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Not Just an Accountant - Vinod Rai

2014-11-01

Not just an accountant is an incisive, no-holds-barred account of Indias eleventh comptroller and auditor general and a symbol of the anti-corruption movement, Vinod Rai. Through a narrative, rich in anecdote and inside information, Rai sheds light on the major scams that shook the country. Among the case studies-chosen for the diversity of failures they highlight are - the procedural irregularities in the issuance of licenses for second generation spectrum allotment, the last minute quick-fixes in the conduct of the XIX commonwealth games, the loss of national resources while allocating coal blocks, the flouting of systems and the clear display of crony capitalism in the exploration of hydrocarbon and the tragic tale of civil aviation in India. Through these illustrations, Rai wishes to not only expose government malfeasance, but also probe the mandate of the CAG as a watchdog. Equally, he hopes to push for long-term solutions to corruption and bring home the urgent need for ethics-for the pursuit of excellence, accountability, probity and transparency within governments, the bureaucracy, corporate enterprises and public life. Interesting facts A blow-by-blow, explosive, yet thoughtful account that sheds new light on the scams that shook India - 2G, coalgate, civil aviation, the conduct of the XIX commonwealth games and hydrocarbon contracts. Explodes the myth of accountability in contemporary Indian governance. Written by the eleventh CAG of India and a symbol of the anti-corruption

movement, Vinod Rai. Presents long-term solutions for the future, so as to contain procedural irregularities within the government and corporate enterprises. Provides a roadmap for good governance, important for the growth of the nation. Exhorts younger professionals / administrators to strive for excellence.

And what Remains in the End - Robin Gupta
2013

Beyond 2020 - A P J Abdul Kalam 2016-02-01
India 2020 is about to become a reality. Are we ready? As Dr Kalam and Y.S. Rajan had contended in their landmark vision document, India 2020, India has steadily moved towards becoming one of the top five economic powers in the twenty-first century. India's growth story has seen new opportunities and emerging technologies that make faster and more inclusive growth viable. In Beyond 2020, Kalam and Rajan argue that a renewed policy focus is now needed for agriculture, manufacturing, mining, the chemicals industry, healthcare and infrastructure to invigorate these sectors and boost economic growth. India can still make it to the list of developed nations in a decade. This timely book provides an action plan for that transformation.

Walking With Lions - K. Natwar Singh

2012-12-20

The story goes, apocryphal perhaps, that one day the Ugandan dictator, Idi Amin, told his foreign minister that the country's name must be changed to Idi, and he should inform the UN and all other international bodies. A week passed.

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President Amin then summoned the minister and asked, 'Did you carry out my orders?' He replied saying that there was a problem. 'What problem?' the president inquired. 'Your Excellency, there is a country called Cyprus. The people are called Cypriots. If Uganda were to be called Idi, we would be called Idiots.' There are few leaders that K. Natwar Singh, in a diplomatic career spanning more than three decades, has not known - and fewer still about whom he has no story to tell. In *Walking with Lions: Tales from a Diplomatic Past*, Singh puts together fifty episodes that entertain, inform and illuminate. Featured here is Indira Gandhi as a statesman and friend, alongside other renowned figures such as Fidel Castro, Haile Selassie and Zia-ul-Haq. Singh analyses some personalities with disarming candour, among them Morarji Desai and Lord Mountbatten; at other times, his admiration for leaders like C. Rajagopalachari and Nelson Mandela shines through. In these pages you will also find a rare, fascinating glimpse of Godman Chandraswami and his cohort Mamaji, and their interaction with a surprisingly submissive Iron Lady Margaret Thatcher. Besides, there are short tributes to artists, writers, cricketers and film stars, like M.F. Husain, Nadine Gordimer, Don Bradman and Dev Anand. Recounted with empathy and humour, this collection of stories from contemporary history is a warm, unaffected and reassuring reminder that the great too can be as fallible as the rest of us.

