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Remembering Padmashri Dr. S.R. Ranganathan: Library organized Essay Writing and Poster Making Competitions for the students



**PadmaShri
Dr. S.R. Ranganathan**
(12 Aug 1892 – 27 Sept 1972)

Padmashri Dr. S. R. Ranganathan (12th August 1892 – 27th September 1972), is the pioneer of Library and Information Science movement in India. He is recognized and remembered as the '**Father of Library Science in India**' and is widely known throughout the rest of the world for his fundamental work in the field of library and documentation science. His most notable contributions are his '**Five Laws of Library Science**' and the development of the first major analytico-synthetic classification system, the **Colon Classification**. To honour him, his birth anniversary is celebrated as the '**National Library Day**'.

Vaze College Library organized an essay competition and a poster making competition for students to commemorate the birth anniversary of this great personality. The competitions were open to Students of Degree and Junior College. The competitions aim at nurturing the reading skills, writing skills and creative skills of the students.

The essay competition was conducted in English, Marathi and Hindi. The topic for writing the essay was '**COVID-19 lockdown and my love for reading books**'. The topic for the poster competition was '**Libraries are the Lighthouses on our Life's journey**'.

The winners of the Essay writing competitions are:

Prize Winners for Essays in English:

- First Prize:** Mihika Joshi (SYBA)
- Second Prize:** Pooja Chainani (SYBCom)
- Third Prize:** Rohan Menon (SYBSc)

Prize Winners for Essays in Marathi:

- First Prize:** Rutik Mohite (TYBA)
- Second Prize:** Divya Bane (SYBAF)

The winners of the Poster making competitions are:

Prize Winners:

- First Prize:** Om Suryavanshi (SYBA)
- Second Prize:** Perna Pawar (SYBCom)
- Third Prize:** Rutika Kavthankar (SYBCom)

Dr. Susmita Dey, Former Vice Principal and Head, Department of English, Vaze College judged the entries for essay



competition in English, whereas Shri Chandrakant Shinde, Former Subject In-Charge in Marathi, Vaze College judged the entries for essay competition in Marathi and Hindi. The poster competition was judged by Shri. Suresh G. Dumbre, Former Principal, Taheri High School, Art Teacher, Contemporary artist, and a professional photographer.

The winners were announced by Respected Principal Dr. B.B. Sharma, Vice Principal - Degree College Prof (Dr.) Preeta Nilesh and Vice-Principal - Junior College CA Vidyadhar Joshi, on 15th October 2020 - Vaachan Perna Din. during the online programme organized to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of BharatRatna Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

**Heartiest
Congratulations
to all the Winners!**

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From the Librarian Mr. Paritosh Pawar (Editor)



The pandemic initiated lockdown and the unlocking phases that began in June 2020 have brought in a new era of online teaching. Students as well as teaching faculty members are dependant on the library resources. The print resources from the library cannot be made available as the college is still closed as per government norms announced from time to time. However, the library has made available as many e-resources as possible by way of subscription based and open access e-resources. The library will continue to serve the users through online mode till the college re-opens as per directives from government authorities.

The library wishes to thank all the participants of the Essay writing and Poster making Competitions organized to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Padmashri Dr. S.R. Ranganathan. This issue of the newsletter is a special issue as we have featured all winning entries of essays and posters of the students.

Waiting for the college to reopen after appropriate directives are received from the government authorities ... And to see all our dear students back in the library ... bubbling with energy and enthusiasm!

Till then, **STAY HOME, STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY!**

Suggestions and feedback are welcome at

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- Paritosh Pawar, Librarian and Editor



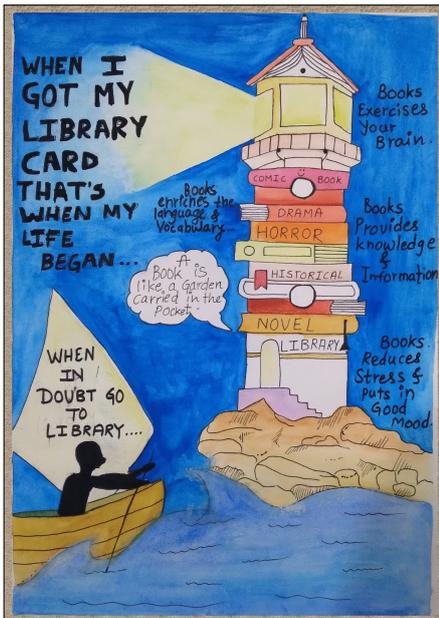
PRIZE WINNING POSTERS from the POSTER MAKING COMPETITION



Topic: 'Libraries are the Lighthouses on our Life's journey'



First Prize:
Om Suryavanshi
(SYBA)



Second Prize:
Prerna Pawar
(SYBCom)



Third Prize:
Rutika Kavathankar
(SYBCom)





Topic: 'COVID-19 lockdown and my love for reading books'



First Prize:
Mihika Joshi (SYBA)

First Prize Winning Essay: Ms. Mihika Joshi

Mason Cooley has rightly said, "Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are". Because what do you do when the world gets hit by the pandemic like never before? When economies of the world come crashing down, when you suddenly hear the news that you'll now have to stay home for a long time, what do you do when the whole world gets locked up? You can't go to work, school or college. You can't meet your friends or even family if you're away from them. Sitting at home and not doing anything might sound a lot of fun initially, but trust me, after a point it gets really exhausting. You start craving everything that is outdoors. You start missing the people close to you, you start missing your daily routine no matter how much you hated it. With news channels constantly showing the rising number of Covid-19 cases and deaths caused by it, it can be quite difficult to stay calm and not get anxious about the possibility of catching the virus. But in stressful times like these, reading books can do so much for you. It can surely be your beautiful escape. Books are known to be one of the best stress relievers because reading transforms you to a whole different world which takes your mind off all the stressful things going on around you. It can make you feel calmer. Also, I'm sure that all of us have already heard about how reading books is the best exercise for our brain and how it makes us smarter. So who wouldn't want that?

I'll admit that I wasn't really a huge fan of reading books before the lockdown. In a way, I'm so grateful that the lockdown happened because if it wasn't for the lockdown, I don't think I'd have ever gotten the chance to read so many amazing books and get an insight on various aspects of life. I think reading books has transformed me into a whole new person. I would say that I have gained so much knowledge about so many different

things. Although I enjoy reading all the book genres, my personal favourite genre has to be self help books. Now this is funny because if you would have told me that I was gonna be a fan of reading self help books a year ago, I would have probably never believed you. I always thought that self help books are super long and boring but here I am today, fangirling over all the self-help books. But that's the thing about books in general, they change your whole perspective about certain things.

