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# *New Book Alerts*

What's New at the Library



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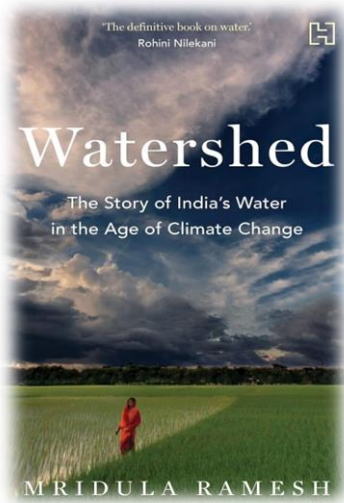
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**1. Watershed: The Story of India's Water in the Age of Climate Change,**  
**(by- Mridula Ramesh)**



India is facing its worst water crisis ever, and some believe that by 2030 it will fail to meet half its water demand. As the climate heats up, it is likely that swathes of land will be submerged, water-related extremes will reshape industry and famine will revisit the country.

Watershed takes us through 4,000 years of history to track how India's water has reached this critical point. With stories from across India it uncovers how India's fate is gradually being sealed by the extremes of drought and floods.

Armed with this understanding, Mridula Ramesh lays out pragmatic, scalable solutions that can work for both India's temperamental water and its democratic exigencies. She describes how determined water warriors from across India are showing the way forward and asserts that managing our water will usher in not just resilience but also the jobs India needs.

Sobering and persuasive, Watershed is a powerful call to action for every Indian to protect our shared future.

**Pub: Hachette India**

**Accession No: 158401**

**Call No: 333.911 R172W**

**2. The Price Is Wrong: Why Capitalism Won't Save the Planet,**  
**(by- Brett Christophers)**



Why the market will never solve the climate crisis

What if our understanding of capitalism and climate is back to front? What if the problem is not that transitioning to renewables is too expensive, but that saving the planet is not sufficiently profitable?

This is Brett Christophers' claim. The global economy is moving too slowly toward sustainability because the return on green investment is too low.

Today's consensus is that the key to curbing climate change is to produce green electricity and electrify everything possible. The main economic barrier in that project has seemingly been removed. But while prices of solar and wind power have tumbled, the golden era of renewables has yet to materialize.

The problem is that investment is driven by profit, not price, and operating solar and wind farms remains a marginal business, dependent everywhere on the state's financial support. We cannot expect markets and the private sector to solve the climate crisis while the profits that are their lifeblood remain unappetizing. But there is an alternative to providing surrogate green profits through subsidies: to take energy out of the private sector's hands.

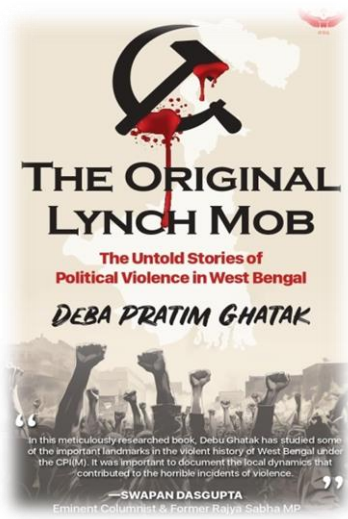
An essential intervention, *The Price Is Wrong* is as politically far-reaching as it is factually illuminating.

**Pub: Verso Books**

**Accession No: 158404**

**Call No: 381.1 C556P**

### **3. The Original Lynch Mob: The Untold Stories of Political Violence in West-Bengal, (by- Deba Pratim Ghatak)**



The history of communism is strewn with violence, world over; violence has been an integral part of the practice of communism. Communist regimes across the globe have been resorting to violence on the pretext of removing inequality by force, with communist theories teaching that the victory of the proletariat is dependent on the utilization of violence in some form or the other. So the one thing that communist regimes could never handle was conflict resolution; no communist regime has ever known how to handle dissent.