The Honest Always Stand Alone - C. G. Somiah
2010

Candid and outspoken, CG Somiah shares his experiences as an Indian Administrative Officer, from his first posting to Orissa as Assistant Collector to the more heady days of fighting terrorism in Punjab, keeping an eye on the country as Home Secretary and Central Vigilance Commissioner and, finally, a six-year tenure as Comptroller and Auditor General. Candid and outspoken, CG Somiah shares his experiences as an Indian Administrative Officer, from his first posting to Orissa as Assistant Collector to the more heady days of fighting terrorism in Punjab, keeping an

Poor But Spirited In Karimnagar - Sumita Dawra
2013-12-01

The difficulty of finding solutions After six

decades of policy-making and planning that appear perfect on paper, vast pockets of poverty persist across the country, accompanied by low human development indices. In *Poor but Spirited* in Karimnagar, Sumita Dawra recounts her experiences as collector in the district of Karimnagar in Andhra Pradesh, and grapples with the question of why even with crores of rupees of government funding, well-meaning implementing agencies and constructive action, this wide gap between intention and results continues. The stories cover diverse populations, from child labour to cotton farmers, from coal miners to malnourished power loom weavers. They traverse the thick Naxal-infested forests, course along the Godavari, and meander through the 'multiple urban worlds' of Ramagundem and the dry upland areas of Sircilla, examining the key issues that need to be addressed. Each chapter, divided into three sections - identifying the problem, providing the context, and offering the solution, along with a useful statistical guide that provides a quick overview - looks at the key points of lacunae in service delivery in the concerned areas and provides a starting point for a more effective engagement in the tackling of the problems. Based on successful models of governance within the country and elsewhere, this book from a seasoned bureaucrat offers a fresh, contemporary perspective on administration and governance.

India Since Independence - Bipan Chandra
2008-02-11

A thorough and incisive introduction to contemporary India The story of the forging of India, the world's largest democracy, is a rich and inspiring one. This volume, a sequel to the best-selling *India's Struggle for Independence*, analyses the challenges India has faced and the successes it has achieved, in the light of its colonial legacy and century-long struggle for freedom. The book describes how the Constitution was framed, as also how the Nehruvian political and economic agenda and basics of foreign policy were evolved and developed. It dwells on the consolidation of the nation, examining contentious issues like party politics in the Centre and the states, the Punjab problem, and anti-caste politics and untouchability. This revised edition offers a

scathing analysis of the growth of communalism in India and the use of state power in furthering its cause. It also documents the fall of the National Democratic Alliance in the 2004 General Elections, the United Progressive Alliance's subsequent rise to power and the Indo-US Nuclear Deal that served to unravel the political consensus at the centre. Apart from detailed analyses of Indian economic reforms since 1991 and wide-ranging land reforms and the Green Revolution, this new edition includes an overview of the Indian economy in the new millennium. These, along with objective assessments of Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Jayaprakash Narayan, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Rajiv Gandhi, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh, constitute a remarkable overview of a nation on the move.

An Outsider Everywhere - M. K. Kaw 2012
Autobiography of a retired IAS officer.

Purely Functional Data Structures - Chris Okasaki 1999-06-13

This book describes data structures and data structure design techniques for functional languages.

The Service of the State - Bhaskar Ghose 2011-01-01

Is the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) still the most appropriate institution to govern twenty-first-century India? Should a cadre of generalists head organizations as complex and diverse as industrial units; museums and rural development boards? If it had to be replaced; what is the best alternative? Drawing on his experience of thirty-six years in the IAS; Bhaskar Ghose addresses these and other major questions regarding the role; relevance and effectiveness of India's long-established but often controversial system of state administration in *The Service of the State*. Ghose argues forcefully that the IAS is still the best option and one moreover that substantially fulfils its functions—and fulfils them well. Though its once sterling reputation has been tarnished by allegations of corruption; political subservience and declining standards of efficiency; there are still sufficient numbers of dedicated public servants. These administrators; spanning diverse social backgrounds; seniorities and regional profiles; draw on established traditions of duty and of cooperation within the

service to deliver—to the best of their ability and often in the face of considerable odds—the goods of development. This reflective and luminous memoir is not only a portrait of a lifetime's service to the state; it is also a timely and persuasive argument for a system of governance that has had a critical impact on India since Independence.

Kashmir and It's People - M. K. Kaw 2004
Traces The Journey Of The Land And People From Ancient To The Modern Day. Captures The Factors For The Decline Of Kashmiri Civilization From Glory To The Present State Of Murder And Repire. The Author Hopes The Worst Is Over And The Old Practices Of Kashmiriyat Will Return.

Words, Words, Words - T. P. Sreenivasan 2008
More Than Just A Memoir, This Book Is Diplomatic History, Written In The Author S Inimitable Style, With A Touch Of Humour. It Is A Meticulously Recorded Account Of A Variety Of Bilateral And Multilateral Diplomatic Negotiations In Which He Was Involved. Although Specialization Is Not A Strong Point Of The Indian Foreign Service, The Author Has Been Able To Specialize In Multilateral Diplomacy, Having Dealt With Various Aspects Of The United Nations In New York, New Delhi, Geneva, Nairobi And Vienna. He Brings Out The Dynamics, Indeed The Magic, Of Multilateralism In His Intimate Account.