There are a lot of things that I've discovered about myself and my personality. There are some aspects to my personality, good and also bad, which I never knew existed. I always wondered why I acted a certain way but never really gave a proper thought to it. And I feel understanding yourself gives you a lot of clarity in life. When you know exactly who you are, what you need and how to get it, you really win. And that's what self-help books do. They help you understand yourself. These books just make you feel so good about yourself and fill you with positivity. You start understanding how your mind works and all of that is just so fascinating. Nowadays, self-help books are sub divided into many different genres like health and fitness, mind and body, personality development, healthy relationships, finance management, time management etc. In my opinion, self-help books are truly a blessing in the times of Covid-19 because let's just admit, we all have felt anxious, sad or lonely multiple times throughout the lockdown and reading self-help books just makes it so much more easier to cope up with these intense emotions. Plus, since we have so much time, using that time to work on ourselves and being the best version of ourselves is always a good idea.

My all time favourite self-help book has to be The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. The Alchemist tells us a story about a young shepherd boy called Santiago, who frequently has a recurring dream in which he is asked to find a hidden treasure by travelling to the Egyptian pyramids. He embarks on an unforgettable journey, meets new people, learns new things, goes through highs and lows of life, meets the love of his life and then finally finds his treasure. Paulo Coelho's writing style just keeps you engaged and may even give you goosebumps when you fully delve yourself into the book. I love this book so much because it's very engaging and inspiring. It teaches us to follow our dreams and believe in ourselves no matter how many challenges come in our way. Some of the greatest life lessons are expressed in this book in the form of a fictional story which keeps you hooked and its also fun to read and that

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You were born with wings, don't crawl! Learn to use them to fly and fly - Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

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is the best part about the book. You won't be able to keep the book down once you start reading it. This book is a must read by people of all the age groups. I can literally read this book infinite times without ever getting bored.

Some more books which I read and really liked have to be - 'The Fault in our Stars' by John Green, 'The Hating Game' by Sally Thorne, 'Gone Girl' by Gillian Flynn, 'The Girl on Train' by Paula Hawkins, 'Rich Dad Poor Dad' by Robert Kiyosaki, 'The Rudest Book Ever' by Shwetabh Gangwar, 'Eat, Pray, Love' by Elizabeth Gilbert and 'P.S I Love You' by Cecelia Ahern. These books will keep you hooked and make you laugh and also cry. You'll fall in love with the characters and in no time, you'll fall in love with reading books too. If you're someone who doesn't like reading books then the books that I have

listed above are really good for starters, atleast according to me.

There are so many more books that I want to read and I hope that I will. I used to feel very lazy when it came to reading books before this. But in this lockdown, after reading these wonderful books, I've become a fan of reading books. It just makes me feel so good. Books offer me a strange sense of comfort. Its like a warm hug on a cold night. Now I'm so habituated to reading books and this is definitely one habit which I'm very very proud of. It's safe to say that books have helped me keep my sanity intact in these tough times. Reading books has made me a better, smarter and wiser person and I'm genuinely so grateful for it.

To conclude, I would just like to mention a beautiful quote that I read, " we lose ourselves in books and we find ourselves there too."



Second Prize:
Pooja Chainani
(SYBCom)

Second Prize Winning Essay: Ms. Pooja Chainani

2020. A year that shall never be forgotten.

Much has been said about how the year 2020 has been one of a kind. Being the start of a new decade, expectations were sky-high. However, fate had planned something entirely different for us this time.

Barely 2 months of the year had passed when the world came to grips with the severity of the epidemic which had started as a small outbreak in Wuhan, China. In no time, coronavirus took the form of a pandemic.

This isn't the end of the story. In fact, it's just the beginning. To ensure that the virus is contained, lockdown was imposed by almost all countries of the world, with India enforcing one of the strictest lockdowns.

In the initial days, around the months of April-May, doubt and uncertainty were largely prevalent. What with cases increasing exponentially, and media buzzing with figures

and stats only about the virus, most of us had nothing in our minds but worry.

As days passed, cases still increased but the lockdown was lifted in a phased manner. People realized that life has to go on for the sake of livelihood, and taking precaution was the only weapon we possessed yet.

The most difficult part of the lockdown was the beginning, since our daily lives and routine were hit quite abruptly. It took time to get accustomed to this new normal. For me as well, this initial period of lockdown was the toughest. However, there was something which tremendously helped me in keeping cool with the situation and staying positive all the time; and that something is 'Books'.

As with everyone else, the lockdown had brought a drastic change in my routine. Much part of the day was filled with trepidation, which day by day took the form of frustration.

Certainly, there was something to be done to tackle the stress. With ample amount of time at my disposal due to the lockdown, I decided to spend time by engaging in my hobbies - reading, playing guitar, cooking, solving crossword puzzles. Undoubtedly, this proved to be a great respite.

But what relieved me the most was my long-lost hobby of reading.

I have been an avid reader of books since childhood. Engrossing oneself into books and detaching with the outside world gives great pleasure. When you read a book, you are completely oblivious of what's happening around you.

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Because in that moment, you are completely into the story, going with the flow as decided by the author; but with characters, scenes and settings left to be imagined only by you.

All throughout my school and junior college years, I have read many books, of various genres and various authors. Though I have to confess, when I picked a novel sometime in April this year during the lockdown, I was back to reading after almost a year!

So far, the books which I have read in the past 4-5 months include bestsellers by Robin Sharma - "Who Will Cry When You Die" & "Leadership Lessons", a much-recommended book "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho, and another self-help bestseller "Think and Grow Rich" by Napoleon Hill.

I also enjoy reading about science and space, and thus I tried a wonderful book "A Brief History of Time" by Stephen Hawking.

It's worthwhile to mention that when your love for reading is immense, you'll enjoy even re-reading your books time and again. It doesn't matter that the story would be known. There's a very simple reason for it - each time we re-read a book, we've grown in years and maturity from the previous time we had read it. Our perspective and outlook is different each time.

At times, we read just for the sake of story, while at other times, we read to improve our vocabulary and learn new phrases. This clearly shows that what's more significant is the belief that you will gain something more out of a book each time you read it.