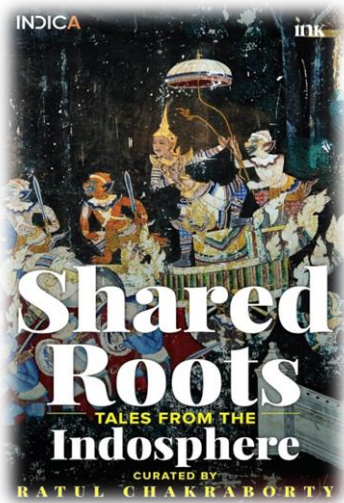
Political violence in West Bengal was started, practiced and stitched into the polity by communists, with the ideological backing of communism. Much before the communists came to power in the state with a majority, the year 1970 saw the gruesome murder of leaders opposed to them in the town of Bardhaman in Sain Bari. In 1979, the communist regime and cadres murdered the lower caste refugees of East Bengal in Marichjhapi—this was nothing short of the “pit murder” done of Jews in concentration camps. In 1982 came the murder of monks of Ananda Magra in broad daylight in the state capital, Calcutta, as it was called then. In 1990, Bantala saw the brutal killing and rape of lady government health officers and the driver of the vehicle. Suchpur in Nanoor in the district of Birbhum also witnessed the killing of landless laborers under the active participation of top communist leaders. The burning of villagers trapping them inside a thatch-roofed village house in Chhoto Angaria is shrouded in mystery even today. The culmination of such cruelty against poor villagers was witnessed In 2007, in Nandigram, when the abjectly poor villagers were bombed, killed, fired upon and thrown into the river in support of a tainted crony capitalist of the Salim Group of Indonesia — the world had never so far seen such cruelty inflicted on the poor by communists, in support of a crony capitalist.

**Pub: Garuda Prakashan**

**Accession No: 158415**

**Call No: 364.151 G4110**

#### **4. Shared Roots: Tales from the Indosphere, (by- Ratul Chakraborty)**



The Indosphere is a broad, expansive cultural and geographical category under the influence of ancient India. While India's cultural reach beyond the subcontinent has a storied past, its relationship with Cambodia is all but forgotten. Shared Roots tries to plug that gap. Embark on a captivating odyssey through the vibrant currents that once flowed freely between India and Cambodia. Woven together by the threads of dharma, the Indosphere is a fascinating realm where kings exchanged not just spices but also ideas, where artists found inspiration in shared mythology and where spirituality transcended borders.

In this collection, seven authors from diverse fields meticulously plot the textures of this bilateral history, revealing the profound connection that shaped both the nations. From the echoing verses of the Reamker to the breathtaking grandeur of Angkor Wat, each page unveils the enduring legacy of this ancient bond.

But Shared Roots is more than just a historical journey. It is an invitation to rediscover the power and beauty of cultural exchange untainted by colonialism, a potent reminder that diversity is not just a feature but also an essential building block of a just society. Drawing upon meticulous research and captivating storytelling, this book ignites a conversation about civilizational revival, urging us to celebrate the past while embracing a future enriched by shared understanding.

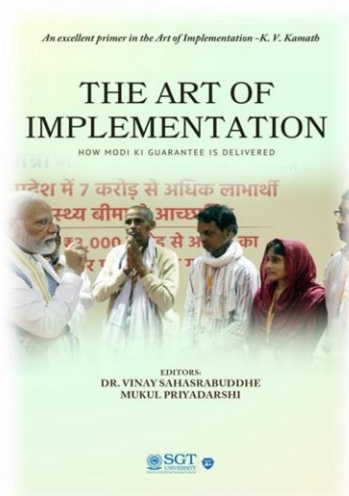
The book is a stunning exploration of cultural fusion, a testament to the enduring power of enlightened values, and a call to action for a more vibrant world.

**Pub: Occam (an imprint of BluOne Ink)**

**Accession No: 158414**

**Call No: 823 C435S**

**5. The Art of Implementation: How Modi Ki Guarantee Is Delivered,  
(by- Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe and Mukul Priyadarshi)**



SGT University took immense pride in being a part of the prestigious launch event of the book "The Art of Implementation - How Modi Ki Guarantee is Delivered" by Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, on April 15, 2024.

The book, for which SGT University is a publisher, is an anthology of 15 authors documenting the Modi government's successful implementation of social welfare schemes from 2014-2024, and explores factors like ambition, effective execution, and electoral impact behind these achievements.

Through esteemed dignitaries Shri Vinay Sahasrabuddhe (co-author of this anthology), Shri Manoj Sinha, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, and Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, attendees got a detailed account of the Modi government's tremendous successes over the past decade, including infrastructure projects, money transfers, and scheme implementation.

Our Chancellor, Padma Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, added the final note on this fantastic day. "Every government has thought of schemes and ideas to implement them, but only now are we taking the first steps towards a "Viksit Bharat." SGT University is honoured to have participated in this landmark event and looks forward to sharing this immense publication with the Indian public.