Konarak - Debala Mitra 1986

Amusing Anecdotes on Indian Red Tape - Barun Kumar Sahu 2002-10

Do you know how babudom runs in this country?The book presents a humorous, yet realistic account, by one who has seen it all from inside.Funny, yet objective, account by a senior bureaucrat, the book contains 240 engrossing anecdotes on various aspects of India s infamous bureaucracy.Written in a lucid, captivating style with an eye on authenticity,this book will amuse, amaze and entertain you from cover to cover.Some glimpses of its typical working-style:*Under heaps of files...by sitting on them*Overworking by running around in circles*Following the rules in letter forgetting the spirit*In goody-goody officialese to conceal barbs*In service of the nation implying Me First*By dancing... to the tune of

politicians*With infallibility by passing the buck*Without breaking rules by bending them*With utmost impartiality on the paper!
India After Independence - Bipan Chandra 1999

Twelve Years a Slave - Solomon Northup
2021-01-01

"Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes would not be uninteresting to the public." -an excerpt

How India Sees the World - Shyam Saran 2017
Former India Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran has had a ringside view of the most critical events and shifts in Indian foreign policy in the new millennium. In this magisterial book, Saran discerns the threads that tie together his experiences as a diplomat

Bureaucracy - Ludwig Von Mises 2017-04-25
Author Ludwig von Mises was concerned with the spread of socialist ideals and the increasing bureaucratization of economic life. While he does not deny the necessity of certain bureaucratic structures for the smooth operation of any civilized state, he disagrees with the extent to which it has come to dominate the public life of European countries and the United States. The author's purpose is to demonstrate that the negative aspects of bureaucracy are not so much a result of bad policies or corruption as the public tends to think but are the bureaucratic structures due to the very tasks these structures have to deal with. The main body of the book is therefore devoted to a comparison between private enterprise on the one hand and bureaucratic agencies/public enterprise on the other.

Sai Baba - Howard Murphet 1971-01-01
This account relates some of the achievements of Satya Sai Baba. His followers believe him to be the reincarnation of Sai Baba of Shirdi who died in 1918. He appears to have been born with phenomenal powers, which he used in childhood and has employed constantly and openly ever since. The author, a westener devoted to science and logic, spent many months with Satya Sai

Baba to substantiate these miracles.
Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency -
Ananta Ashisha, Sandeep Bajaj 2020-09-17

Life is a Squirrel - Maharaja Krishen Kaur 1998

Strengthening Social Protection in East Asia -
Mukul G. Asher 2015-04-10

This book focuses on relatively unexplored areas in pension and health care arrangements, including financing, in East Asia. The book aims to fill the literature gap on social protection in East Asia by covering issues such as pension and health care arrangements in the depopulating high income countries of Japan and Korea; the challenges of the pay-out phase in Defined Contribution (DC) arrangements in Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore; and the extension of coverage of social protection schemes in China, India, and Indonesia. It also reviews social protection from a much wider perspective and extends coverage of social protection in terms of both the proportion of the population with access to the social protection scheme and the types of risks faced by the households and by society as a whole. The book also gives attention to reforms of civil service pensions.

Bureaucrazy Gets Crazier - M. K. Kaw 2012

Citadel of Love - Pratibhā Rāya 2015
Based on folklore, legends and myths, and backed by meticulous research, Citadel of Love is set in Odisha of the thirteenth-century—considered the state's golden age, when the Konark temple was being built under King Narasimha Deva's patronage. A modern-day foreigner, Charles, arrives with his fiancée to study the Konark region. As he discovers palm leaf manuscripts and records tales that were handed down generations, he begins to have strange experiences. A woman's statue, in particular, haunts him till he is transported to a time when she was alive and the Konark complex was under construction. Two mystical love stories of the past unfold, even as new romance blooms in Charles' life. Surreal, mysterious and often bordering on the magical-real, this is a tale of passion that spans centuries.

Gālā Kohanūra Arebika hīnā ḍizāinsa - Arifa Mansuri 200?

