

# BOOKS & AUTHORS

Current Affairs (January 2020 to December 2020)

## January

- A book '**Karmayoddha Granth**' on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was released.
- Former President Pranab Mukherjee released the autobiography of **Yashwant Sinha** titled '**Relentless**'.

## February

- "**The Thin Mind Map Book**" authored by a mind mapping & brain literacy pioneer **Dharmendra Rai**, was launched recently.
- The Vice President of India Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled '**A Child of Destiny**' an autobiography penned by **Prof. K. Ramakrishna Rao**.
- The Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu released the book titled '**Death- An Inside Story: A book for all those who shall**' authored by **Jaggi Vasudev**, but famously known as Sadhguru, Founder of Isha Foundation.

## March

- A book titled "**Chronicles of Change Champions**" is a compilation of 25 innovative initiatives taken at the state and district levels under the Prime Minister's flagship scheme of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao.
- A comic book titled "**The Adventures of the Daredevil Democrat**" has been released by the chief minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik on the occasion of the 104th birth anniversary of former Odisha CM Late Biju Patnaik in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The book titled "**My Encounters in Parliament**" authored by **Bhalchandra Mungekar** was released.
- The book titled "**Invincible: A Tribute to Manohar Parrikar**" has been authored by **Tarun Vijay**.
- The book titled "**An Extraordinary Life: A biography of Manohar Parrikar**" is co-authored by veteran journalists **Sadguru Patil and Mayabhushan Nagvenkar**.
- A book entitled '**Messiah Modi: A Great Tale of Expectations**' penned by senior journalist & author **Tavleen Singh** has been released.
- Award-winning businesswoman **Savita Chhabra** has launched her first novel titled '**Legacy of Learning**'. Savita Chhabra is the chairperson at Hygienic Research Institute Private Limited (HRIPL).
- **Senior Journalist Chander Suta Dogra** has launched a book titled "**Missing in Action: The Prisoners Who Never Came Back**". It is published by Harpercollins. At present, she works as

a senior journalist in Outlook & has worked in The Hindu & Indian Express. The book addresses the missing Indian soldiers during the mission of 1965 & 1971 Indo- Pak wars & also attempts to find out what happened to them, hoping to open up a debate on how soldiers are often used as pawns by governments.

#### April

- The Pulitzer Prize-winning American reporter for The Washington Post, **Mary Jordan** has written a book titled '**The Art of Her Deal: The Untold Story of Melania Trump**'. It is published by Simon & Schuster and is to be released on June 16, 2020.
- Sports journalist, **V. Krishnaswamy** has authored a book titled "**Shuttling to the Top: The Story of P.V. Sindhu**".

#### May

- The book titled '**Vijyant at Kargil: The Life of a Kargil Hero**' has been released. This book is a biography of Vir Chakra awardee (posthumously) Captain Vijyant Thapar. This book is authored by Vijyant's father **Colonel VN Thapar** and writer **Neha Dwivedi**, a martyr's daughter.
- The first biopic on Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's life, titled '**Finding Freedom: Harry and Meghan and the Making of A Modern Royal Family**' has been written by royal reporters **Omid Scobie and Carolyn Durand**.
- The book called "**Wuhan Diary: Dispatches from a Quarantined City**" authored by Chinese literary writer Fang Fang, is a compilation of online diary entries and social media posts that document 60 days of lockdown during COVID-19.
- **Ruskin Bond**'s new book titled '**Hop On: My Adventures on Boats, Trains and Planes**' was released on his 86th Birthday in an e-book format. The book narrates some of his memorable travel adventures on boats, trains and planes from his childhood.
- **JK Rowling** will release her latest book, "**The Ickabog**", online for free, for the children during this lockdown period. The Ickabog' is a story about truth and the abuse of power.

#### June

- **Amish Tripathi** has released his new fiction book '**Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India**'.

#### July

- Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu has virtually released a book titled "**Future of Higher Education – Nine Mega Trends**". The book is authored by **V Pattabhi Ram**.
- Former RBI governor, **Urjit Patel** has written a book titled '**Overdraft: Saving the Indian Saver**'.
- The Chairman of Maruti Suzuki, **RC Bhargava** has authored the book "**Getting Competitive: A Practitioner's Guide for India**" from his experience as a policymaker and a leading industrialist.

- A book titled '**His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama: An Illustrated Biography**' is authored by **Tenzin Geyche Tethong**. The biography is a memorable portrait of the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso.
- The book titled '**A Song of India**' has been authored by **Ruskin Bond**.
- A new book titled "**If It Bleeds**", a collection of four stories, is authored by **Stephen King**.
- The book titled '**The Tangams: An Ethnolinguistic Study Of The Critically Endangered Group of Arunachal Pradesh**' was released. It is based on the Tangams, a critically endangered speech community of Arunachal Pradesh domiciled at Kugging village, Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Crime writer, **S Hussain Zaidi** has penned a new novel "**The Endgame**" which talks of politics, betrayal, and unimaginable terror.
- Sahitya Akademi Award winner, **Baldev Singh Sadaknama** has authored a book '**Suraj Kade Marda Nahi**' (sun never dies).
- The book titled "**Quest for Restoring Financial Stability in India**" is authored by former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy governor **Viral V.Acharya**.
- The former diplomat, and current Minister of External Affairs in the Government of India, **S Jaishankar** as authored the book "**The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World**".

