Sampath said that the journey of the authors has just begun and they will be mentored at multi-levels to become good writers. It is up to the YUVA authors to make it as a writer and it is important that they read more and more books, research and present their words in a creative and meticulous way. He further added that the youth have to imagine the power of words and thoughts. It is through words that they can cast the magic spell on someone and manifest their thoughts.



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In his keynote address, Prof. Govind Prasad Sharma, Chairman, NBT said that at a very young age Swami Vivekananda awakened the youth of India and established India at the international level. Swami Vivekananda cared for the poor, women, youth and oppressed classes of India. "On the 75th year of independence the selected YUVA authors have to become ambassadors of Indian knowledge system," said Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, NBT. He further said that to become a good author it is important to read books as all knowledge are processed and re-processed to create new knowledge. Recalling the address of Swami Vivekananda at Chicago, Shri Yuvraj Malik said that Vivekananda was only 30 years old when, through his address the world recognized the power of Indian value system and Indian knowledge system. He also added that the Scheme will carry forward the dream of India as Vishwa Guru in the 21st century.

During the launch, five YUVA authors took the opportunity to talk about their proposed books and what the scheme meant for them as potential writers. More than 500 participants attended the online event and many of them shared their views with the speakers.

## NBT Organises Session on Read India Campaign with Indraprastha-Sahodya Schools

Ational Book Trust, India organised an interactive session with Indraprastha and Sahodya Schools on the Read India Campaign. The Campaign was launched by the Hon'ble Minister of Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan to promote reading among school children.

Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched a 100 days reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat' on 01 January 2022. The launch of 100 Days Reading Campaign is in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasises on promotion of joyful reading culture for



children by ensuring availability of age appropriate reading books for children in local/mother tongue/regional/tribal language. The campaign underlines importance of reading that children need to develop to ensure continuous and lifelong learning. It also reinforces that the habit of reading, when inculcated at an early age, helps in brain development and enhances imagination and provides a conducive learning environment for the children.

In furtherance of the Campaign, in the session organised on 'Developing Reading Habit among Children and the Importance of the Read India Campaign,' ShriYuvraj Malik, Director NBT, addressed more than 1000 principals, educators and school students.

Shri Malik in his address emphasised that reading is the foundation of learning, which motivates students to read books independently, develops creativity, critical thinking, vocabulary and the ability to express, both verbally and in writing. He further said that it helps children to relate to their surroundings and real life situation. He stressed on the need to create an enabling environment in which students read for pleasure and develop their skills through a process that is enjoyable and sustainable and which remains with them for life.

## **NBT Organises Workshop on Cyber Security**

ational BookTrust, India organised a Workshop on Cyber Security and its importance on 20 January 2022 at the NBT Headquarters. In the workshop Shri Vineet Kumar, Founder & President, Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF) helped in creating awareness among the employees about the various cyber threats, how to reduce risk and to prevent various hacking methods.

With a sudden shift from offline to online mode of working, Cyber security has gained major importance; it is no longer a choice, but a need. With India being among the top 10 countries facing cyber attacks, the need for Cyber security awareness has become even more critical, said Shri Vineet Kumar. When cyber awareness is low, people could become victims of cyber crime, he said.

The risk of exposure to digital criminal activity such as identity theft,

financial fraud, and fake news amongst others, is more prevalent than ever before. The workshop was aimed at educating and providing guidance about staying safe online, whether while simply browsing or using online-based services.

CPF is an award-winning NGO and the



global think tank of cyber security and policy experts, currently having a global footprint. It was setup with the core objective to work against Cyber Warfare and Cyber Weapons. CPF is involved in Policy, Advocacy, Research and Training related to Global Cyber Peace, Cyber Security and Privacy Issues.

## **NBT India's Bangla Advisory Panel Meeting**

ational Book Trust, In dia's (NBT) Bangla Advisory Panel Meeting was held on 21 January 2022 at the National Library in Kolkata. After the meeting, Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, NBT and Dr Siva Prasad Senapathi, Assistant Library and Information Officer (ALIO) together visited the Rare Books section



of the National Library and browsed through their collection of unique books.

ShriYuvraj Malik later met two of the authors who were selected from Kolkata under the PM's YUVA Mentorship Scheme - Miss Susmita Halder & Miss Mouli Roy, and gifted them books published by NBT. The results for the same were announced earlier this year.

## NBT Title "Unsung Anglo - Manipur War Heroes at Kalapani" Launched

o commemorate 75 years of India's independence, National Book Trust, India has launched their new publishing series "India@75" for young and general readers. Through this series, NBT is



bringing forth the sacrifice and struggles of the freedom fighters and unsung heroes of the pre-independence era about whom we are forgetting as a nation.

Keeping this in mind, NBT launched their newest title, "Unsung Anglo- Manipur War Heroes at Kalapani" on 23 January 2022 at the Rajashree Bhagyachandra Skill Development Centre in Haraorou, Manipur in the august presence of Dr Mohan Ji Bhagwat, Sarsanghchalak, Rashtriya Swayamseva Sangh along with Hon'ble Maharaja Leishemba Sanajaoba, Hon'ble Member of Parliament,



Rajya Sabha, Manipur.