One similar incident occurred with me - while organizing the bookshelf, my hand reached out to an old worn-out book lying at the farthest corner. It was a novel by Enid Blyton which I had read when I was much younger. Nevertheless, I decided to re-read the book to reminisce old memories. The experience was completely delightful. I enjoyed that one so much that I downloaded all other books of the series on my Kindle and completed reading the whole lot of 15 books in a couple of weeks!

According to me, those books are the best which force us to imagine and conjure up things, places and characters in our

minds. Such books are built on 'imagery', i.e. creating pictures and scenes in the minds of readers with the use of words and dialogues.

Since fictional books usually offer imagination, curiosity and excitement, the two genres of 'Adventure' and 'Fiction' have remained my favourite till date.

"Who needs a time machine to go to the past or future, And who needs a teleportation device to reach anyplace on the earth? When you have a book in your hand and a reader in your head, You can tour the world and travel in time in all glee and mirth!"

From the lush green dales and glens to the oases in the deserts, from the marshy wetlands to the calm backwater lagoons, from the raging, furious seas to the peaceful snow-capped mountains, from the lovely countryside to the sub-urban modern life - you are instantly teleported to any desired location. That's the power of books and magic in our hands.

No one can feel alone for long, when there are books to accompany along the way. That's how the days of the lockdown passed, and I whiled away my time by studying, reading books and learning new skills every day.

It's said that 'Day by day nothing changes, but when you look back, everything is different'

What we face currently is an unprecedented phase of time - a Black Swan event. No one could have imagined that one day we'd be deterred from walking freely on the roads or meeting our friends and family or from traveling and exploring new places, though only for a few months. But never before a better time had come to give our fast-paced life a pause, and give time to rediscover ourselves.

Nature has time and again warned us, that nothing comes in its way and if we try to tamper with the natural flow of processes, we shall surely suffer. It's time to realise that we humans are dependent on nature and not vice versa.

Nonetheless, as it's advisable to learn something from every situation and make the most out of it, we need to embrace the 'new normal' built on humanity and conservation of our planet. It's all up to us to learn from nature and books alike.

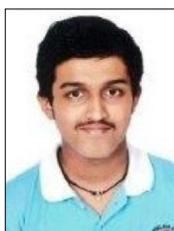


The **Vaze College Library** organized an online programme for the students in association with the **Department of Marathi** on **15th October 2020** on the occasion of '**वाचन प्रेरणा दिन**' to commemorate the **Birth Anniversary of BharatRatna Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**. The detailed report of this programme will appear in the next issue of the Library Newsletter. The Library wishes to thank all the students and faculty members for participating in this programme and making it a success.

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Third Prize:
Rohan Menon
(SYBSc)

Third Prize Winning Essay: Mr. Rohan Menon

"His long quarantine didn't affect him for he was quarantined with a bookshelf."

--Anonymous

As far as the world health system is concerned, we have seen how in a matter of few months, how a seemingly trivial virus can threaten humanity's very existence. Hospitals packed up, medical officials contracting the virus, nationwide lockdown are perhaps implausible for a teenager like me who has never been disturbed by such incidents in recent memory. Even if one is safe, undeniably for the past five months (at least in India), we have been denied our freedom to wander around in the locality, meet friends or for that matter, even neighbours. The year 2020 will be remembered for such an unprecedented attack as well as the good changes I have witnessed, partly which are spending quality time with family, and the most important, reading good books.

I shall have to admit that reading a good book (a thriller perhaps?) has been on my mind for a lot of months, but before the pandemic, I was involved, to such an extent in my quotidian events that, even if I could spare some time for reading, I would convince myself that in these brief moments, before going to bed, taking such initiative to start a book will prove to be futile and I would lose my interest in the book and therefore I would waste time watching book reviews on YouTube, deliberating sedulously which book to choose that would satisfy me in the little time I had. However, there was no improvement and additionally, since all the book shops had closed I knew that now, my luck has ran out.

In other words, it was an absurd situation, the lockdown relieved me from a lot of responsibilities and now I really had immense time, but the hopes of reading either a murakami or perhaps any genre began to fade. Though our technology avails us many pdf formats of novels, I confess they don't really give you that booky feel. One has to read and gape at screens for hours altogether

and they fail to impress me (perhaps I am biased).

One day I suddenly remembered that I had "Angels and Demons" by Dan Brown. I searched in the bookshelf and found it, the book had been there untouched for a half a decade. It's sort of a tradition for me, I smell my books, and imbibe in me the woody familiar smell of old paper. From there on, since I had so much time, I was stuck to the book completely for eight hours straight. I can claim that eight hours felt like two hours, once I was involved in the story, then I had lost my sense of time and it is way better than watching a movie.

The book was 450 pages, it took me about 5 days (I am slow) and could remember every bit of it. It was my sole job atleast in the first month of lockdown. Now I repent that the book was finished very quickly and hastily, and I am again back to square one.

Now it was the time to experiment with online pdfs, I downloaded a murakami titled "MEN WITHOUT MEN" and started reading, it was a collection of short stories and revolved around middle aged men, who had lost their wives. The book in all its organisation is a an underrated masterpiece. While it is clear that lockdown had had undeniable impact of our normal wandering lives, perhaps because, I haven't faced much problems, like food shortages, income problems in my family, nothing too horrific or anxiety provoking feelings are felt by me under the lockdown. Apart from the mild effects like inability to play football, or walking outside, I am now confined to my parking lot for walks in the society.

I faintly remembered a book my friend once suggested me, 'If on a winter's night, a traveller' she had also aroused my interest in the subject matter which was strange and cerebral in its own way. She told me that a person in the novel buys a book named 'If on a winter night, a traveller' and reads in it that the protagonist also buys the same book in the fictional bookstore! I was awe struck by the narrative style and the concept. However, a good 70 pages of the book made me realise that it had a lot of discontinuous subplots and finally one gets too confused over the original storyline. I gave up reading the book and searched for the author, his distinctive style etc. his name was Italo Calvino, who was a journalist in Italy and this book was hailed as the masterpiece of postmodern literature. For all its grandeur and literary beauty, I realised that it was nothing more than a 'if you cannot convince someone, confuse them' work.

