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Many Pathways One Mission: Fifty Years of Singapore Education / (Ed) Lim Lai Cheng

Singapore: Ministry of Education, c2007
198p.; 28cm.
1st Edition
ISBN: 9810588593
\$ 35.00

This study of the 50 years of Singapore education since 1957 is indeed in innovative format! Detachable facsimiles of certificates, letters and other archival material, actual postage stamps and the report cards of well-known persons are included in the extensively illustrated volume, which is not a chronological history. Lively, illustrated vignettes and memories of the personalities and achievement of individual teachers and others who have played essential parts in the ups and downs of Singapore education convey the realities of its history. With timelines.

Tan, Guan Heng
100 Inspiring Rafflesians , 1823-2003 / Tan Guan Heng
273p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789812779465 (hbk)
ISBN-10: 9812779469 (hbk)
ISBN-13: 9789812778918 (pbk)
ISBN-10: 9812778918 (pbk)
1. Raffles Institution (Singapore) – Alumni and alumnae-Biography
\$ 28.00 (hbk)
\$ 18.00 (pbk)

This enlightening book describes the lives and achievements of eminent Rafflesians from Raffles Institution, Raffles Girls' School and Raffles Junior College, many of whom have served in the Singapore public and community service in the highest positions. The biographies contain little known facts of interest, which have been embellished with personal anecdotes obtained from those interviewed. The book also represents a brave undertaking by a visually handicapped person, who is himself a Rafflesian.

Over Singapore 50 Years Ago: An Aerial View in the 1950's / Brenda Yeoh, Theresa Wong
Singapore: Editions Didier Millet, c2007
121 p. :ill., col. maps ;33 cm.
ISBN: 9789814155069
\$ 30.00

Sure to fascinate anyone who has ever wondered what Singapore was really like in the old days, Over Singapore: 50 Years Ago offers a detailed aerial view of the historical centre of the city and many of the outlying areas, from Woodland to Sentosa, from the West Coast. Residents of Singapore, visitors, geographers and

historians will all enjoy this vivid document of the face of Singapore as it was in the 1950s.

Tan-Oehler, Shirley
Gritty Nithi: The Remarkable Life of Nithiah Nandan - Comrade & Champion / Shirley Tan-Oehler
Singapore: National Trades Union Congress
140p. ; 24cm.
ISBN: 9789810589271
\$ 35.00

Towards freedom : documents on the movement for Independence in India 1939-
Part 1 / Edited by Mushirul Hasan
New Delhi : Oxford University Press, c2008
lxxi, 980 p. ; 28 cm
Includes Index
978-019-569339-3
019-569339-6
\$ 135.00

[The Towards Freedom volumes, each edited by a distinguished scholar, bring together historical materials relating to the period 1937-47 from a wide variety of sources-official records, private and organizational papers, newspapers, and other contemporary publications available within the country. It presents documents relating to the activities, attitudes, and ideas of diverse classes and sections of Indian society, all of which contributed to the attainment of independence with partition.]

Towards freedom : Documents on the movement for Independence in India 1946 -
Part 1 / Edited by Sumit Sarkar
New Delhi : Oxford University Press, c2007
cxxv, 987 p. ; 28 cm
Includes Index
978-019-569245-7
019-569245-4
\$ 135.00

Freedom fighters of India (In 4 Volumes) / Compiled and Edited by Lion M.G. Agrawal
New Delhi : Isha Books, c2008
279 p. ; 22 cm
Includes Bibliography and Index
81-8205-468-0
\$ 67.50 (Set)

[This multivolumes illuminate the role played by the Freedom Fighters during the freedom struggle. In fact, besides majority community and all minorities have played important role in freedom struggle. Dalit leaders equally played important role in 1857. This multivolumes thus highlight the contributors of people from all sections of society in the freedom movement during Indian freedom.

This is an attempt to draw upon their remembrance of the freedom struggle Efforts have been made to include Freedom fighters from various regions. The reminiscences of these unsung heroes reveal deep dedication and spirit with which they fought against the atrocities of the British regime risking their life and profession.]

Economic and social life in ancient India / Kamal shankar srivastava
New Delhi : A.P.H. Publishing corporation and Sangeeta prakashan, c2007
x, 318 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes bibliography and index.

978-81-313-0213-2

\$ 8.00

[The present work entitled Economic and social life in ancient India is an attempt to depict the picture of economic and social conditions of India since vedic period to A.D. 1200. In this work the author has tried to put an authentic and comprehensive account in a proper historical perspective of society and economy of Ancient India. So that its readers can get an opportunity to have a better access to original materials and gain an insight to their different aspects, particularly those who have not received elaborate treatment in the available books.]