The descendants of the aforementioned Anglo-Manipur War heroes talked about in the book were also present at the event and were greeted with due respect.

## **NBT's Fourth Book Publishing Course Concludes Successfully**

n the last day of the 3-month long, Fourth Online Book Publishing Course by National Book Trust, India (NBT), Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, NBT gave a talk to the students of the course. This edition of the online book publishing course saw a change in the previous trend as new and innovative ideas were implemented to make the course more fun and include vast topics.

The course faculty included top industry professionals with years of experience to their credit from India and abroad. During his speech, the Director commended the efforts of Ms. Neera Jain, Chief Editor and programme coordinator, Mr. Rubin D'Cruz, Editor (Malayalam). He focused on the pros of the hybrid culture of learning that has evolved in the past couple years. He engaged himself in a discussion with the students and asked for their suggestions and concerns while also addressing their will to learn more about the publishing industry and work at the organization.

The Director also emphasised on the need for change in society and how every challenge has an opening for opportunity that one must need to know how to seize. He did so by telling the students about how quickly NBT responded to the National Education Policy 2020 and rolled out its Bilingual titles for children. He ended his address by telling the students that they have acquired a brand new, valuable skill and advised them to not let it rust.

## **BOOK REVIEW**

## Sri Ratna and Kim Suro: The Legend of an Indian Princess in Korea

This book tells the unheard tale of Ayodhya's princess, Sri Ratna, a direct descendent of Lord Ram, who later goes on to become the first queen of Korea of an Indian descent. This real-life based story is set in 13th century AD when Korea was divided into three Kingdoms. The story-line charts the journey of Korea's King Kim Suro and India's princess Sri Ratna and how they founded the Gaya Kindom in the Korean peninsula told refreshingly in the form of a Graphic Novel.



never seen each other and were yet drawn towards each other strongly. They were destined to be together right from their birth and were destined to achieve great things together. See how the two tackle all the hurdles in their path to be united after a long journey through sea. You can surely not put this book down once started with all its interesting twists and turns in the story.

Author: N. Parthasarathi ISBN: 978-81-237-6835-9 / Rs. 155

The story is a tale of romance between two people who had

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## **BOOK EXCERPT**

## Deeds of Gallantry: Fifty Years of the 1971 Victory

What led to the creation of Pakistan in 1947? What led East Pakistan and West Pakistan to be separated by 1600kms of the Indian Territory? Read this informative book to understand what led to the partition of India and the subsequent partition of East Pakistan and West Pakistan that led to the creation of what we today call Bangladesh.

uring the Indo-Pak war 1971 India launched a four pronged attack on East Pakistan. XIII Corps in the north-west, II Corps in the west, IV Corps in the east and 101 CZA in the north penetrated from four directions to bring an early end to the war in East Pakistan. Of these II Corps led by Lt Gen TN Raina carried the attack in Jessore-Jhenida sector with 4 and 9 Divisions. Pakistan had pitted 9 Division to defend the area.

4 Division, which had secured some Pak Border observation posts, east of Karimpur before declaration of war was tasked to capture nodal points of Jhenida and Magura to clear the way

for ferry sites at Madhumati and Padma rivers. But to advance on Tibanagar-Kotchandpur-15

P at Darsana had to be neutralized. The task was entrusted to 41 Brigade (5/1 Gurkha, 2/9 Gurkha, 22 Rajput, 5 Guards and a squadron of 54 Cavalry) with orders to accomplish it by the last light on 4 December.

Darsana was an important tactical feature close to West Bengal border and dominated the axes Uthali Kapasdanga and Uthali-Chaudanga. The Pak commander had organized the Defence of Darsana in five segments viz front line bunkers, Club area, Darsana Halt, Railway Station and village Chandpur. Each segment was protected by

only with artillery and tank support.

The Pakistani 18 Punjab, supported by Chafee tanks, mortars and guns, was entrusted with the task of defending Darsana. They had dug up anti-tank trenches on all sides and had covered the south and east approaches with mines. The Pakistani Commander himself considered his eastern defences impregnable on account of mines and bunkers. Incidentally, Indian Brigade chose to attack Darsana

from eastern side.

As per the Brigade plan, 5/1 Gurkha Rifles was to capture Darsana Halt, Railway Station, Club Area, and Chandpur in the first phase. In the second phase, 2/9 Gurkha Rifles were to overtake them and capture the segments. To prevent the exodus of the enemy, 5 Guards were to set up roadblock at Lokhnathpur, a road junction north of Darsana.

The Division Commander desired the attack to be launched on 4 December. But before the attack, some preparations had to be made. 22 Rajputs proceeded to secure the area Akandabaria and

> the line of bunkers along the railway track between Darsana Halt and Chandpur village. They managed to neutralise Pakistani defences in area Rangiarpota during the night of 2/3 December, and established a base at Akandabaria for launching an attack on Darsana.