It was in April or so, when all of future after lockdown was uncertain, when I came across 'In search of Lost Time' by Marcel Proust. The novel was claimed to be the longest

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To succeed in your mission, you must have single-minded devotion to your goal - Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

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novel written in all of literature with over 1.5 million words and 4215 pages (looks delicious) since it was a classic I could get both a pdf as well as a audiobook for free. 'In search of lost time' explores the time which we all spend in our early years in our life, which is undocumented but recorded in our memories. Proust's book is about involuntary memory where one travels in the past and revisits one's childhood memories, one's parents, the crushes one has had, remembering about how the distinct qualities of the fellow people in one's life story. The book was once hailed as 'self centered neurotic horror' by contemporary critics, but today it is the most respected magnum opus. The famous 'madelien scene' is the epitome of involuntary memory.

As time goes by, it appears that I am unable to stick to any book, constantly vacillating between PROUST, MURAKAMI or Oliver Sacks 'The man who mistook his wife for a hat'. The book is an account of case studies of neurologist Oliver Sacks in which he describes patients with neurological problems to such a bizzare extent that their descriptions appear surreal. Additionally, I have recently started with Jefferey Archers 'Twelve Red Herrings'. I found it just credible. Not to mention my multiple futile attempts at Jean Paul Sartre's 'Nausea' (literally vomit!) the book that preceded the existential philosophy of Sartre. This book has been one of the real eye openers for me, I had always wanted to interpret existentialism and what it has to mean or why it's important. In fact, in our VAZE library, I found Sartre's 'BEING AND NOTHINGNESS' and read about twenty five pages, I have to admit that the more I read it, the more obscure it seemed and coming up with his concept of being, consciousness and his esoteric vocabulary like 'being in itself' and 'being for itself' have two different definitions. Finally, the interest towards it died in me.

Another of my amateur philosophical pursuits, included reading 'MEDITATIONS' by Stoic philosopher and Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius. The book was the personal diary of the emperor about 1800 years ago. The book teaches you resilience, mental fortitude, logical reasoning, I found it especially useful in the time of a pandemic. Some of my Youtube recommendations told me about the absurdist philosopher Albert Camu's 'Plague' as the right book that should be read in the times of a pandemic. Camu in the book talks about a city in northern Algiers which was once such a prosperous city full of business when suddenly rumours of a plague began. Until then, the city hustle bustle makes it apparent that people here are so busy that no one has time to die. What resonates deeply is that similar to the 'Plague' the Covid pandemic has also brought life to a standstill, over 2.5 crore cases world wide and 8 lakh deaths, Camu's message is clear; '**First think about surviving then think about living affluently**'.

Like cinephiles, I am more of a neurophile, I like to read anything that demystifies our brain, our psychology etc. So I got hold of a 'Why do we sleep' book by a sleep researcher and which gives immense knowledge over sleep, memory consolidation, sleep quality, new findings in the research and our why modern metropolises are sleep deprived.

Thus to sum up, the overall consequences of lockdown has had a languid effect on myself. I have successfully read about three books out of the numerous I mentioned and the many I abandoned. With so much time, I could have watched three movies in a row (exhausting) but still I am searching for the right book, with the right message at the right time and I hope this appetite of mine remains sustained forever.



Library Activities and Staff Participation:

- 1) The **Department of History** had organized a Guest Lecture on '**Internet Sources: Searching Information ... Online!**' for the students of **TYBA History** on **31st July 2020**. **Librarian Mr. Paritosh Pawar** was invited as the Resource Person to brief the students about the various online resources - subscribed as well as open access. The focus was on the e-resources useful for History and related subject areas as well as for the projects assigned to the students.
- 2) An **E-Resources Awareness Session 'Stay Connected with E-Resources; 24 X 7'** was organized by the **Department of Business Economics** in association with the **Library** for the students of **SYBCom and TYBCom** on **03rd September 2020**. **Librarian Mr. Paritosh Pawar** briefed the students about the use of E-Resources subscribed by the college and also the open access e-resources made available through the Library website. The focus was on the e-resources useful for Economics, Finance, Commerce, and allied subject areas.
- 3) Library Staff members have been participating in webinars on library related topics as well as on skill development and self development.

इंतजार करनेवाले को उतना ही मिलता है, जितना कोशिश करने वाले छोड़ते हैं! - डॉ. ए.पी.जे. अब्दुल कलाम

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विषय: 'कोविड -१९ लॉकडाउन आणि पुस्तक वाचण्याची माझी आवड



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ऋतीक मोहिते
(तृतीय वर्ष कला)

प्रथम पारितोषिक प्राप्त निबंध - ऋतीक मोहिते

भारतात कोरोनाचा पहिला रुग्ण ३० जानेवारीला आढळला. त्यानंतर मार्चपर्यंत सगळ्यांचीच अवस्था वाढत होती. मार्चच्या अखेरीस आपल्याकडे ताळेबंदीला सुरुवात झाली. पण पहिल्या २ दिवसात सर्वांनी काय अनुभवलं? तर एका टोकाला होती बेफिकीर, अतिविश्वास आणि अहंभाव तर एका टोकाला भीती, टोकाची चिंता, आणि संताप. आपल्याकडे कोणती समस्या येवो, शारीरिक आरोग्यालाही जिथे फारच कमी महत्व दिलं जातं, तिथे मानसिक आरोग्यासाठी असलेले बजेट जीडीपीच्या १.६% इतकाच म्हणजे फारच कमी आहे. त्यात मानसिक आरोग्यासाठी १% हुन कमी बजेट आहे. जेव्हा कोणतीही आपत्ती किंवा साथीचे आजार येतात तेव्हा अशी एक यंत्रणा उभी करणे शक्यच नसतं. ते वेळ निभावून नेली जाते आणि होत असलेल्या परिमाणाबरोबर अनेकांना अनेक वर्षे जगावं लागतं.

'कोविड १९' किंवा कोरोना हा आपल्यासाठी असाच शारीरिक आणि मानसिक समस्या घेऊन आला. 'कोविड १९' मुळे निर्माण झालेल्या मानसिक समस्या आणि टाळेबंदीमध्ये निर्माण झालेल्या समस्यांमध्येही फरक करायला हवा. सुरुवातीच्या काळात दोन टोकाच्या प्रतिक्रिया दिसल्या. एकीकडे टोकाची बेफिकिरी आणि दुसरीकडे टोकाचा ताण. जणू काही घडतंच नाहीये अशा प्रकारे वागत होती. गर्दी करणं, मास्क न वापरणं, गरबा खेळणं असे अनेक प्रकार त्यातून घडले. 'कोविड १९' मुळे निर्माण झालेला सुरुवातीचा ताण. हा या आजाराची एक तर नीट माहिती नव्हती किंवा अनेक गैरसमज होते. त्यामुळे वाढल्याचे जाणवले. नेमका संसर्ग कशाने होतो, हेच अनेकांना माहित नव्हते. हवेद्वारे विषाणू पसरतो का? मांसाहार केल्याने होतो का? नेमकी काय काळजी घेतली, तर संसर्ग होणार नाही. बाहेरून आलेल्या वस्तू कशा वापरायच्या वगैरे. अशा एक ना एक अनेक प्रश्नांची चिंता वाढलेली दिसली. याचबरोबर अनेक अशास्त्रीय दावे या गोंधळाप्रमाणे भर घालतच होते. उदा. गरम पाणी पिल्याने, वाफ घेतल्याने, गोमूत्र पिल्याने कोरोना मरतो.

