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## **Best Practice Two**

# **Odyssey Book Club: Empowering Minds through Library Innovation**



## **1. Title of the Practice- "Odyssey: Empowering Minds through Library Innovation"**

**2. Objectives of the Practice-** To enhance academic engagement by expanding library facilities, fostering interaction through author talks, book launches, reviews, and facilitating book reading.

**3. The Context-** The need to cultivate a dynamic academic environment required overcoming challenges like limited student engagement with library resources and the restricted library working hours, aiming for holistic educational development.

**4. The Practice-** "Odyssey" is a comprehensive book reading initiative that includes author talks, book launches, magazine reviews, and book fair visits to encourage reading and intellectual interaction. It also extends library hours beyond college schedules, ensuring easy access to resources. This practice has been innovative in Indian higher education, addressing student accessibility and learning needs outside regular hours. Constraints included managing logistics for extended hours and scheduling events.

**5. Evidence of Success-** The practice has significantly increased student participation in library events, leading to improved academic engagement. Statistics show a 20% increase in library usage, indicating successful integration of extracurricular learning.

**6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required-** Challenges included logistical management for extended library hours and coordinating events. Additional resources required were staffing for extended hours and technology to support virtual events.

**7. Notes (Optional)-** This practice can be replicated by institutions looking to enhance constructive engagement of students and extend learning beyond the classroom. It is recommended to have a small coffee house setup at common rooms so that reading can be more enjoyable.

This initiative aligns with the institutional values of innovation, inclusivity, and continuous learning, promoting a culture of reading and intellectual growth among students.



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## Author Talk & Book Launches

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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings of the day!

It is a pleasure to share with you that DME Events & Communication Cell is organising its first **Author Talk** for all the members of DME. We are glad to share that the Authors- **Mr. Arun Ganesh**, former CEO and recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award at the Asia Insurance Industry Awards, 2020, Singapore and **Mr. Srinath Sridharan**, strategic counsel to the Boards, CEOs and investors and a media columnist will be present in the campus to share their thoughts on their Book "Time for Bharat".

Please grace the session with your presence.

**Book Your Calendar!**  
Date- 13 December 2022  
Time- 3:30-4:30 PM  
Venue- **Library**

Glad to be hosting this event for all and looking forward to your active participation.

Regards  
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## Author Talk and Book Launch Event

Events & Communication Cell in collaboration with DME Management School and DME Law School organised its second author talk in the seminar hall of DME on February 16. This talk was on Tata's Leadership Experiment, a book authored by Ms Sonu Bhasin and Dr Mukund Rajan. The talk was moderated by Mr Mohit Gupta, Co-founder of City Book Leaders. Ms Sonu Bhasin is Family Business Historian, Independent Director, Business Author, Founder, and Editor-in-Chief - Families & Business and Dr. Mukund Rajan is Chairperson at ECube Investment Advisors Private Limited, Former Group Brand Custodian, TATA Group and Author.

TATA and the story of their survival and growth. Dr Mukund Rajan described the emergence of TAS with the realisation of JRD Tata that they don't have enough people to manage the company and hence they need IT professionals. TATA needed people who can adopt Tata's values and ethics. Supporting this idea, Ms. Sonu Bhasin explained, "The value of giving back to the community" is what makes Tata. One doesn't work in Tata because of money but because of values and work."

The book explores the leadership philosophy and practices of the Tata Group, one of India's largest and most respected business conglomerates. The authors draw

**Book Launch in DME Studio 62**

## Kirti's Book "An Ultimate Guide to Product Sourcing from India" serves as a handbook for entrepreneurs

by Asha Adhikari and Prachi Tyagi



The book launch event for Kirti Sehrawat's debut book "An Ultimate Guide to Product Sourcing from India" was held on August 22 in Studio 62, Delhi Metropolitan Education. The host of the event Dr. Manasvi Maheshwari, Associate Professor, DME Media School welcomed the author and other invited guests. She conducted the session in her own distinct style by adding a personalised touch to this soft launch.