The concept of Hero in Indian Culture / Edited by Heidrun Bruckner (et all)
New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, c2007

xv, 291 p. ; 24 cm

Includes Index

South Asia Institute Heidelberg University south asian studies No. XLIV

81-7304-710-3

\$ 20.00

[The concept of the hero (vira, sura, nayaka) is of crucial importance in Indian civilization, from the Vedic to the present times. The authors of the papers in this volume include scholars of indology, history, religion, literature, politics and anthropology. They explore the concept of the hero in written and oral sources, in different historical epochs and regions of India, from the Himalayas to the South.]

Immortal Sarvodaya / Edited by Narayan Hazary (et all)

New Delhi : A.P.H. Publishing Corporation, c2007

xxx, 229 p. ; 22 cm

978-81-313-296-5

\$ 17.50

[London Times' observed, "No Country other than India, no religion other than Hinduism could have produced a Gandhi." Nobel Laureate Dalai Lama says, "If the 20th Century is taken as one of the Asian Liberation, Mahatma Gandhi stands out as a beacon of inspiration". His non-violence depended on the power of truth and justice, through which he won India's independence. Although violence is still rife, the trend of world public opinion is that, the future lies in non-violent ways of conflict resolution. Gandhi's economic development is inclusive of not only material prosperity but also moral and spiritual prosperity. He believed in the doctrine of Sarvodaya or Universal Welfare. He had faith in the divinity of human Immortal Sarvodaya nature. To him the driving force of modern civilization is hunger for wealth and pursuit of worldly pleasure. Modern economic development relies heavily on industrialization and urbanization to increase the pace of economic growth. Industrialization emphasizes consumerism which drowns millions of human beings into a flood of materialistic lust, It is this lust, which has made millions the slave of a few, who control economic and political power. He said, "the idea of creating an unlimited number of wants and satisfying them seems a delusion and a snare". Man's physical and intellectual voluptuousness must stop. He observed, "The Earth provides enough to satisfy everyone's needs but not for everybody's greed".

The Dutch Factories in India 1624-1627 : a collection of Dutch East India Company

Documents Pertaining to India- Vol. II / Translated, annotated and edited by Om Prakash

New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, c2007

413 p. ; 22 cm

Includes Bibliography and Index

81-7304-739-1

\$ 28.50

[The use of these documents for the writing of Indian history thus far has been somewhat restricted because of the barrier of both language and palaeography. The present collection, second in the series, makes these documents available in the English language with detailed annotation.]

Islamic reform and revival in Nineteenth-century India : the tariqah-i Muhammadiyah / Harlan O. Pearson

New Delhi : Yoda Press, c2008

xviii, 266 p. ; 22 cm

Includes Bibliography and Index

81-903634-5-X

\$ 8.50

[The political transition from rule by the Muslim Mughal dynasty to British colonial rule led to a basic religious reorientation among Indian Muslims. At this time of transformation in the early nineteenth century, a key Muslim movement called the Tariqah-I Muhammadiyah or Muhammadi movement, also referred to as the Mujahidin or Indian Wahhabi movement, gathered force in northwest India. Although the muhammadi reformers gained recognition by waging a jihad (holy war), a much familiar and feared word today, the jihad was only one manifestation of a fundamental change in religious thought and organization. Using Muhammadi sources as well as the contemporary accounts of the movement by Muslim and British observers, this incisive study makes an important comment on the historical interaction of social and religious forces in the nineteenth century in the Indian subcontinent.]

Punjab Politics 1 June-14 August 1947 tragedy : Governor's Fortnightly reports and other key documents / Compiled and edited by Lionel Carter

New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, c2007

262 p. ; 22 cm

Includes Index

81-7304-753-7

\$ 19.50

[This is the fifth and final volume in a series which provides the texts of the Fortnightly reports sent by the Governors of the Punjab to the viceroy. Other key documents sent by the Governor or his Secretary are also included. There are 153 items in total.

The volume opens with the announcement of the Mountbatten Plan on 3 June 1947 which provided for the partition of the Punjab. A major theme, therefore, of this volume is the making of arrangements for the division of the Province. This was far from straightforward and the Governor's relations with both mountbatten and the Political leaders became strained. These final administrative moves took place against a deteriorating communal situation with continual bombings, murders and stabbings. The daily situation telegrams which are included show how the coming of partition brought tragedy to the lives of ordinary people.]

