

THE MITHIBAI CHRONICLES

The Official Newsletter of Mithibai College

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NEW JOURNEY BEGINS



The Mithibai Chronicles, a bimonthly newsletter is a venture of the Mithibai Readers' Club and the Library of SVKM's Mithibai College with the support of the Principal, the Vice-Principals, the teaching and the non-teaching staff.

The opening issue, December 2021, is "Ecocult" which is an environment themed newsletter.

Happy reading!

PRINCIPLES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

From the Principal's desk

The library is the lifeline of academic institutes. It is an important intellectual resource of an academic community. Higher education focuses on learning; instructional teaching plays a small role.

Learning is possible with reading, appreciation of learning resources and through discussion. This requires significant input from the students. The academic institution should facilitate this learning by providing enriched libraries. The University Education Commission established in 1948-49 mentioned the importance of library in the educational and research field.

There is one big misconception among students which is studying curriculum through instruction provides complete education. Students have to master skills, techniques in their chosen field.

Reading on various subjects/topics initiate, and broaden critical thinking. It enhances ones' imagination. Reading helps to explore life from different attributes. Reading enhances analytical skills. Books are one of the best friends.

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"Books train your mind to imagination to think big."
— Taylor Swift

In Last year's COVID pandemic, books proved to be the best companion and reduced boredom during the lockdown period. When we read for pleasure, the new world of imagination and creativity evolves.

Changing technology has changed the processes of teaching and research, which has resulted in changes in the library. Mithibai library has evolved over a period of years, starting from a few books to a present collection of 65,000 books on an array of the subjects, biographies, art, literature, science to commerce. Over a period of time, the requirement of library resources has also



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changed keeping pace with the time. The library is digitised with an advanced library system. The library is also equipped with various online resources.

The library promotes research activities by providing support such as bibliometric and systematic reviews, online resources, open access journals. This has made Mithibai College library an epic centre for learning and research.

Students, this library and library staff are waiting for you and ready to help all in all possible ways. Join the Mithibai Readers' club. Start reading and see the change in you.

Dr. Krutika Desai
I/c Principal



VALUABLE WORDS FROM THE VICE PRINCIPALS

Excellence happens not by accident, it is a process as great things take time. Wishing you all the best.

Dr. Meenakshi Vaidya
Vice Principal - Science

Best wishes to Mithibai Chronicles and to the Mithibai Readers' Club.

Dr. Mahesh Bhagwat
Vice Principal - Arts

Mr. Louis L'Amour rightly said, " A parent or a teacher has only his lifetime; a good book can teach forever." Congratulations to Mithibai Readers club and Wishing all the very best.

CA Dr. Bharat Patel
Vice Principal - Commerce

Self belief and hard work will always earn you success

Gladys Albert
Vice Principal - Junior College

WORD OF THE WISE

The Mithibai Readers' Club and the Mithibai Library are pleased to announce the publication of our first edition of bimonthly Newsletter: The Mithibai Chronicles. The myriad of intentions behind the newsletter includes inculcating reading and writing habits among students of Mithibai College, generating interest among faculty and students regarding the collections and activities in the library, as also orienting users about the services offered by the library.

The students of Mithibai Readers' Club astound me every day. Their dedication as a team in framing MITHIBAI CHRONICLES is admirable, and they inspire me, as the Library Convenor.

In this inaugural version of the newsletter, I would like to express my sincere hope, that they, and all the students of Mithibai College, continue to direct their best efforts into their passions so that young minds of the present day may mould themselves into wonderful young people of tomorrow. I hope they continue to voyage through time, and experience incredible lives.

The inaugural edition of the Newsletter is themed 'Environment' and humbly intends to enable users to be a tad more informed on the domain. At the outset of our first theme named "Ecocult", I would also beseech them to

be mindful towards their environment, for a better tomorrow. As sublime citizens of tomorrow, I do not doubt that they will surpass my expectations, and make us all proud.

I hope that the dedication of these young dreamers of MRC will inspire students of Mithibai College and encourage them to wholeheartedly make their contributions. One of the best parts about being human is our ability to both imagine and dream, then remember it all. And even better, our ability to write those dreams down and share them. So, dear students the next time you find yourself slipping into another reality, take your time, let your imagination wander, and grab a pen & paper.

Drop your articles and suggestions at mithibaireadersclub@gmail.com

Dr. Papiya Deb,
Convenor, Mithibai Library Committee

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"One glance at a book and you hear the voice of another person, perhaps someone dead for 1000 years. To read is to voyage through time."

- Carl Sagan



SWEET MINTS FROM OUR MENTOR

As I sat down in our garden to write a message for the inaugural issue of our newsletter, the Mithibai Chronicles, themed Ecocult for this edition, I observed my surroundings.

I observed the circus unfolding amongst the sparrows and the parrots, the squirrels and the pigeons, which had taken up residence in our garden.

A couple of months ago, we had put out two trays filled with nuts and seeds for the squirrels and the sparrows. That small start eventually turned our garden into a wild buffet table.