या अशास्त्रीय दाव्यांचे खंडन करणारी कोणतीही यंत्रणा नसल्याने भावनिक गोंधळ आणि मानसिक ताण या दोन्ही गोष्टीमध्ये वाढ झालेलीच आढळली. सगळ्याच मानसिक समस्यांचे मूळ अनिश्चिततेमुळे आहे. जेव्हा नेमकी माहिती मिळत नाही, भविष्यात काय होणार हे कळत नाही तेव्हा ताण जास्त वाढतो. 'कोविड १९' बद्दल योग्य माहिती देऊन लोकांना आश्वस्त करता आलं असतं पण तसं झालं नाही.

खोकताना किंवा शिंकताना नाक, तोंड झाकले पाहिजे. शिंकल्यावर किंवा खोकल्यावर हात साबणाने स्वच्छ धुतले पाहिजे. कोरोनाला वाचवण्यासाठी १ मीटर अंतर ठेवावे. हात साबणाने स्वच्छ धुतले पाहिजे. हे सर्व केले पाहिजे. या सर्व पाश्र्वभूमीवर कोरोनाला अटकाव घालण्यासाठी भारत सरकारने ताळेबंदीची घोषणा केली. सहा महिने उलटून गेले तरी टाळेबंदी लागूनच आहे. या वेळी काही करावे काय सुचत नव्हते. त्या वेळी माझ्याकडे एकच पर्याय होता. ते म्हणजे पुस्तक वाचन. मराठी साहित्याचा विद्यार्थी म्हणून वाचन वेड होतच पण ताळेबंदीमध्ये अधिकंच झाले.

'वाचाल तर वाचाल' ही म्हण आजच्या घडीला किती उपयोगी आहे ही आपण सर्वच जाणतो. परंतु आजच्या तरुण पिढीला याचं महत्व कळण्यासाठी हा लेखप्रबंध. आजच्या युगातील तरुणांना वाचनाचे वेड असायला हवे, तरंच वाचन संस्कृतीची वाढ होईल आणि पर्यायाने त्याचा उत्तम युवापिढी घडवण्यासाठी उपयोग होईल.

आजच्या धावपळीच्या युगात आपल्या छंदासाठी वेळ देणं म्हणजे तारेवरची कसरतच आहे. पण इच्छा असेल तर आपल्या छंदासाठीही आपण वेळ देऊ शकतो. मुळातच मला लहानपणापासून वाचनाचे प्रचंड वेड आहे. आज काळाच्या ओघात व सांसारिक तसेच कामाच्या जबाबदारीने वाचनाचा व्यासंग जपणं थोडं कठीण होत चाललय. त्यात व्हाट्सअप, फेसबुक, आणि तत्सम सोशल मीडियावर अधिक वेळ खर्ची होतो. यातून वाचनाची आवड असूनही सवड मिळनाशी झाली. यासाठीच तयार केला स्वतःचाच वाचन कट्टा.

पूर्वी हातात घेतलेलं पुस्तक वाचून संपल्याशिवाय हातावेगळी करायचं नाही अशी सवय होती. वाचन कट्टा ही सवय कामी आली, घरातीलच हॉलमधील कोपरा माझ्या वाचन कट्ट्यासाठी कामी आला. वाचनाची आवड असल्याने जिथे कुठे जातो तिथं पहिल्यांदा नवनवीन पुस्तकं खरेदी करण्याची हीस भागवतो. त्यामुळे अनेकविध प्रकारची पुस्तके घरात उपलब्ध आहेत. त्यातील निवडक पुस्तके महिनाभरासाठी वाचन कट्ट्यासाठी काढली जातात. महिनाभरात नोकरीच्या निमित्ताने दरोरोजच्या प्रवासात आणि सुट्टीच्या दिवशी त्या पुस्तकांचं वाचन करण्याची सवय स्वतःला लावली. साधारणपणे दररोज अडीच तीन तास प्रवासात जातात. त्या वेळेचा सदुपयोग वाचनासाठी करून

(पृष्ठ क्रमांक ९ वर पुढे)

Winners are not those who do not fail, but those who never quit! - Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

निबंध स्पर्धेतील बक्षीसप्राप्त मराठी निबंध ...

(पुष्प क्रमांक ८ वरून)

माझं वाचन वेड मी जपत आलो आहे. महिनाभरात साधारणपणे ८ ते १० पुस्तकं या वाचन कट्ट्यावर काढून ठेवली जातात. त्यापैकी ५ ते ७ पुस्तके महिनाभरात वाचली जातात. माझ्या परिवारातील इतर सदस्यांनाही वाचनाची आवड निर्माण होतेय. ही खरोखरच खूप चांगली बाब आहे. आजकाल पीडीएफ स्वरूपातही अनेक वाचनीय पुस्तक नेटवर उपलब्ध आहेत. ते टॅबवर घेऊनही मिळेल त्या वेळेत वाचनाचा छंद मी जोपासत आहे. आजच्या मनुष्याच्या ठिकाणी असणारे ज्ञान ही त्याची फार मोठी शक्ती आहे. या शक्तीच्या साहाय्याने तो सुबुद्ध आणि प्रगल्भ तर होतोच; परंतु त्याच्या कार्यसंस्कृतीवर सुद्धा त्याचा प्रभाव पडतो. मागल्या पिढीपेक्षा आत्ताच्या पिढीचे वाचन अगदी अल्प झाले आहे. अशी तक्रार सर्वच थरातून वाढते आहे. वाचन संस्कृती धरण्यासाठी आणि प्रत्येक माणसाचे मन सुविचारसंपन्न होण्यासाठी वाचनाची आवड मुळातच निर्माण होणे आवश्यक आहे.