Brown warriors of the Raj : recruitment and the mechanics of command in the sepoy army, 1859-1913 / Kaushik Roy
New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, c2008
350 p. ; 22 cm
Includes Bibliography and Index
81-7304-754-5
\$ 25.00

[This volume focuses on recruitment and the mechanics of command. It attempts to answer pertinent questions like: who were recruited and why, how the recruits were conditioned into soldiers, etc.,

Recruitment was the product of two opposing ideologies: the Martial Race ideology and the Anti-Martial Race ideology. The Sepoy Army was the largest volunteer army in the world. The Indians joined the army and remained loyal to mostly because of a host of tangible and intangible incentives offered to the soldiers and institutionalization of the coercive apparatus by the British command.]

The Mughal state and culture 1556-1598 : selected letters and documents from Munshaat-i-Namakin / Edited by Ishtiyah Ahmad Zilli
New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, c2007
v. ; 22 cm
81-7304-738-3
\$ 38.50

[Insha collections compiled in India during the medieval period are an important source of information for the history of the medieval state and society. But scholars working in the area were severely handicapped in their attempts to use this potential source because properly edited texts of the majority of these collections were not available.

Munshaat-I-Namakin is one such Insha collection that was compiled during the last years of Akbar's reign. It covers the period 1556 to 1598. Its compiler, Abul Qasim Namakin, was a nobleman of eminence and served under Akbar and Jahangir.]

Speaking of Peasants : Essays on Indian History and Politics in Honor of Walter Hauser / William R. Pinch
New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, c2008
504 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes index.
81-7304-746-4
\$ 35.00

[The present volume springs out of a festschrift conference to honor the career of Walter Hauser, Professor emeritus of History at the University of Virginia and pioneer scholar in the study of Indian peasant movements.

In this spirit of reflexive reversal, the volume concludes with a reflection on the 'project' of South Asian studies in the United States by Hauser himself, focusing on (but not limited) his experiences at the university of Virginia.]

Halle and the beginning of protestant Christianity in India - 3 Volumes / Edited by Andreas Gross
S.L. : Verlag der Franckeschen Stiftungen zu Halle, c2006
3v. ; 23 cm.
Volume 1 : The Danish-Halle and the English-Halle Mission
Volume 2 : Christian Mission in the Indian Context
Volume 3 : Communication between India and Europe

3-931479-84-6

\$ 90.00 (Set)

[Volume 1 : The Protestant Mission in India began in the year 1706 with the arrival of two missionaries in Tranquebar. Out of that two mission enterprises-ecumenical and international by nature – developed and lasted for more than hundred years; the Danish-Halle Mission in Tranquebar and the English-Halle Mission. These missions greatly influenced protestant Indian Christianity. Volume I depicts the historical background and context of the first Protestant Mission of India.

Volume 2 : Focuses on the mission work in South India. It is not only the work of the missionaries that is taken into account, but also the roles of the wives, the Indian co-workers and the Indian members of the congregations are explored. The relations and conflicts between the Lutheran mission and other Christian denominations are investigated. Finally, the relation between the missionaries and Hinduism is addressed.

Volume 3 : The cultural exchange between India and Europe took place in the fields of the natural sciences and medicine. The role of language in rural South India was also important for the development of the educational system in India.

This volume also includes an appendix with sources of letters and early publications, short biographies and lists of missionaries.]

Indo-Thai historical and cultural linkages / Edited by Neeru Misra and Sachchidanand Sahai

New Delhi : Manohar Publishers and Distributors, c2007

190 p. ; 22 cm.

81-7304-757-X

\$ 13.50

[This volume brings together papers which were presented at a seminar to explore Indo-Thai historical and cultural linkages and the age old relationship between the two countries, its historical contribution to the formation of global Asian Civilization and consciousness in today's world.

The topics discussed included the linkages between Hinduism and Buddhism in Thailand, Trade contacts between the two countries from ancient time, Artefacts and Heritage sites, the theory of mind in early Buddhist Philosophy, The tai communities of Northeast India, The Advent of Buddhism and Early Buddhist Kingdom in Central Thailand and the Mahayana Traditional in Thailand, among many others.]

Matrimonial alliances and ancient Indian polity / Preeti Prabhat

New Delhi : D.K. Printworld, 2007

xv, 328 p. ; 23 cm.

Includes bibliography and index.

Reconstructing Indian history and culture, no. 32

81-246-0399-5

\$ 16.25

[Matrimonial alliances between royal families to further the power, prestige and influence were a prominent feature of politics in ancient India. This volume examines the matrimonial alliances among the ruling dynasties of ancient India from the sixth century BCE to the seventh century CE.

The book will be interest scholars of Indian history focused on ancient Indian polity as well as general readers interested in knowing about politics of mighty kings and kingdoms of ancient India.]