The event had a ceremonial start with a Ganesh Vandana by Shalu, a student of BA(JMC), Agrodha and Shikha, students of BA(JMC) added colours to the event by presenting a folk dance representing the culture of Uttarakhand.

Dr. Ambrish Saxena, Dean of DME Media School introduced the guest of honour Kirti Sehrawat. With 20 years of experience in the fashion and homeware sector, Kirti is the founder of Sourcing with Kirti. She has worked with prominent garment exporters in India and as a homeware buyer in Australia. Her book provides a step-by-step guide to sourcing unique products from India for startup e-commerce businesses.

This unique book "An Ultimate Guide to Product Sourcing from India" was unveiled by Dr. Vijendra Singh, Ms. Savita Singh, Dr. Ambrish Saxena, Dr. Susmita Bala and Dr. Vikrant Kishore. Dr. Singh and Ms. Singh said, "We as parents feel proud of Kirti's entrepreneurial and writing skills and wish her success in her endeavours."

Dr. Vikrant Kishore, Associate Professor in the University of Nottingham China Campus, revealed the passion and



**Book Launch in DME Studio 62**



## Interview of Kirti by Dr Ambrish Saxena

by Dr. Tram Rizvi



An interesting part of the book release function was the interview of Kirti Sehrawat taken by Dr. Ambrish Saxena. Kirti spoke about the potential of India as a sourcing hub and the importance of choosing the right platform for business while answering questions of Dr. Saxena. She discussed how entrepreneurs can flourish in India.

When asked about the target audience for her book and website, Kirti said that anyone and everyone who is interested in a startup or is an entrepreneurial act or willing to be an entrepreneur can be benefited by her book and website.

Kirti was felicitated by Prof. Susmita Bala, HOD of DME Media School who admired her authorship and termed her a role model for younger generations.

The event was a great success as it was well-attended by a diverse group of people, including academics, business persons, students, and media representatives. The book launch was a great opportunity for everyone looking for motivation, support and ideas for their startups.



commitment of Kirti in writing this book. He said that Kirti penned this book while simultaneously performing the role of mother of a newly born baby. He added, "As husband, I admire the skills of education and training that Kirti possesses."

This was followed by the launch of Kirti's new business and the unveiling of her new website sourcing with Kirti.

The event concluded with the captivating musical performance by singer and musician Dr. Dhruj Rana who engaged the attendees and added a delightful musical interlude to the program.

The programme ended with an enthralling musical performance by Dhruj Rana who could sway the audience with his melodious voice.



## Book Reviews Sections



### “A perfect tale of Mythology and mystery blended with drama”

Book Name: The Hidden Hindu  
Author: Akshat Gupta  
Price: 250.00

**Hardik Sharma**

“The Hidden Hindu” is a trilogy series that gives you a decent blend of Mythology and Mystery. The 1st part of the trilogy not only revolves around setting up the characters and narratives of the story but also asks questions from the reader, which make them dive into the next two parts.

The fictional story revolves around a guy who never ages. He has now been detained by the agencies but why, on whose instructions that is not clear yet. That guy claims to be the 8th immortal, but besides just claiming it, he gives evidence regarding the same. But who is this guy, where does he come from, and where was he during all the “yugas”, these are the questions that the book answers in a very successive manner.

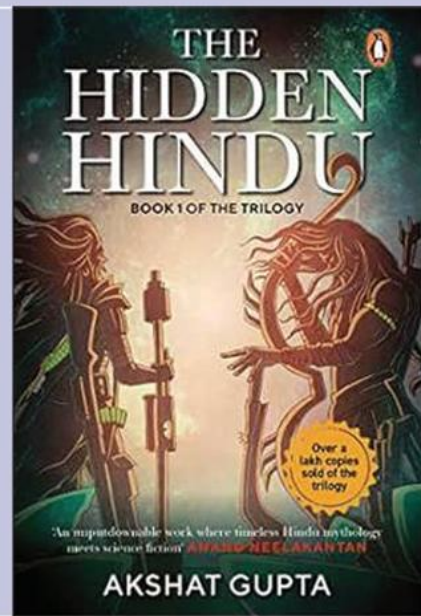
The book offers a great exploration of Hindu mythology and the mystery behind it. It never feels like a fictional story, despite of touching on such a sensitive topic. And just through the characters investigating the man, it shows the whole society’s perception of mythology and culture.