We now have two birdbaths and five feeding stations in the garden, and the whole place has transformed into a haven for squirrels and sparrows, parrots and pigeons.

From the first solitary sparrow which came to eat the bird feed we now have over a dozen who don't leave the vicinity. A family of squirrels now routinely hangs around, and they are joined in the early morning by half a dozen parrots and two pigeons.

The kuk kuk kuk of the squirrel and the cheep cheep cheep of the sparrows wake us at the break of dawn, and they stay with us until the sun sets. A dozen sparrows take to the sky when we step into the lawn.

I spend much time watching the sparrows jump into the birdbath, and the squirrels eat bird feed (which is kept in feeders hung from trees) whilst precariously hanging upside down like Tom Cruise in Mission Impossible.

I sit looking at all of them, going through their daily motions, and realise how unconcerned they are with what's going on in the human world.

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“Remember when old December's darkness is everywhere about you...”



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2020 and 2021 have been rough years! The human world has been turned over manyfold.

The virus brought our lives to a standstill. We spent so much time sitting listlessly in our homes, quarantined and isolated from the world. We stopped moving; we are still hesitant to restart our lives.

We lost lives to the virus! Many lost their health. Most lost some amount of income and wealth. So many went through the trauma of being unemployed or underemployed.

Students lost the ability to attend schools and colleges and the camaraderie of friends. New graduates lost job opportunities. Everyone lost something. Life, in many ways, ground to a halt.

But sitting here in my garden, I notice that the squirrels and sparrows, pigeons, and parrots don't care about us.

A calm wind is blowing, just as it did last winter; the grass is green, just as it was last year at this time; the pink and yellow Tecoma flowers on the creeper outside my window are flourishing; the Ixoras are a beautiful red; the white and pink Musandam trees are booming, much as they did in the years gone by.

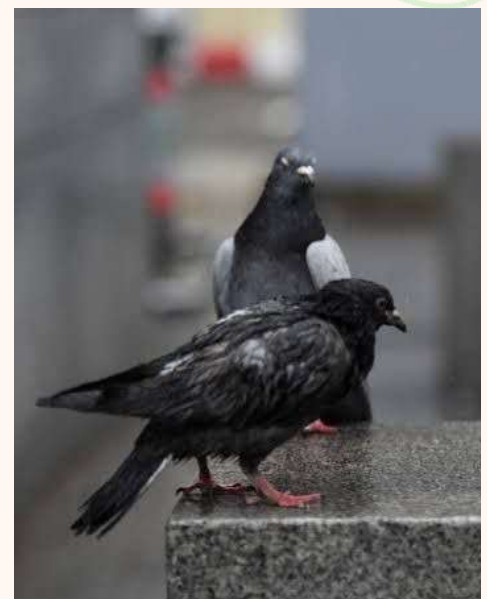
The sky is a beautiful blue; the butterflies are busy flying around. And snails are going about their slow routine along the garden walls.

Everybody seemed to be going about their business without much regard to me and my thoughts and the issues caused by the virus.

And I realised that I could look around myself and decide to join in their happiness and movement or ignore them and stay worried about everything that casts a cold, dark shadow.

Osho used to say that we are not our thoughts. We can become aware of our thoughts, and this awareness is enough for us to bring about a change in them. We can drop the thoughts we wish to drop if only we decide to drop them.

The great American philosopher William James once wrote a letter to his friend Thomas Ward in 1868. Thomas had been feeling an "inward deadness and listlessness."



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William James wrote, "Remember when old December's darkness is everywhere about you, that the world is really in every minutest point as full of life as in the most joyous morning you ever lived through; that the sun is shining down, and the waves dancing, and the gulls skimming down at the mouth of the Amazon, for instance, as freshly as in the first morning of creation; and the hour is just as fit as any hour that ever was for a new gospel of cheer to be preached. I am sure that one can, by merely thinking of these matters of fact, limit the power of one's evil moods over one's way of looking at the Kosmos."

As I sit here writing this message, I realise that it is up to me to decide how I am feeling. I have the power to control my moods. I can either let December's darkness overwhelm me or celebrate the end of the year by preaching a new gospel of cheer! I can celebrate the Christmas spirit and bring in the New Year with hope and happiness.

So here's to happy moments and happy thoughts, to joyous mornings and the waves dancing, and to the squirrels kuk-ing and the sparrows cheeping!

Here's to all of you coming back to college and enjoying friendships and extracurricular activities! Here's to learning life skills and making new happy memories. Here's to new experiences!

Shri Amit Sheth
Mentor, SVKM's Mithibai College

My gratitude and thanks to the library committee and the library staff for putting together this newsletter.

I know that this newsletter will play a valuable role in the years to come by communicating information about our library resources to our students.

With happy thoughts and glorious actions, let's make Mithibai college the best place to be!