The Sankaradeva Movement : its cultural Horizons / Pradip Jyoti Mahanta

Guwahati : Purbanchal Prakash, c2007

300 p. ; 23 cm

Includes Bibliography

81-7213-081-3

\$ 16.75

[Contents:

- The Bhakti Movement in Assam: Its Renaissance Bearing
- A great Literary
- The Sattria Institution and the Namghar: Genesis and Development
- The Heritage of Arts(I) Drama and Theatre
- The Heritage of Arts(I) Music and Dance
- The Heritage of Arts (III) Painting, Sculpture, Architecture and Traditional Crafts
- The Sankaradeva Movement: Folk Elite Continuum
- Bibliography]

Birth Centenary Tribute to Gonesh Gogoi - Revenge of Shakuni (Shakunir Pratishodh)

/ Prashanta Kumar Bordoloi

Guwahati : Purbanchal Prakash, 2007

62 p. ; 23 cm

81-7213-084-8

\$ 5.00

Kamarupa-Kalinga-Mithila - a politico-cultural Alignment in Eastern India : History, Art, Traditions / Chandra Dhar Tripathi

New Delhi : Aryan Books International and Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 2008

xvi, 198 p.

Includes Bibliography and Index

978-81-7305-327-6

\$ 35.00

[The present work is an attempt towards such 'integrative studies'.

Kamarupa, Kalinga and Mithila are three civilisational regions that developed close links with each other from the epic times all the medieval period. These links as reflected in their political history, art and religious traditions had been so strong that the author calls them an alignment rather than merely 'close links'.]

New themes in Indian History : Art, Politics, Gender, Environment and Culture / Edited by Rattanlal Hangloo and A. Murali

New Delhi : Black and White, 2007

xvii, 578 p.

Includes Index

81-89320-15-7

\$ 37.50

[This volume has been designed to give space to the faculty and scholars working on new areas and themes where there is an abundance of source material that is only now beginning to be tapped. Migration, popular culture, ethno-medicine, historical geography, craft production, miniature paintings are some of the themes that are part of the contents of this work. Though the volume at a first glance would seem to be disparate in terms of the articles nevertheless the challenge of accommodating a wide range of approaches and methods from a broad spectrum of regions and temporal scale provides a thematic unity by integrating the large range of subjects.]

History miniature art and women (Medieval Deccan 15th - 17th Century A.D) / B. Lavanya

New Delhi : Bharatiya Kala Prakashan, 2007

xviii, 158 p.

Includes Index

978-81-8090-185-0

\$ 37.50

[The work provides interesting insights into significant such as women's history, the social, economic and political context of medieval Deccan, which gave impetus to a rich legacy of miniature paintings, the port-royal of women and finally the implications of the representation to the social and artistic history. Thus, in a way, the study opens up new vistas in the understanding of women's role in particular and the Deccan history in general. The book will be of great interest to the scholars, researchers, art-lovers and general readers.]

Space, memory and Jewish national identity / M.H. Ilias

New Delhi : New Century Publications, 2007

978-81-7708-157-2

\$ 14.00

[This book is an attempt to analyse the evolution of territorial orbit of the Jewish national identity through three seminal events in the Jewish history, namely diaspora, emigration to Palestine and the creation of the state of Israel. Parallel to it, this work seeks to analyse how space and memory as constituents of Jewish identity are refashioned in each stage in nationalist history, mustering up three overlapping areas of humanities and social science, viz. geography and memory and their bid to create space and narratives to serve the purpose of the present.]

1857 : the historic rebellion / S.R. Bakshi

New Delhi : Sarup and Sons Publishers, 2007

381 p.

Includes Index

81-7625-810-5

\$ 22.50

Madhya Pradesh through the ages - In 4 volumes / Editedd by S.R.Bakshi and O.P. Ralhan

New Delhi : Sarup and Sons Publishers, 2007

81-7625-806-7

Studies in Indian History

\$ 112.50 (Set)

[This encyclopaedic study has been weaved into four volumes covering various aspects of the region through its ages. The highlights of the theme are socio-economic, cultural and political developments through the ages. Undoubtedly all these volumes have been dealt with in a comprehensive way. Indeed all the events are well-knit and give useful details on the subject.

Volumes I to IV cover the land and the people and all useful details which are meant for teachers, social scientists researchers, parliamentarians, statesmen and students in India and abroad. Efforts have been made to fill up gaps with the help of writings of eminent authors.]

The saga of Indian Cannons / R. Balasubramaniam

New Delhi : Aryan Books International, 2008

xviii, 332 p.
Includes Bibliography and Index
978-81-7305-339-9
\$ 112.50

[The book draws inspiration and major material from the original publications on the subject by the author. Written simply and profusely illustrated with line drawings and photographs, the book embodies the latest researches on the subject. It will fascinate both serious scholars and lay readers, and provide them rare glimpses into India's rich military and metallurgical heritage.]