> On 4 December, the Commander of 5/1 Gurkha Rifles ordered the attack on Darsana. The plan was to systematically capture the forward line of enemy bunkers, the Club area, Darsana Halt and subsequently the town Chandpur. The Battalion moved from the firm base at Uthali on the early morning of 4 December and formed up at Akandabaria. The forward line of the enemy bunkers was destroyed by Indian tanks and artillery. The Battalion then advanced further towards the

enemy defence line, and despite heavy artillery and small arm fire, was not deterred.

At 0700 hrs, 'D' Company launched the assault from the right flank along the railway line. It negotiated around 900 meters of minefield under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire and cleared 35 enemy bunkers. As the men advanced closer to the enemy defences, a hand to hand fighting ensued. But in the end, Company was able to secure the objective.



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shell proof bunkers made of railway sleepers. These could be cleared

## **Celebrating 75 Years of Independence with NBT**

Joining in the celebrations and to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence, National Book Trust, India is launching a number of titles under their new publishing series "India@75" for young and general readers. Through this series, NBT aims at reflecting the momentous, yet wonderful journey of India. Various books describing the sacrifice and struggles of our freedom fighters and unsung heroes of the pre-independence era are being published as a part of the series.

#### Nanaji Deshmukh- Ek Mahamanav

Manoj Kumar Mishr Rs. 165 ISBN: 978-93-549-1244-3

In an initiative to commemorate the 75 years of India's independence, NBT has launched a series of books under the series "India@75". Remembering the great personality Chandikadas Amritdas Deshmukh and his achievements, this book talks about how he played a pivotal



role in getting independence for India. "Nanaji Deshmukh" had proved to be of great support to Vinoba Bhave in the Bhoodan Movement. He was also to be a strong pillar of upholding the revolution movement under the leadership of Jayaprakash Narayan in 1974. Nanaji was highly influenced by the nationalist ideology of Lokmanya Tilak. Read this book to get a glimpse into the life of this lesser known man who gave up his political career to help develop India through the concept of "Integral Humanism".

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efforts in the revolutions held for fighting for India's freedom. He had deep respect for the ideologies of Gandhi Ji. He helped lay down the foundation of a well-planned mass movement to protect the country during times of national emergency.

#### Unsung Anglo- Manipur War Heroes at Kalapani

Shukhdeba Sharma Hanjabam & Aheibam Koireng Singh Rs. 190

ISBN:978-93-549-1182-8

In an initiative to commemorate the 75 years of India's independence, NBT has launched a series of books under the series "India@75". This book talks about the unsung heroes from the war of Kalapani, who fought for the freedom of our



motherland but did not get much recognition until now. The twenty four men who had been deployed to Manipur to wage war against the British Empire during the Anglo-Manipur War of 1891 have not been given due importance so far. Read this detailed account to find out what happened in the forgotten Anglo-Manipur war of 1891.

#### Subramania Bharti

#### Prema Nandakumar

Rs. 215

ISBN: 978-81-237-9988-9

In an initiative to commemorate the 75 years of India's independence, NBT has launched a series of books under the series "India@75". This book is about the life of Subramania Bharati, who was a man of letters. He was an eminent poet, essayist, translator, journalist, to name a few of his roles. He was a



pioneer of modern Tamil poetry and was named 'Mahakavi Bharati'. He was highly patriotic and played a pivotal role in stirring a national consciousness during the freedom struggle. He was a stern supporter of gender equality and campaigned against the custom of child marriage.

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holistic and comprehensive upgradation of the elements of national power while simultaneously utilising the various leverages it has internationally and as a collusive relationship. This path is definitely going to be long but is probably the only way in which India can gain her rightful place in the comity of nations and therefore will have to evolve a comprehensive policy which should be followed in timeline irrespective of the government in power.



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Braj Kumar Pandey Rs. 300.00 ISBN 978-81-237-9989-6

India's first President Dr Rajendra Prasad was the president of the Constituent Assembly of India, who used patience and knowledge to play a pivotal role in formation of the Indian Constitution. He played an important role as Minister of Food and Agriculture Department in the Central Interim Government. Furthermore, he wrote several major books and articles which hold relevance in the current scenario and will continue to do so in the future. **Autobiography** and **India Divided** are two of his most influential



works. This book is a brief biography of Dr Rajendra Prasad, including valuable views and thoughts that have been depicted in his books, articles and lectures.

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the S.H.I.M.L.A. Investigators. Read on to unravel the complete story.



## **NBT Celebrates 73rd Republic Day**

he officials of National Book Trust, India came together to celebrate the 73rd Republic Day of India on 26 January 2022 at its headquarters in Vasant Kunj, Delhi. Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, NBT unfurled the flag while all the employees present stood immersed in patriotic spirit. In his address, Shri



Malik shed some light on the importance of remembering the efforts of those great men who helped India take shape as the

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present day republic nation as it is. He also congratulated everyone on completing 75 years of Independence.

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