### August

- Bihar Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar has released a book titled "**Siyasat Mein Sadasyata**" authored by Bihar Assembly Speaker **Vijay Kumar Choudhary**.
- The book, titled "**Vishesh: Code To Win**", has been written by sportswoman-turned-author **Nirupama Yadav** and published by the publishing house Bluerose.
- The book, titled "**RAW: A History of India's Covert Operations**" has authored by investigative journalist and author **Yatish Yadav**.
- The book titled '**Amazing Ayodhya**' has been authored by **Neena Rai**. The book offers "authentic information" about the city, which will not only help understand the life and times of ancient Hindus but also the revered figures of Rama and Sita.
- **Dalai Lama**, will release a new book titled "**Our Only Home: A Climate Appeal to the World**" on climate change with German environmental journalist, Franz Alt in November.
- Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Prakash Javadekar unveiled a book titled '**Connecting, Communicating, Changing**' that chronicles Shri M Venkaiah Naidu's three years in office as the Vice President of India.
- Retired Air Vice Marshal, **Arjun Subramaniam** has authored a new book titled, "**Full Spectrum: India's Wars, 1972-2020**". It is the sequel to his 1st book, '**India's Wars: A Military History, 1947-1971**'.
- **Chetan Bhagat** has authored a book titled '**One Arranged Murder**'.

- Union Minister, Jitendra Singh has released a book on cancer named "**Gastric Cancer**" edited by **Dr Ashok K. Vaid**.
- A book titled "**Who painted my lust red?**" has been authored by **Sree Iyer**.
- A book title '**Cricket Drona**' on renowned coach Vasudev Jagannath Paranjpe or Vasoo Paranjape is written by his son **Jatin Paranjpe** along with Cricket Journalist **Anand Vasu**.

### September

- Bollywood Filmmaker, **Karan Johar** authored a children's picture book titled "**The Big Thoughts of Little Luv**".
- A new publication "**The Little Book of Green Nudges**" has been launched by the United Nations Environment Programme to encourage around 200 million students around the world to adopt environmentally friendly habits and greener lifestyles.
- Interior designer, **Gauri Khan** has authored her first book titled "**My Life In Design**", which will be published by Penguin Random House India in 2021. It is a coffee-table book, in which Gauri has written about her journey as a designer.
- **Arundhati Roy's** new book titled "**Azadi: Freedom. Fascism. Fiction**" is published by Penguin Books Limited. The nonfiction book is a collection of essays that shows the meaning of Freedom in the world of increasing authoritarianism.
- Former US President, **Barack Obama** has announced his first presidential memoir titled "**A Promised Land**." A Promised Land is the first of two volumes of the book. This volume tells about his early political life, his presidential campaign in 2008, and ending with the death of Osama bin Laden in 2011.
- Star chef **Vikas Khanna** has authored a book titled "**Kitchens of Gratitude**" in which he has written about his Feed India initiative. Feed India initiative is one of the largest food drives in the world, serving meals to the underprivileged. The book will be released in 2021. He will also be honoured with the 2020 Asia Game Changer Award in October.
- A new book titled "**Voices of Dissent**" authored by Historian **Romila Thapar** will be jointly published by Penguin Random House India and Seagull Books. The book is set to publish in October 2020.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched a book titled '**A bouquet of flowers**' written by **Dr Krishna Saksena**. Dr Krishna Saksena is the first lady to get a PhD, in 1955 from Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.

### October

- The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Dr Jitendra Singh has released a Coffee Table Book on "**Discovering the Heritage of Assam**", written by **Padampani Bora** and having foreword by Amitabh Bachchan.
- On the occasion of the 151st Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia has launched the coffee-table book titled "**Babu – The Unforgettable**"

over the virtual event. This virtual event was organised by the Delhi Archives & Department of Art, Culture and Language, Government of Delhi. The department also organised a webinar on "Footprints of Gandhi Ji in Delhi".

- The author of Baahubali series, **Anand Neelakantan** has authored his first kid's book titled "**The Very, Extremely, Most Naughty Asura Tales for Kids**", published by Puffins Publishers Private Limited under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- Renowned Author and Politician, **Shashi Tharoor** is set to release his new book titled "**The Battle of Belonging**" is set to be released in November 2020. The book is published by Aleph Book Company. Shashi Tharoor described this book as his "magnum opus" on the Theory, evolution and practice of Nationalism across the globe and especially in India.
- Veteran Economist and bureaucrat **N K (Nand Kishore) Singh** has released his autobiography titled "**Portraits of Power: Half a Century of Being at Ringside**".
- A book titled "**Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984**" authored by **Sarbpreet Singh**. The author Sarbpreet Singh's recounts the Sikh massacre of 1984 in this book. The book is a fictionalised version of real happenings comprising just eight chapters. It shows the events of 1984 through the prism of many lives & impact on Sikhs. The book is published by Penguin Publication.
- World's 1st scientoon book entitled "**Bye Bye Corona**", was released by **Anandiben Patel**, Governor, Uttar Pradesh. The book was written by 'scientoonist' Dr Pradeep Srivastava, former Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow. It is further planned to make a 3D version of the book. The book has been published by Vigyan Prasar.