No, Minister - Mahesh Prasad 2009

The bard wrote: The course of true love never ran smooth. The same is true of this book. It is the memoirs of a civil servant who followed the path of rectitude. This is an interesting autobiographical account full of anecdotes and the author's persona

The Insider's View - Javid Chowdhury

2012-09-15

In this illuminating memoir Javid Chowdhury shares his varied experiences over four decades in the IAS: the years in training when he imbibed the service's ethos and values; his initiation into the rural universe as the District Development Officer and the District Magistrate; and further on, to his handling of the infamous Bank Securities and Jain Hawala scams as Director of Enforcement and Union Revenue Secretary. With a light pen, Chowdhury describes the changing social profile and attitudes of entrants to the higher civil services; the nepotism, in many garbs, that he encountered as Establishment Officer; and the stranger-than-fiction tortuous investigations of crimes. He also offers his nuanced reflections on the dubious legacy Gujarat acquired as a result of the communal carnage in 2002. Chowdhury further examines how policymaking within government came to be whittled away under the neo-liberal theology, with key scrutiny being left to external expert think tanks and ad hoc groups. As a consequence, he perceives that public accountability came to be inordinately diffused, resulting in the roller-coaster governance that we witness today. Sharp and insightful, replete with telling anecdotes and amusing sketches of icons, colleagues and ministers, *The Insider's View* is a compelling portrait of the author, a self-confessed welfare socialist, besides being an X-ray of the innards of the bureaucracy.

Kashmiri Pandits - M. K. Kaw 2001

Contributed articles presented at the National Seminar on "Kashmiri Pandits: Looking Ahead" held on March 12, 2000; on various facets of the cultural, spiritual, and other aspects of life of Kashmiri Pandits.

India at Turning Point - T. S. R. Subramanian

2016-05-10

In the six decades since India's 'tryst with destiny', we have taken many wrong turns.

Public service has become private profit, corruption is normal and we struggle to provide basic services such as education and healthcare to our citizens-that is, governance has collapsed. However, there is cause for cheer. India has a young upwardly mobile population, restless for change. We are at a turning point, but will we lose our way again? This is the question TSR Subramanian answers in this book on the relationship between the rulers and the ruled. Subramanian knows the Indian government inside-out: he has the outsider's rage at what has gone wrong with governance; he also has the insider's insight into the solutions that are possible. The essays in this book are anchored in this well-rounded perspective. With his brand of humour, Subramanian mixes personal experience with public commentary, frustration at all the wrong turns with hope for a better future.

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Bureaucracy But Were Afraid to Ask - T. R. Raghunandan 2019-08-15

Whatever its faults, the Indian bureaucracy cannot be accused of bias when it comes to confounding those who have to deal with it. Veteran insiders who return to it with their petitions after retirement are as clueless about how it functions as freshly minted supplicants. Outsiders in any case have little knowledge of who is responsible for what and why or how to navigate that critical proposal through the treacherous shoals of the secretariat. At the top of the heap is the fast-tracked elite civil servant, who belongs to a group of generalist and specialized services selected through a competitive examination. The aura of the Indian Administrative Service has remained intact over the years. Lack of awe, bordering on civilized disrespect, is a most effective learning tool. In this humorous, practical book, T.R.

Raghunandan aims to deconstruct the structure of the bureaucracy and how it functions, for the understanding of the common person and replaces the anxiety that people feel when they step into a government office with a healthy dollop of irreverence.

Bullet for Bullet - Julio Ribeiro 2015

100 Tips to Crack the IIT - Vivek Pandey
2021-06-28

Two IITians have teamed up to conjure 100 tips and tricks to crack the IIT. Their only mantra is 'Smart work will trump hard work'. It not only answers questions about all things physics, chemistry and maths but also addresses issues that students worry about and don't know whom to ask: Night owls vs early risers What does one do in class 11? Writing a formula 84 times to remember it Using WWE-style cards to make learning fun Colour-coded notebooks Getting the most out of lab experiments If tutorials and textbooks are professors, this book is that clever friend whom you meet outside the classroom and ask all your questions.

Pyramid of Virgin Dreams - Vipul Mitra 2011

Bureaucrazy - M. K. Kaw 1993

Bureaucracy, in the Indian context.