तरुणांमध्ये वाचन वेड उत्पन्न व्हायचे असेल तर तशी परिस्थिती त्यांच्याभोवती निर्माण होणं गरजेचं आहे. वाचनाने माणूस मोठा होत असतो. पुस्तकांचे वाचन कराल तेवढेच ज्ञान वाढत जाईल. ग्रंथ हे गुरु आहेत. अलीकडच्या काळात आपल्या मोबाईल फोनवरसुद्धा विशिष्ट नंबर फिरवल्याबरोबर आजच्या घडीला जगातील कानाकोपऱ्यात घडणाऱ्या घटकांची अद्ययावत माहिती प्राप्त होते. जुन्या पिढीपाशी ही साधने नसल्यामुळे जास्तीत जास्त वाचनातून ते आपली ज्ञान लालसा भागवत असत. मात्र आज वाचनासाठी अनेक उत्तम साधने हातात उपलब्ध असूनही तरुण पिढी वाचनापासून दूर जात आहे. ते मोबाईलच्या आहारी जाऊन आणि इंटरनेटवर वेळ घालवत असल्याचे आजचे चित्र आहे. त्यांना वाचनासाठी वेळ उपलब्ध नसतो. असं कारण सांगितलं जातं. नव्या माध्यमांच्या आगमनानं वाचन संस्कृती लोपते आहे. तरुणांमध्ये वाचनाची गोडी निर्माण व्हावी, त्यांना वाचनाचे महत्व कळावे यासाठी विविध उपक्रमांद्वारे जनजागृती निर्माण करण्याची गरज निर्माण झाली आहे.

लोकमान्यांनी 'तुम्हाला तुमचे व्यक्तिमत्व घडवायचे असेल तर वाचन करा' असा संदेश दिला. धावत्या युगाच्या बरोबरीने धावायचे असेल तर वाचन करा. असा उपदेशही त्यांनी दिला. मात्र आजच्या धकाधकीच्या जीवनात इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स उपकरणांच्या दुनियेत गुंतल्यामुळे त्यांच्या उपदेशाकडे नव्या पिढीचे लक्ष नाही. सखोल विचारातूनच एकरूप समाज निर्मित होत असतो. आणि सखोल विचार करण्याची सवय चांगल्या वाचनातूनच तयार होते.

वाचन म्हणजे जीवनाला उन्नत करणारी बाब असून यामुळे बुद्धीची मशागत होते. माणसाचे जीवन फुलविण्यात वाचनाचा महत्वाचा वाटा असतो. यामुळे वाचनाचा छंद जोपासून आपले जीवन समृद्ध करा. त्याचप्रमाणे जगण्याच्या परिपूर्णतेसाठी वाचन हे आवश्यक आहे. ज्ञानात सतत वाढ करण्यासाठी वाचन हा एकमेव मार्ग आहे.

लहानांपासून मोठ्यांपर्यंत पुस्तके हा अनेकांच्या जिव्हाळयाचा विषय. पूर्वी पुस्तक मिळवण्याचे एकमेव ठिकाण म्हणजे वाचनालय असे. आज त्या वाचनालयाची जागा इंटरनेट आणि इ बुकने घेतली आहे.

ऑनलाईन साईटमुळे विविध विषयांमधील पुस्तके मोठ्या प्रमाणात उपलब्ध आहेत. परंतु असे असले तरी वाचन संस्कृती हळूहळू कमी होत आहे. तरुणांमध्ये वाचनाची गोडी निर्माण व्हावी, त्यांना वाचनाचे महत्व कळावे यासाठी विविध उपक्रमांद्वारे जनजागृती निर्माण करण्याची गरज निर्माण झाली आहे. विविध विषयांची चांगली पुस्तके आपल्याला जगण्याची नवी दिशा दाखवतात. पुस्तकांमधील समृद्ध विचारांचा आपल्या जीवनावर सकारात्मक परिणाम होतो. आणि आयुष्याकडे पाहण्याचा आपला दृष्टिकोन कायमचा बदलून जातो. पुस्तक हे केवळ शब्दसंपदा वाढवण्यास मदत करणारे साधन नसून पुस्तक हे अनुभवांसह कल्पनांचे, आशा आकांक्षांचे क्षितिज निर्माण करणारे साधन आहे. पुस्तके आपल्याला सकारात्मक विचार करायला प्रवृत्त करतात. पुस्तकांचं महत्व तरुणांना पटलं पाहिजे.

वाचनाची सवय एकदा लागली की माणूस मनावरचा ताण कमी करण्यासाठी पुस्तकांच्या सहवासात गुंगून जातो. पुस्तकांमुळे कमकुवत मनाला धीर मिळतो. त्यामुळे निराशेच्या गत्रेत अडकलेला माणूस आत्महत्या, हत्या असे प्रकार करण्यापासून परावृत्त होतो. आजकालच्या तरुणांना खूप ताण असतो, त्या अनुषंगाने वाचन त्यांना मदत करू शकते.

वाचन संस्कृती जपण्याशिवाय पर्याय नाही. वाचनामुळे माणूस प्रगल्भ होतो. नियमित वाचन केले तरच भावी पिढी सक्षम व सुजाण होईल तरुण पिढीने पुस्तक वाचन हा छंद जोपासला पाहिजे. साक्षर तरुणांपैकी ६१% जण त्यांनी सध्या केलेल्या उदिष्टांबाबत समाधानी आहेत. मात्र वाचनाचा छंद असलेल्या तरुणांमध्ये समाधानाचे प्रमाण ७०%, तर कमी वाचन करणाऱ्यांमध्ये हेच प्रमाण ५८% आहे.

वाचन समृद्ध असले म्हणजे लेखनाचीही प्रवृत्ती प्रबळ होते. कल्पनाशक्तीचा वाव मिळतो. रसिकता वाढीस लागते. सृजनशीलतेला वाट सापडते. सहृदयता, दुसऱ्याच्या दुःखाचीही जाणीव, ते समजून घेण्यासाठी आवश्यक असणारे संवेदनशील मन यांस खतपाणी मिळते. इतरांबाबत, समाजाबाबत, आपली काही कर्तव्य आहेत याचे भान प्राप्त होते.