Land transport in Mughal India : Agra-Lahore mughal highway and its architectural remains / Subhash Parihar

New Delhi : Aryan Books International, 2008
xxiv, 354 p. : ill.
Includes Bibliography and Index
978-81-7305-335-1
\$ 75.00

[The seventeenth century Europeans, who traversed the Agra-Lahore Mughal Highway, showered high praise on it. The British traveler Thomas Coryat (1612-17) considered it an incomparable show of that kind ever surveyed by his eyes. Thomas Roe (1614-18), Ambassador of James I, the King of England to the Mughal Court, praised it as 'one of the great works and wonders of the world'. This high acclaim of the route prompted Subhash Parihar to study the route, traveling it stage, in their footsteps. He thoroughly studied the rich architectural remains of the Highway in the forms of caravansarais bridges, kos-minars, baolis and tanks. A survey report of these remains forms the kernel of the book.]

The Apracharajas (History based coins and inscriptions) / Prashant Srivastava

New Delhi : Agam Kala Prakashan, 2007
viii, 140 p. ; 23 cm
81-7320-074-2
\$ 12.50

A Suppressed Chapter in History : The Exodus of Hindus from East Pakistan and Bangladesh 1947-2006 / Tathagata Roy

New Delhi : Book well, 2007
xxv, 515 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
81-89640-43-7
\$ 25.00

[Some ten million minority Hindus, with a handful of Buddhist and Christians, migrated to India after 1947 from the land mass earlier known as East Pakistan and now known as Bangladesh. The suppressed story of this exodus is indeed a strange case. Strange because, first, this huge movement, the result of an enormous violation of Human Rights, has remained suppressed so far, not even found place in the annals of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). And secondly, because the suppression was done, at least partly, by the very victims of the violation. This book analyses the socio-political and economic background that gave rise to the expulsion of the ten million, and describes the act of expulsion based on published material and oral history. And finally in analyses the suppression, which is the strangest part of the whole story. The book should be useful to students of Political Science and South Asian history and would be of interest to anyone connected with this exodus.]

From Bondage to Deliverance : Indentured Labour in Mauritius and British Guiana /
Saroja Sundararajan

New Delhi : Allied Publishers Private Limited, c2006

xvi, 202 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

81-8424-035-X

\$ 8.75

[The indenture system of labour under which many Indians were transported to the two sugar colonies of Guyana (then the colony of British Guiana) and Mauritius has been a subject of study by historians over time. However, this account, painstakingly researched and documented, is of special importance as it examines the entire issue from the perspective of a writer from India.]

Cachar District Records : Letters Subsequent to the Annexation of Cachar 1834-1853
– Volume 1 and 2 / Edited by Sunanda Datta

Kolkata : The Asiatic Society, 2007

2v. ; 22 cm.

\$ 15.00 (Set)

Indo-Nepal Economic Relations / Arun Kumar Singh (et all)

New Delhi : Regal Publications, c2008

xvi, 247 p. ; 23 cm

Includes Bibliography and Index

81-89915-86-X

\$ 20.00

[An analytical approach has been used in this work to present Indo-Nepal economic relations in historical perspective. Indo-Nepal economic relations are as old as socio-cultural relations existing between two countries. Nature, amount and area of Indian assistance to Nepal in different periods are presented here in detail with an extensive commentary, which is very useful for Researchers, Policy-makers and to those who are interested in Indo-Nepal Economic Relations. A critical evaluation of different treaties like Sugauli (1816 AD). Trade and Transit Treaties of 1950, 1960, 1971, 1978 and 1991 are presented in this book. This book makes an effort to analyse the effect of Globalisation on Indo-Nepal Economic Relations with the help of reliable facts and figures used in National and International Publications. A proper and sufficient space has been given to discuss the China's role in affecting the Indo-Nepal Economic Relations. As concluding remark several useful and fruitful suggestions are given to improve it.]

List of Inscriptions on Tombs or Monuments in Madras : Possessing Historical
Archaeological interest –Revised edition Volume I / Julian James Cotton C.S

Reprint (1st edition on 1945)

Chennai, India : The Commissioner of Museums, Government Museum, 2000

vii, 250 p. ; 33 cm

\$ 15.00

[From Preface:

In Archaeology, tombs are epitomes of human cultures and monuments depict moments of history. Inscriptions found on them render greater authenticity to them and provide better scope for evaluation of the past events with special reference to dating events. The present publication, which contains vital information about 19th century European personalities, has been brought out to provide source materials for historians and students of history.]