#### November

- **Tamal Bandyopadhyay** has authored a book titled "**Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy**" and will be released on November 09, 2020. This book, published by Roli Books, provides an understanding of the challenges and economic potential of India.
- A new book titled "**Till We Win**" by AIIMS Director **Randeep Guleria** and two other doctors will give a definitive account of India's fight against Covid-19 and how to deal with the pandemic in the days to come. The book has been co-written by leading public policy and health systems expert Chandrakant Lahariya and renowned vaccine researcher and virologist Gagandeep Kang.
- Ex-SPG officer, **Sasindran Kallinkeel's** has penned a novel named "**Rasaathi: The Other Side of a Transgender**". The main character in the novel, published by BookMitra, is a transgender named Rasaathi born in a well-to-do family in South India.
- Actor **Anupam Kher's** latest book is titled "**Your Best Day Is Today!**". He had announced the book, in which he experiences during the coronavirus-induced countrywide lockdown.
- Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu has launched the book titled "**Thavaasmi: Life and Skills through the lens of Ramayana**". The book was authored by **Rallabandi Srirama Chakradhar** and co-author by **Amara Sarada Deepthi**.

- Maharashtra Governor, Bhagat Singh Koshyari has released the book '**Majhi Bhint**' (My Wall) authored by former Maharashtra Minister of Education **Rajendra Darda** at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai.
- '**Boskiyana**', a new Hindi book on Gulzar, veteran Indian poet-lyricist has been published by Radhakrishna Prakashan. The book portrays the life of Gulzar through his films, poetry, philosophies, lifestyle, likes and dislikes. The 228- page book is edited and compiled by **Yashwant Vyas**. 'Boskiyana' is the name of the house of Gulzar in Mumbai.
- An actor, producer and humanitarian, **Sonu Sood** is set to pen his autobiography titled "**I Am No Messiah**". The book will be co-authored by Meena Iyer. The book will account the experience of Sonu Sood during the COVID-19 pandemic. The book is set to be published by Penguin Random House India and released in December 2020.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has unveiled two books '**The Republican Ethic Volume III**' and '**Loktantra Ke Swar**' which are a collection of selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind during the third year of his presidency. Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar unveiled the ebook versions of the two books.

### December

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has released a new book titled '**Future of Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific**'. The book provides insight on how stronger regional cooperation strategies, including in health, trade, finance, and disaster risk, can help governments in Asia and the Pacific accelerate economic growth and robust recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu has released the book titled "**40 Years with Abdul Kalam- Untold Stories**", a book on the life of the former President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. The book was authored by **Dr A.Sivathanu Pillai**. The book is published by Pentagon Press LLP and the foreword was written by Pranab Mukherjee, former president of India.
- The 2nd non-fiction book by author **Amish Tripathi** is titled "**Dharma: Decoding the Epics for A Meaningful Life**". The book offers practical, philosophical lessons drawn from ancient Hindu epics. It is co-authored by his sister Bhavana Roy.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has released a book on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of the Parliament attack on 13 December. He released the book '**The Shaurya Unbound**' (English Version) and '**Samundar Samawe Boond Mein**' (Hindi Version) was released on the 2001 incident. As many as 14 people including the five terrorists died during the incident.
- Maharashtra former Chief Minister and present leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, Devendra Fadnavis has released the book '**Ayodhya**' written by **Madhav Bhandari**. The book will serve as a key reference document summarising the protests held for the cause of a Ram temple in Ayodhya.
- VP Venkaiah Naidu virtually released the book '**Oh Mizoram**', written by Governor of Mizoram, Shri **P S Sreedharan Pillai**. Pillai is a lawyer, an orator, a prolific writer, a philanthropist, and a thinker.

- Nobel laureate **Kailash Satyarthi**'s new book titled '**Covid-19: Sabhyata ka Sankat Aur Samadhan**' (Covid-19: Crisis of Civilisation and Solutions) was launched by former Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh.
- Union Minister of State (I/C) for AYUSH and Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik released a **Konkani** book "**Sutranivednachi sutra- ek anbv**", by **Dr Roopa Chari** on 26 December, 2020. It is published by Sanjana Publications.
- The family of Late Justice **Rajindar Sachar** in association with The Indian Society of International Law and The Indian Law Institute is organizing the book launch "**In Pursuit Of Justice: An Autobiography**" written by Late Justice Rajindar Sachar. The book has been posthumously published.

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