मन संकुचित, क्षुद्र गोष्टीत अडकत नाही. वाचनामुळे माणसाला माणूस म्हणून असलेल्या अस्तित्वाचे मोल किती अनमोल आहे, याचे भान प्राप्त झाल्याशिवाय राहत नाही. माजी राष्ट्रपती ए.पी.जे अब्दुल कलाम यांचा जन्मदिवस वाचन प्रेरणा दिन म्हणून साजरा करत आपण वाचन संस्कृतीची जनजागृती केली. पुस्तकांविषयी ही कायमची ओढ तरुणांच्याही मनात निर्माण होईल यासाठी प्रयत्न केले पाहिजेत.

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द्वितीय पारितोषिक प्राप्त निबंध - दिव्या बने

आज मी ज्या विषयावर लिहायला जातेय तो विषय तुमच्या आमच्या सर्वांच्या ओळखीचा विषय आहे. अगदी रोज सकाळी उठल्यानंतर ही बातम्या लावल्यावरही फक्त त्याचीच चर्चा असते. अहो! असं काय करताय अजुन कळलं नाही का? तो विषय म्हणजे 'कोरोना' अहो सध्या फक्त ह्याचीच चर्चा आहे ना. बरं ते सगळ जाऊ देत. पण ह्या कोरोना ने मात्र खरंच कहर केलय हा! कधी कोणी ही स्वप्नात पहिले नसतील ते पहायला लावले याने. अनेक लोकानी याच्याबाबतीत अनेक तर्क वितर्क लावले. बरं हे तर एक खरं आहे की ह्याचं उगमस्थान हे चीनच आहे. काहीजण म्हणतात की हा एका चीनच्या प्रयोग शाळेतून चीन जैविक शस्त्र बनवण्याच्या तयारीत होता आणि त्याच कारणाने एक स्फोटक विषाणू हा कोरोनाच्या रूपात बाहेर पडला तर काही म्हणतात तिथल्या लोकांनी वटवाघळाचे सूप खाल्ले त्यामुळे कोरोना पसरला. ते काही असो पण ह्या कोरोनाने मात्र सर्वांचेच वाईट केले. हातावर पोट असलेले, ज्यांना एक वेळचे ही अन्न मिळताना कठीण होते त्या लोकांची तर कामसुद्धा बंद झाली. त्यांच्यावर उपासमारीची वेळ आली. पावसाळ्यात सोडली तर कधी बंद न पडणारी मुंबईची जीवनदाईनी असलेली लोकलसेवा पण बंद पडली. सर्वांची कामं बंद झाली. शाळा-महाविद्यालयं बंद झाली. सांस्कृतिक धार्मिक सर्वच कार्यक्रम समारंभ सर्वच रद्द करण्यात आले. येवढेच काय तर मंदिरं सुद्धा बंद झाली. हे सगळं घडलं ते माननीय पंतप्रधान नरेंद्र मोदी यांनी केलेल्या त्या एका घोषणेने 'लॉकडाउन', हो टाळेबंदी! माझ्या मते तरी हे असं पहिल्यांदाच घडलं असावं. सर्व काही बंद आणि लोकांना सांगितलं गेलं होत की घरातच रहा. सर्व दुकानं बंद होती. जीवनावश्यक वस्तू सोडल्या तर बाहेर काहीच मिळत नव्हतं. आणि बाहेर गेलं तरी तोंडावर मास्क लावायचा आणि सोशल डिस्टन्सिंग पाळायचं. घरी आल्यावर हात स्वच्छ साबणाने धुवायचे. सेनिटाइझर लावायचं, हाताना इतकी स्वच्छता तर सोडा, साधे बस स्थानकाचे नियम न पाळणारी ही सर्व लोक लॉकडाउनचे नियम अगदी काटेकोरपणे पाळू लागली. रस्त्यांवर पोलिसांची झूटी

लागली. रात्रंदिवस डॉक्टर हॉस्पिटलमध्ये झटत होते कोरोनाच्या रुग्णांना बरं करण्यासाठी, सफाई कामगारांच्या कामात आणखी भर पडली. सर्वजण घरी असताना काही लोक अशी होती की जी स्वतःच्या जिवावर उदार होऊन कोरोनाच्या विरोधात लढा देत होती. या काळात खरं तर माणुसकी काय असते ते कळालं. अनेक सेवाभावी संस्था तसेच अनेक लोक स्वतःहून पुढे आले गरिबांना मदतीचा हात पुढे केला इतकंच काय तर अनेक कलाकारसुद्धा पुढे आले. दिवसेंदिवस कोरोनाचे रूग्ण वाढत होते. अनेक माणसं कामं बंद झाल्यामुळे गावी निघाली पण ट्रेन तसेच कोणतेच जाण्याचे साधन नसल्यामुळे अनेक जण पायी निघाले. लहान मुलांना घेऊन उपाशी तापाशी त्यानी आपलं गाव गाठलं. टीवी वर तर सतत कोरोनाच्याच बातम्या असायच्या, बरं शूटिंग पण बंद झाल्यामुळे मालिका ही त्याच असायच्या. चित्रपट पण बघुन कंटाळा आला होता. आजुबाजूला सर्वत्र कोरोनाचे रूग्ण सापडत होते. सर्व रस्ते बंद केले गेलेले, कंटेनमेंट झोन म्हणुन तिथल्या लोकांना बाहेर पडण्यास बंदी होती तर त्या परिसरात इतर कोणालाही जाण्यास बंदी असायची. सर्व रस्ते सुनसान झाले होते, रस्त्यांवर ना माणसं होती ना गाड्या, यामुळे एक झालं प्रदूषण कमी व्हायला मदत झाली. लोक खुप काळजी घ्याला लागले होते. कधी ही इतकी स्वच्छता केली नसेल तेवढी लोक करायला लागली होती. या कोरोनाने एक मात्र केलं की माणसांना शिस्त लागली पण माणसाचं दुर्दैव हे की हे सगळं शिकवायला कोरोनाला यावं लागलं. लॉकडाउनचा पहिला महिना तर खुप चांगला गेला. पण हळूहळू लॉकडाउन वाढत चालला. कोरोनाच्या रुग्णांची संख्या पण दिवसेंदिवस लाखांच्या पार जात होती. बातम्यांवर पण दिवसभर कोरोनाच्याच बातम्या असायच्या सर्वत्र त्या कोरोनाचीच चर्चा होती. त्यामुळे आणखी भीती वाटत होती. मनावर ताण येऊ लागला होता. तशी मला थोडी फार आवड होती वाचनाची पण कॉलेज आणि इतर अभ्यासामुळे वेळ मिळत नसे. पण या कारणाने मला वाचनाची चांगलीच संधी मिळाली होती. या काळात पुस्तकांनी खुप साथ दिली. या सर्व गोष्टींपासून दूर जायला. असं म्हणतात की पुस्तकंच माणसांची जवळची अशी गोष्ट आहे जी आपल्याला प्रत्येक वेळी साथ देते सोबत करते. एका मित्राचं कार्य पुस्तक करत असतात. या सगळ्यात काही अर्धवट राहिलेली वाचायची राहिलेली पुस्तकं मी पूर्ण वाचून काढली. तसेच काही नवीन पुस्तकं पण वाचली. बरं वाचनालय बंद असल्याने पुस्तक वाचायला मिळणं कठीण होतं. पण जग पुढे गेलय इंटरनेट चा जमाना असल्याने पुस्तक ऑनलाइन वाचता येण शक्य होतं. मीही ऑनलाइन पुस्तक वाचण्याचं ठरवलं. मला मराठी पुस्तक वाचायला खुप आवडतात. तसं माझं इंग्लिश थोडं कड्ड असल्याने मी काही इंग्रजी गोष्टींची पण पुस्तकं वाचली. मी वाचलेल्या सर्व पुस्तकांमध्ये काही पुस्तकं ही आत्मविश्वास वाढवणारी होती तर काही कथा उलगडणारी होती. या काळात मी वाचलेलं पहिलं पुस्तक म्हणजे लेखक शिवाजी सावंत यांचं 'मृत्युंजय', यात