A Manual of The Pudukkottai State - Volume 1 (Second and Revised Edition 1938) /
Edited by K.R. Venkatarama Ayyar
Reprint 2004

Chennai : Director of Museums, Government of Tamilnadu, c2004

xiii, 518 p. ; 24 cm.

\$ 20.00

[From Foreword : The Pudukkottai Princely State was keen in preserving the history and heritage of the State. A museum and the department of Archaeology were established in 1910 and books were also published on the history of the State. The first edition of the Manual of Pudukkottai State, Volume I was brought out in 1920 and a revised edition in 1938. Volume II of the Manual was published in 1944. These books are important for the study of the South Indian history. They are the mine of information for the history of Pudukkottai region.]

Tamil Siddhas : A Study from historical, socio-cultural and religio-philosophical perspectives / S.A.Sarma

New Delhi : Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, 2007

179 p. : ill and Maps ; 25 cm

Includes passages in Tamil (roman); with English translation

Includes Bibliography and Index

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1. Tamil Siddhas – India - Biography

\$ 22.00

[Tamil Siddhas have been known as iconoclastic in their writings and tendencies. Here this misunderstanding is cleared and correct knowledge of the writings is given. For the first time also, the dasa diksa and gymnosophy of the Tamil Siddhas are adumbrated here in a new light, which the student of the Tamil Siddhas will appreciate.

The author has attempted, successfully to prove some of the concepts and the yogic practices of the Siddhas by quoting from the Upanisads and explaining them. The modern discoveries and medical science have helped him to assert the scientific and medical qualities of the prescriptions of the Siddhas for perfect health and steady spiritual progress.]

The Muslims of Bengal : A Psycho-Ideological Study in the Light of Political Movement 1905-1916 / Atin Bhattacharya

Kolkata : Readers Service, c2007

xvi, 472 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

81-87891-62-9

\$ 20.00

[This book is a critical study of psychological and ideological action and reaction of the Muslims of Bengal from 1905 to 1911 regarding political movement or incidents, namely, the partition of Bengal of 1905, its annulment in 1911, Indian National Congress, All India Muslim League and its Bengal branch, revolutionary movement, war in Turkey, Lucknow pact of 1916 etc. highlighting the works and activities of Muslim personalities; Muslim literary works, journals and newspapers; Muslim organizations etc.

The aim of the book is to discuss the Muslim politics of Bengal from 1905 to 1916 in the light of its relations with the Hindus and the British government.]

Quit India Movement in Assam / Anil Kumar Sharma

New Delhi : Mittal Publications, c2007
xiv, 233 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
81-8324-242-1
\$ 15.00

Indirect Rule in Mizoram 1890-1954 (The Bureaucracy and the Chiefs) / J. Zorema
New Delhi : Mittal Publications, c2007
xviii, 214 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
81-8324-229-4
\$ 13.75

[In the construction of the grand theories of imperialism and colonialism the conquest of relatively small tribal regions and their incorporation into the imperial whole has always been secondary. It is, therefore, necessary to make a through study of the British colonial rule on the tribal people so as to include their affairs in the mainstream histories.

This book covers a critical study of the British administration in the Lushai Hills of Assam carried on through the traditional Chiefs of Lal from the creation of the Lushai Hill District in 1898 to the end of Chiefship in 1954. The book particularly highlights the works of the successive Superintendents in maintaining and strengthening the system of indirect rule or rule through the chiefs. An Indepth study is also made on the factors and forces that brought the system under stress and eventually to its end.]

Kingship in ancient India : genesis and growth / G.P. Singh
New Delhi : Akansha Publishing House, c2008
viii, 231 p. ; 23 cm
Includes Bibliography and Index
978-81-8370-136-5
\$23.50

[Kingship was one of the most important political institutions of ancient India. This work provides new insights into the evolution of kingship in ancient India. It contains valuable information regarding the emergence, growth and development of the institution of kingship from the Vedic age to the twelfth century. The origin and antiquity of kingship, kingship system and hereditary and elective kingship in the Vedic age, political and constitutional significance of coronation and other ceremonies in Vedic and post Vedic times, kinds and class of rulership, growth of imperialism, mode of royal succession, king and the state formation, political and diplomatic policies of the king, position, status, powers, functions, privileges and prerogatives of the king, constitutional and non-constitutional checks on the autocracy of the king, a limited monarchy, etc. have received the elaborate treatment at the hands of the authors.]