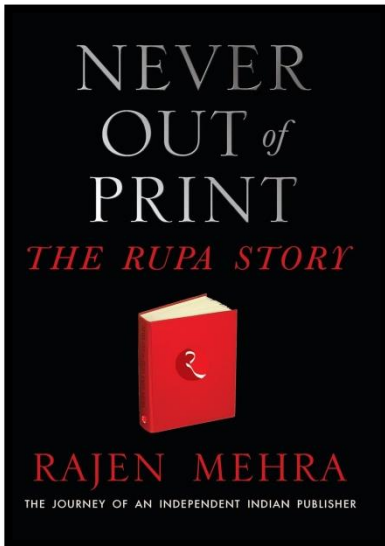
**Pub: SGT University**

**Accession No: 158410**

**Call No: 320.6 S131A**



**6. Never Out of Print: The Rupa Story (The Journey of an Independent Indian)**  
**(by- Rajen Mehra)**



Rupa began on a Calcutta pavement in 1936, when D. Mehra, an impecunious but driven salesman, decided to try his hand at selling books. Within a generation, he had established Rupa as a major purveyor of imported books. Successive generations would make the firm the country's leading distributor of English-language trade books, representing some of the world's most important publishers, including Penguin, HarperCollins, Faber and many more. As the company grew, it began publishing its own titles. Legendary film-maker Satyajit Ray designed the publishing house's first colophon and became one of its earliest patrons. Other notables on the Rupa list included sportsmen like Sunil Gavaskar, whose memoir, *Sunny Days*, gave it one of its bestsellers; Chetan Bhagat, who would go on to become India's largest-selling author within a few years; and Ruskin Bond, the country's most beloved writer. Over the decades, as the Indian publishing milieu was reshaped by new entrants from around the world, Rupa continued to maintain its position as a fiercely independent publisher of important books, at the forefront of the Indian publishing scene.

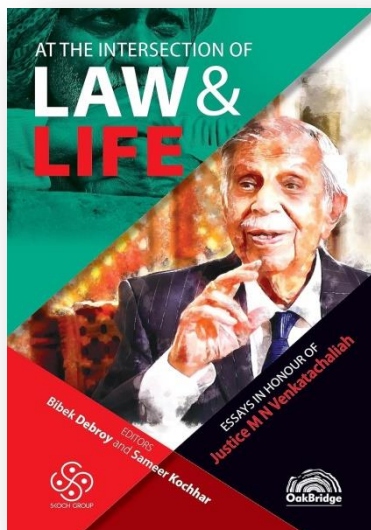
Besides providing readers with an engrossing account of how the publishing business works, the book is studded with stories of the idiosyncratic behavior of literary stars, eye-opening anecdotes of how some of the country's biggest bestsellers came to be published and tips on what it takes to make a bestseller.

**Pub: Rupa Publications**

**Accession No: 158408**

**Call No: 650.1 M498N**

**7. At The Intersection of Law & Life Essays in Honour of Justice M N Venkatachaliah, (by- Bibek Debroy and Sameer Kochhar)**



A rich collection of essays by eminent personalities on Justice MN Venkatachaliah, the Judge, and the individual. Justice Manepali Narayanarao Venkatachaliah's diverse roles as a Judge in various courts, Chief Justice of India, Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission, Chairman of the Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution, and other positions are covered in the book.

Right from his days at the highest judiciary to his simple superannuated yet emeritus status, Justice Venkatachaliah has preached reforms for efficiency.

The topics include:

- Human rights
  - Tax law
  - Public Policy
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution
  - Arbitration law, energy-related arbitration, and his pro-arbitration approach.
- Other topics, like education and the selection of judges, are briefly touched upon. The contributors reflect on his journey from pre-Independent India to witnessing the nation's transformation.

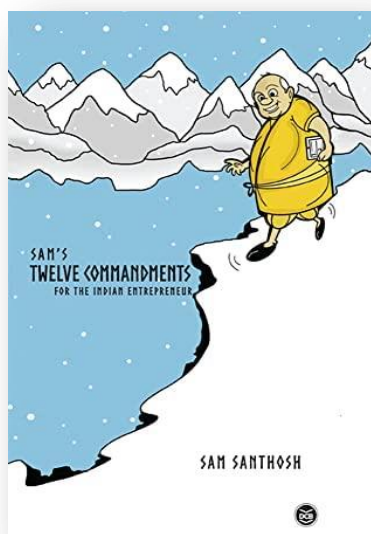
**Pub: OakBridge Publishing**

**Accession No: 158405**

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## **8. SAM'S TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR THE INDIAN ENTREPRENEUR, (by- Sam Santhosh)**



India's growing economy, business friendly policies and the availability of new technologies have inspired thousands of youngsters to create their own startups. However, the first-time entrepreneurs face numerous challenges in their entrepreneurship journey. From deciding the right time to start, to raising funds and get to a successful exit is a journey filled with unexpected bumps and ditches. With over 35 years of experience in starting and building successful companies in the fields of Software and Genomics, both in the U.S and in India, Sam Santhosh provides practical guidelines for creating and sustaining successful ventures useful not only to entrepreneurs, but also to all players in the startup ecosystem. A blend of history, science, business and humor, the book hopes to inspire and guide the next generation of Indian entrepreneurs.

**Pub: DC Books**

**Accession No: 158409**

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