It throws a limelight on how rich and advanced Indian culture was. How advanced we were in regard to the science that we discovered many things even before they have been approved by the western scientists.

The plot of the book is very engaging. Despite being a very fictional story that a large audience will not believe, the author gives evidence and tries to make it as accurate and authentic as possible. Sometimes, it reminds you of shows like Asur.

The story has been very cleverly written, but somewhere it lags. It lags in personal character building. Despite of being the fact that every character who is investigating has his own unique opinion about the trials, you will not be able to relate with characters as they don’t talk about their backgrounds much.

It can be a good read if you are into shows like Asur. Towards the end, it leaves you with an abrupt ending, making you keen to read the second part.



Ratings: Amazon-3.5/5

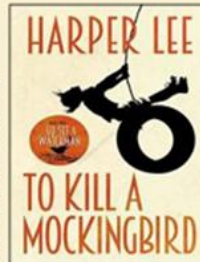
## Book Review

### TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD BY HARPER LEE

Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" is a profound exploration of racial injustice and moral growth set in the 1930s American South. The novel follows Scout Finch, a young girl whose father, Atticus Finch, is a principled lawyer defending a Black man, Tom Robinson, falsely accused of raping a white woman. Through Scout's eyes, we witness the pervasive racism and deep-seated prejudice in her small town of Maycomb, Alabama.

The narrative is both a coming-of-age story and a social critique, revealing the complexities of human nature and the struggle between good and evil. Lee's portrayal of Atticus Finch as a moral beacon challenges readers to confront their own values and prejudices. The character of Scout, with her innocent yet perceptive observations, offers a poignant reminder of the impact of empathy and understanding.

The novel's strength lies in its rich character development and its ability to provoke thoughtful reflection on themes of justice, morality, and compassion. "To Kill a Mockingbird" remains a timeless classic, resonating with readers for its powerful message and enduring relevance.

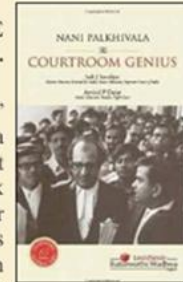


### NANI PALKHIVALA: THE COURTROOM GENIUS BY SOLI S. SORABJEE AND ARVIND P. DATAR

"Nani Palkhivala: The Courtroom Genius" by Soli S. Sorabjee and Arvind P. Datar is a remarkable tribute to one of India's most distinguished legal minds. The book meticulously chronicles the life and career of Nani Palkhivala, highlighting his extraordinary contributions to the Indian legal system. Palkhivala, renowned for his eloquence and brilliance in the courtroom, played a pivotal role in shaping Indian constitutional law, notably through his arguments in the landmark Kesavananda Bharati case.

Sorabjee and Datar, both eminent legal professionals, provide a detailed and nuanced portrayal of Palkhivala's career, capturing his intellectual depth and commitment to justice. The narrative is enriched with anecdotes and insights that illustrate Palkhivala's legal acumen and his influence on Indian jurisprudence. The book also explores his personal values and dedication to upholding democratic principles.

Through thorough research and engaging writing, the authors offer readers a compelling account of Palkhivala's legacy. "Nani Palkhivala: The Courtroom Genius" is both an homage to a legal legend and a valuable resource for those interested in understanding the evolution of Indian law and the impact of one of its most formidable advocates.