Prachya – a journal on Asia : Past and Present - Number 2 Jan 2007
Kolkata, India : Department of South & Southeast Asian Studies, 2007
127 p. ; 22 cm
\$ 10.00

[Contents:

The question of Indian influence in Southeast Asia / Arun Dasgupta

General Aung San : Extracts from a War Reporter's Diary / Subrata Banerji

Tai Cultural Matrix in Indian History : A study of Tai-Ahom Heritage in Northeast India / Lipi Ghosh

Maritime Conflicts in the South China Sea and the Philippines' Response : From Hostility to Pragmatism / Tridib Chakraborti
India's Pipeline Options in the East : Problems and Prospects / Anasua Basu Ray Chaudhury
Forced Migration, Women and the Nation State in South Asia- A Response to Arendt / Paula Banerjee]

Viraja : The Capital of Ancient Orissa-2 Volumes / S.P. Mishra
New Delhi : Pratibha Prakashan, c2007
396 p. : ill. ; 26 cm.
81-7702-148-6
\$ 110.00

[The book presents critical judgement objectivity, extensive field work, mastery over source materials and adherence to historical accuracy. With its globally renowned poetry, art, architecture, religious, efflorescence, sculpture and still indeed, a center of such creative art as the making of fine jewellery. Jaipur has been a Mecca for the travelers who wish to undergo a rich creative experience.]

History today : journal of the Indian History and Culture Society No.1, 2000 / Edited by S.K. Jolly and Vandana Kaushik
Reprint
New Delhi : D.K. Printworld (P) Ltd., 2007
viii, 85 p. ; 28 cm
81-246-0430-4
\$ 10.00

[History today is an official organ of the Indian History and Cultural Society that is sincerely and single-mindedly devoted to History, historical Archaeology, Studies of Manuscripts, Education, literature, Linguistics, etc.

The present volume, being a reprint of the inaugural issue, contains seven articles written by eminent historians and art lovers. The subjects vary from Vision of Indian History; History of the Past and the Present; Saffronization vs. Distortion through documents; North-West images of Indian Women; Sati- Custom and Law; Faqirs and Darvashs in Hyderabad During the Nizam's rule; and the Mahabharata for Harappa, besides important Notes and News.

The journal, being annual, has published seven issues consecutively and has received high acclaims among the historians, researchers and students.]

Udayana : New Horizons in History, Classics and inter-Cultural Studies / Edited by Atul Kumar Sinha and Abhay Kumar Singh
New Delhi : Anamika Publishers and Distributors (P) Ltd., 2007
559 p.
81-7975-168-8
\$ 75.00

[The volume comprises of six parts. The first part is the 'Felicitation' with biographical material, reminiscences, compliments and blessings. The second Part concerns the 'Classical and Graeco-Indian studies' with 18 scholarly papers. The third part focuses upon 'Indian Classics and Wisdom' and highly merited articles are included in it. Fourth part places 'India and the world context' presents select valuable contributions. Some of which relate to the medieval and modern history. The fifth part of the volume, 'Religion, Society, Art and Archaeology' have excellent articles on the specialized themes like archaeology art, architecture, numismatics etc. The Sixth Part comprises of learned papers written in Hindi language, which not only possess merit in historical content but also in literary merit.]

A vision of splendour : Indian heritage in the Photographs of Jean Philippe Vogel, 1901-1913 / Gerda Theuns-de Boer

Ahmedabad, India : Mapin Publishing Pvt Ltd., 2008

200 p.

978-81-89995-02-7

\$ 50.00

[This book highlights Vogel's contribution to early 20th century archaeology, including an introductory retrospect study on 19th century Indian archaeology. It provides extensive photographic documentation, prints dating from 1870 to 1920, presented in their art- and photo-historical context. It discusses Vogel's visionary ideas in the field of preservation and restoration, research and care for museum collections. Vogel's diaries and letters are valuable resources that allow for an interesting conclusion on social relations within the so-called "archaeological family", picturing the Dutch citizen Vogel moving around in India's colonial society, discussing his thoughts on both "Englishmen" and "natives". With special references to Vogel's explorations and excavations in Gandhara. The Punjab Hill States (Chamba), Kasia (Kusinagar), Saheth-Maheth (Sravasti) and Mathura: it also includes a chronology on Vogel's archaeological activities.]

Vijayanagara : Splendour in Ruins / Edited by George Michell

Ahmedabad, India : Mapin Publishing Pvt Ltd., 2008

252 p. : ill.