(पुष्ट क्रमांक १० वर पुढे)

निबंध स्पर्धेतील बक्षीसप्राप्त मराठी निबंध ...

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महाभारत योद्धा शूरवीर कर्णाची कथा सांगितली गेली आहे. हे पुस्तक वाचताना कर्णाबद्दलच्या अनेक कहाण्या उलगडत जातात. दुसरं म्हणजे शिवाजी सावंत यांचीच 'छावा' ही उत्कृष्ट अशी कादंबरी जी संभाजी महाराज यांच्या जीवनावर आधारित आहे. ही दोन्ही पुस्तकं मी पूर्ण वाचली आणि मला तर दोन्ही खुप छान आणि आत्मविश्वास वाढवणारी वाटली. आणि एक पुस्तक जे इंग्लीश होतं आणि असं पूर्ण पुस्तक मी पहिल्यांदाच वाचलं असेल कदाचित. हे पुस्तक होतं अजिताभ भोस यांचं. हे पुस्तक प्रेमकहाणी वर आधारित होत. यात लेखक अजिताभ भोस यांनी त्यांच्या जुन्या आठवणींना उजाळा दिला आहे.

याच माझ्या वाचनाच्या आवडीमुळे माझा हा लॉकडाउनचा काळ कसा गेला ते कळलेच नाही. माझ्या याच वाचनाच्या आवडी मुळेच तर मनातली भीती सुद्धा नष्ट झाली आणि वेळ पण सार्थकी लागला. या काळात अशा गोष्टी पूर्ण केल्या ज्या करायच्या राहिल्या होत्या. खुप काही शिकवलं या काळाने. अगदि सर्वांनाच! कसं जगायचं हे शिकवलं या काळाने. आता हळूहळू सर्व परिस्थिती सावरते. आणि आता हा कोरोना फक्त भारतातूनच नाही तर या जगातूनच कायमचा नष्ट होऊ देत हिच गणपती बाप्पा च्या चरणी प्रार्थना..!

E-Resources @ Vaze College Library

Feature Article: E-Resources to the Rescue (through Library Website)

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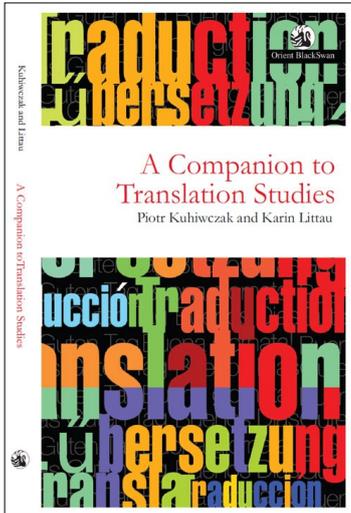


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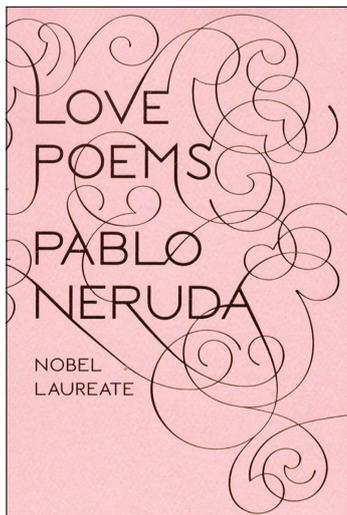
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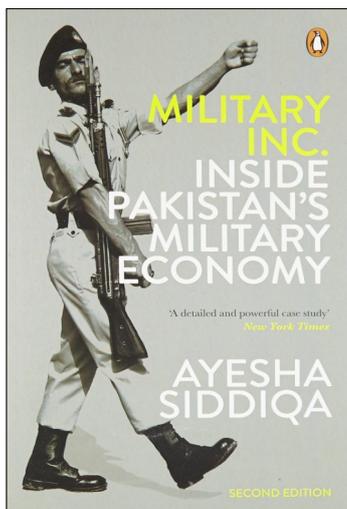
A Companion to Translation Studies, edited by **Piotr Kuhiwczak and Karin Littau**, Publisher: Orient Blackswan, 2011, Paperback, ISBN: 978-81-250-4147-4, 192 pages, Rs. 775/-

The book provides an authoritative guide to key approaches in translation studies. All of the chapters are specially commissioned for this collection, and written by leading international experts in the field. The book is divided into nine specialist areas: culture, philosophy, linguistics, history, literary translation, gender, theatre, and opera translation, screen translation and politics. Each chapter gives an in-depth account of theoretical concepts, issues and studies, mapping out past trends and suggesting how research might develop in the future. In the general introduction, the editors illustrate how translation studies has developed as a broad interdisciplinary field. Accompanied by an extensive bibliography, this book provides an ideal entry point for students and scholars exploring this multifaceted and fast-developing discipline.



Love Poems, by **Pablo Neruda (Nobel Laureate) and Walsh Donald**, Publisher: New Directions Paper Books, 2008, Paperback, ISBN- 978-0811217293, 89 pages, Rs.893/-

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