Behind Mud Walls - William Wiser 2000

"Behind Mud Walls is an excellent introduction to the changes that have taken place in India from the mid-1920s to today, seen from the village level. It is an engaging read, filled with first hand observations of great clarity and explanatory power. It introduces the changing world of the village, where still 50 percent of the world's population, and 75 percent of India's population, live."—Howard Spadek, author of *The World's History*

What Ails the IAS and Why It Fails to

Deliver - Naresh Chandra Saxena 2019-08-05

An unorthodox and maverick administrator, the author worked in top policy positions, but the system rejected the reforms that he advocated. In his career he followed the economic philosophy of 'socialism for the poor and free market for the rich'. However, the political and administrative system in India seemed to believe in 'indifference to the poor and control over the rich to facilitate rent seeking'. The book is full of anecdotes ranging from how the author resisted political corruption that led to the Prime Minister's annoyance to a situation when the author himself 'bribed' the Chief Minister to scrap oppressive laws against tribal women. As Joint Secretary, Minorities Commission, the author exposed the communal bias of the district administration in handling riots in Meerut; he was punished for bringing to light the killing of innocent Muslim women and children by the police. When Bihar became a 'failed state'

during the Lalu Prasad Yadav era of 1990–2005, the author did not hesitate in rebuking the Chief Secretary who was his senior in service, and accused IAS officials in Bihar of behaving like English-speaking politicians. Despite their high integrity, hard work and competence, IAS officials do not exercise sufficient control over the field staff who collude with the junior staff in reporting false figures on hunger deaths, malnutrition and usage of toilets, leading to erosion of accountability. Not only do many welfare programmes such as NREGA, ICDS and PDS have design flaws, governance in India at the state and district levels is also quite weak, manifesting itself in poor service delivery, uncaring administration, corruption, and uncoordinated and wasteful public expenditure. Analysing the present Indian situation, the book suggests policy changes in all cross-cutting systemic issues such as the role of politicians, tenure, size and nature of Indian bureaucracy, accountability, monitoring of programmes and civil service reforms, which will transform individual competencies of IAS officers into better collective outcomes.

English, August - Upamanyu Chatterjee
2006-04-04

Agastya Sen, known to friends by the English name August, is a child of the Indian elite. His friends go to Yale and Harvard. August himself has just landed a prize government job. The job takes him to Madna, "the hottest town in India," deep in the sticks. There he finds himself surrounded by incompetents and cranks, time wasters, bureaucrats, and crazies. What to do? Get stoned, shirk work, collapse in the heat, stare at the ceiling. Dealing with the locals turns out to be a lot easier for August than living with himself. *English, August* is a comic masterpiece from contemporary India. Like *A Confederacy of Dunces* and *The Catcher in the Rye*, it is both an inspired and hilarious satire and a timeless story of self-discovery.

Textbook of Environmental Studies for Undergraduate Courses - Erach Bharucha
2005-11

The Importance Of Environmental Studies Cannot Be Disputed Since The Need For Sustainable Development Is A Key To The Future Of Mankind. Recognising This, The Honourable Supreme Court Of India Directed The Ugc To

Introduce A Basic Course On Environmental Education For Undergraduate Courses In All Disciplines, To Be Implemented By Every University In The Country. Accordingly, The Ugc Constituted An Expert Committee To Formulate A Six-Month Core Module Syllabus For Environmental Studies. This Textbook Is The Outcome Of The Ugc S Efforts And Has Been Prepared As Per The Syllabus. It Is Designed To Bring About An Awareness On A Variety Of Environmental Concerns. It Attempts To Create A Pro-Environmental Attitude And A Behavioural Pattern In Society That Is Based On Creating Sustainable Lifestyles And A New Ethic Towards Conservation. This Textbook Stresses On A Balanced View Of Issues That Affect Our Daily Lives. These Issues Are Related To The Conflict Between Existing `Development Strategies And The Need For `Conservation . It Not Only Makes The Student Better Informed On These Concerns, But Is Expected To Lead The Student Towards Positive Action To Improve The Environment. Based On A Multidisciplinary

Approach That Brings About An Appreciation Of The Natural World And Human Impact On Its Integrity, This Textbook Seeks Practical Answers To Make Human Civilization Sustainable On The Earth S Finite Resources. Attractively Priced At Rupees One Hundred And Fifteen Only, This Textbook Covers The Syllabus As Structured By The Ugc, Divided Into 8 Units And 50 Lectures. The First 7 Units, Which Cover 45 Lectures Are Classroom Teaching-Based, And Enhance Knowledge Skills And Attitude To Environment. Unit 8 Is Based On Field Activities To Be Covered In 5 Lecture Hours And Would Provide Students With First Hand Knowledge On Various Local Environmental Issues.

Certificate Physics And Human Geography; Indian Edition - Goh Cheng Leong 1995-10-27

My Unforgettable Memories - Mamatā

Byānārjī 2012

Autobiographical reminiscences of a woman political leader from West Bengal, India.