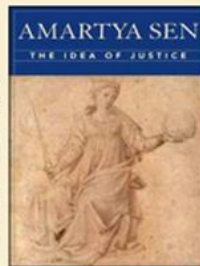


### THE IDEA OF JUSTICE BY AMARTYA SEN

Amartya Sen's "The Idea of Justice" presents a compelling critique of traditional theories of justice and offers a fresh perspective on how we can better understand and achieve justice in the real world. Sen challenges the often abstract and idealized notions of justice found in philosophical discourse, advocating instead for a more pragmatic and context-sensitive approach.

Central to Sen's argument is the distinction between "transcendental" and "comparative" justice. While transcendental justice seeks perfect ideals, comparative justice focuses on practical improvements and relative betterment in human conditions. Sen emphasizes the importance of addressing injustices as they arise, rather than waiting for a perfect system. He argues that justice should be about enhancing individual freedoms and capabilities, and that public discourse and democratic deliberation are crucial in advancing this goal.

Sen draws on diverse examples from history and contemporary society to illustrate his points, making complex theories accessible and relevant. The book is both a philosophical treatise and a practical guide, challenging readers to reconsider how justice can be understood and pursued in a flawed world. "The Idea of Justice" is a thought-provoking and influential work that reshapes our understanding of justice and its application in the real world.



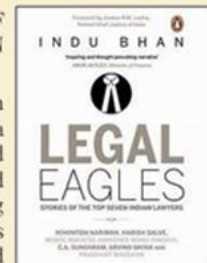
### LEGAL EAGLES: STORIES OF THE TOP SEVEN INDIAN LAWYERS BY INDU BHAN

"Legal Eagles: Stories of the Top Seven Indian Lawyers" by Indu Bhan offers a compelling look into the lives and careers of India's most distinguished legal professionals. Through engaging narratives, Bhan profiles seven lawyers whose expertise and impact have shaped the Indian legal landscape. The book is both informative and inspiring, delving into the personal and professional journeys of these legal giants.

Each chapter is dedicated to a different lawyer, providing insights into their significant cases, unique strategies, and contributions to the field. Bhan's writing is accessible and thorough, presenting complex legal concepts in a way that is both understandable and engaging for readers unfamiliar with legal jargon.

The book not only highlights the remarkable achievements of these individuals but also sheds light on the broader legal challenges and changes in India. It's a tribute to the resilience, intellect, and dedication required to excel in the legal profession.

"Legal Eagles" is a must-read for those interested in law, Indian history, and inspirational stories of success against the odds. It effectively captures the essence of each lawyer's legacy and the evolving nature of the Indian legal system.



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## Book Fairs

### Visit to New Delhi World Book Fair 2024

17 February, 2024

On 17 February 2023, students from the Odyssey Book Club at Delhi Metropolitan Education, accompanied by Ms. Roli Wadhwa, visited the New Delhi World Book Fair held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The purpose of the visit was to explore new books, interact with authors, and immerse themselves in the literary atmosphere.

The students, comprising seven enthusiastic readers, were greeted by a bustling fairground filled with colorful stalls and the aroma of freshly printed books.

One of the highlights of the visit was the author meet-and-greet session with the renowned writer, Nona Uppal. Students had the opportunity to interact with her, discussing her books and the inspiration behind her writing. To their delight, Nona Uppal graciously signed copies of her books and also wrote personal notes, creating lasting memories for the young readers.

As the day came to a close, the students gathered to share their experiences and reflections on the visit. Many expressed gratitude for the opportunity to attend the book fair, noting that it had deepened their love for reading and inspired them to explore new genres and authors.

The visit to the book fair was a resounding success, providing the students of the Odyssey Book Club with a memorable and enriching experience. The trip not only fostered a love for reading but also instilled in them a deeper appreciation for literature and the written word.



### Book Review Competition on Tagore Jayanti

On the occasion of Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti, Delhi Metropolitan Education, in collaboration with GGSIP University, New Delhi, organized a Book Review Competition for the students of the Odyssey Book Club. The competition was held on 9th May 2024 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The event was a great success, with students showcasing their knowledge and appreciation for the works of the legendary poet, philosopher, and nationalist.