978-81-89995-03-4

\$ 71.25

[The remarkably accomplished Alexander Greenlaw, probably the first photographer to reach Vijayanagara in South India in 1855, is known principally through his monumental paper negatives of this great imperial Hindu city. Greenlaw, an army officer, explored the vast site, capturing the temples, shrines, palaces and pleasure pavilions with his camera, as well as recording the dramatic landscape that surrounds the ruins of this once majestic capital. While Greenlaw's response to the architecture within its spectacular natural setting is the principal focus of this book, the work of subsequent photographers at the site is also explored. Presenting the work of William Pigou, Edmond David Lyon, Nicholas & Co. and others, the role of photography in documenting and preserving the site is examined through a comparative approach that seeks to present a comprehensive overview of commercial, archaeological and other documentary activities at Vijayanagara in the 19th century. The book will highlight the extraordinary achievement of this small group of talented individuals through a stimulating combination of text and images, which together offer a fresh vision of this inspiring city.]

Bhutan / Lekha Singh

Ahmedabad, India : Mapin Publishing Pvt Ltd., 2008

144 p. : ill.

978-81-89995-07-2

\$ 49.50

[The remote and mysterious land of the Thunder Dragon, nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas, Bhutan was a destination for only the hardest explorer. It is a land of formidably tough terrain, full of narrow valleys separated one from another by high, impassable mountain ranges. Its long history of deep and secret mystical traditions both Buddhist and other, its mighty and yet gentle kings, the fact that it is located between two giants, India and China, have all been a deterrent to casual travelers. Now this Himalayan kingdom is moving toward democracy. In 2008 Bhutan will

celebrate a new democratic constitution based on the happiness of its people: Gross National Happiness. As Bhutan opens its borders, as its popularity in the west increases, it is soon becoming the destination for the adventurous traveler. Only now, after many centuries of being shut from the curious eyes of others, is Bhutan revealing its treasures.]

The Cultural guide to Ahmedabad / Edited by Mallika Sarabhai
Ahmedabad, India : Mapin Publishing Pvt Ltd., 2008
224 p. : ill.
978-81-89995-06-5
\$ 15.00

[The Cultural guide to Ahmedabad showcases the diverse and dynamic culture of the commercial heart of Gujarat. This is a comprehensive, easy-to-read guide, full of eye-catching designs and stunning photography, highlighting the depth and quality of Ahmedabad's arts and cultural heritage. From the vibrant festivals to little-known shops selling curios, to the kaleidoscopic charm of the parks and the exquisite architecture of Ahmedabad, this guide resembles a detailed jigsaw where each piece captures a unique aspect of the city's rich cultural life.]

Narrative of the Indian Revolt : From its Outbreak to the Capture of Lucknow by Sir Colin Campbeel / S.P.Verma
New Delhi : Aryan Books International, 2008
81-7305-331-6
\$ 70.00

[The book is peerless for its illustrations which represent almost each theatre of the rebellion. These are truly historical and free from an artist's whimsical and fanciful ideas. These are not merely entertaining but are of unique documentary value. An introduction to the volume, written by Professor S.P.Verma Critically examines historicity of the text and illustrations.]

Kalarippayattu : the complete guide to Kerala's ancient martial art / Chirakkal T. Sreedharan Nair
Chennai, India : Westland books pvt. Ltd., c2007
xviii, 271 p. : ill. ; 24 cm
Includes Bibliography and Index.
978-81-89975-10-4
\$ 10.00

[For the first time, this manual opens up the closed world of this martial discipline to anyone interested in physical and mental fitness. In clear, easy-to-understand language, this book will tell you how to learn and practice payattu with or without weapons. Action photographs make poses and techniques easy to follow, and traditional oral commands in Malayalam have been rendered in to English. For the newcomer to martial arts as well as the seasoned enthusiast, this manual offers an authentic and practical guide that will help you find a new, challenging and enjoyable route to health.]

Bihar Through the Ages – 4 Volumes Set / S.R.Bakshi and Ritu Chaturvedi
New Delhi : Sarup and Sons, c2007
4v. ; 21 cm.
Studies in Indian History
81-7625-798-2
\$ 100.00 (set)
[Volume 1 – Land and the People

Volume 2 – The New Awakening
Volume 3 – The 'J.P.' Movement
Volume 4 – Eminent Leaders

This encyclopaedic study on Bihar has been well-knit and weaved into four volume shaving deep bearing on the subject in question. In fact some aspects like socioeconomic, cultural and political have been taken of at various levels. Undoubtedly the material used is useful for teachers, researchers, statesmen, students, political leaders and others. However, some material has been taken up from the writings of eminent authors to fill up gaps in these volumes. We are grateful to them.

Volumes I to IV give us a vivid picture of several developments through the ages, In fact this material has been gathered from the scattered articles, papers and writings and we have given our assessment making it a useful study.

These volumes would be useful at various levels in India and abroad.]

History of Education In India / Suresh C. Ghosh

Jaipur : Rawat Publications, 2007

526 p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

81-316-0161-7

\$ 22.50