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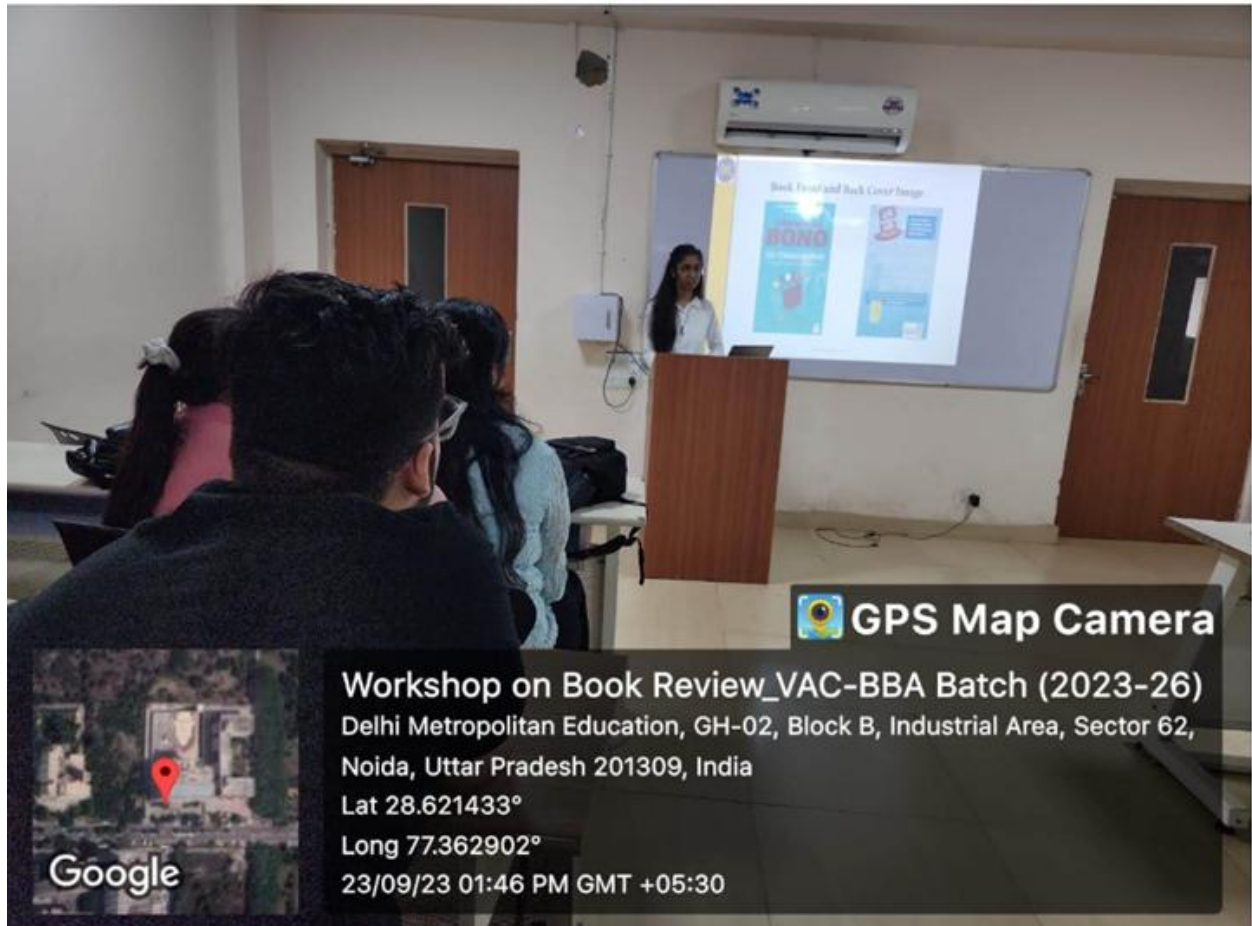


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## Book Review workshop





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