FROM THE HEART OF OUR FACULTY

STAND UP FOR THE EARTH

Friends, remember the commencement of COVID-19 Pandemic induced Lockdown in March 2020? The onset of the first wave had minds grappling with fear; surviving through to the second wave, people got accustomed to work from home, online teaching-learning, online purchases of daily requirements, a lot of leisure time spent indoors with family- playing, watching movies and series on Amazon & Netflix. At the same time, news channels, newspaper articles, reports and photographs published by NASA and European Agency pronounced the positive effect of lockdown on the environment. People called this restricted human-nature interaction, a blessing in disguise.

Reports described how environment was healing itself amid the lockdown. We witnessed cleaner air due to fewer vehicles on the streets, low levels of greenhouse gases worldwide as industries were not operational, improved water quality in major rivers of India and reduced boat traffic in canals of Venice making the water cleaner. Dhauldhar mountain range became visible for the residents of Jalandhar city in Punjab after decades and people in Srinagar could see the Pir Panjal mountains more clearly. There were instances reported all around the world of animals entering urban landscapes and wandering fearlessly. But unfortunately, people could not go out to enjoy all this.

Why can't we keep our environment this clean and beautiful all the time? It is time to pause and ponder over the lesson this healing earth has taught mankind during the lockdown. While life is returning to a new normal slowly and all activities have picked up where we left off, the earth is in poor health again. Nature is under threat due to our exploitative approach and thoughtless, reckless actions towards the environment. Environmental

Wethics that students have studied and will study under the Foundation Course and Environmental Studies courses are for them to internalize in their social as well as professional life.

Deep Ecology, an ecological and environmental philosophy strongly states that, 'present human interference with the non-human world is excessive and the situation is rapidly worsening. Humans have no right to reduce the richness and diversity of life on earth except to satisfy vital human needs. The ethical change should be appreciating life quality rather than adhering to an increasingly higher standard of living'. The Dalai Lama gives us a timely warning when he says, "Human use, population and technology have reached that certain stage where Mother Earth no longer accepts our presence with silence".



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In this context it is pertinent to understand Biocentric ethics which states that, 'Nature does not exist simply to be used or consumed by humans. Humans are simply one species amongst many, and because we are part of an ecosystem; any action which negatively affects the living systems of which we are a part, adversely affects us as well.....'

Let's reiterate the quote by Mohith Agadi, an Author and Entrepreneur, "Environment is no one's property to destroy; it's everyone's responsibility to protect" (The Picture Quotes Blog August 16, 2018). Environment is constantly changing in response to human actions. Our good actions and practices can keep environment healthy. As Margaret Mead - An American cultural anthropologist cautions, "We won't have a society if we destroy the environment". And most importantly as Robert Swan, a British historian, explorer and activist says, "The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it".

With a deep concern about the current state of the environment, let us take a pledge to spread awareness about the importance of a healthy environment and adopt some best practices that can help sustain wellbeing of the earth as well as mankind-

1. Use food, water and energy judiciously - do not waste
2. Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Recycle and Reuse
3. Plant a tree today and join hands to save the environment

Friends the way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing!!!

Dr. Sunita Maral,
Assistant Professor,
Department of Commerce (Subject -Environmental Studies)



READERS' CORNER

From the librarian...

I am pleased to share that the Mithibai Readers' Club and the Mithibai Library comes ahead with the publication of their first edition of Newsletter: The Mithibai Chronicles. The Mithibai Chronicles includes a dedicated section which details about the services offered by the library to the students and faculty as also library collection and activities from time to time. Mithibai library has a varied collection, and there are various services offered by our library to the students and our faculty. We also intend to bring to the knowledge of our users about the Open Access Educational Resources freely available online and the new technologies adapted by our library along with its timely upgradation.

Over the past decade, there are rapid changes in the information sources and in the reading interests of the users. Due to the impact of the Information Technology, the library services and facilities are upgraded technologically worldwide.

Adapting to the digital change, Mithibai College Jitendra Library is always keen in providing digital facilities to our users. RFID technology, NVDA Screen reading- open-source software, Shelfari- a Virtual Book shelf, D Space-Digital Repository, Braille embossing printer for the differently abled users, are to name a few.

Apart from the routine library services, the conduction of workshops on the Mendeley Reference Management Tool, Bibliographic Services and Literature Search are a few value-add services through which the library bonds with its users.

The COVID-19 pandemic has not curtailed Jitendra Library services either; the library introduced comprehensive access to Print Resources Services for users during the lockdown. As a part of this innovative service, the library provided scanned pages of print resources/books, according to requests sent in by the users, taking care to adhere to copyright law.

The users were able to continue their pursuits in spite of restrictions on physical visits to the library.

To inculcate and sustain the habit of reading among the students and faculty, Jitendra Library regularly and successfully organizes Book Display on various occasions. Along with the physical book display, Jitendra Library has innovatively conducted Online Interactive Book Display in the PDF format. On a single click, the book in pdf form remains accessible for the users on their mobile phones.



READERS' CORNER

Our first Newsletter is dedicated to the topic 'Environment' and we intend to reach the users with an in-depth information on 'Environment'. The Newsletter includes interactive Open Access Full-Text Books on the said subject from a high repute publication "SpringerOpen". The Newsletter also contains a list of books prescribed in Mithibai College Autonomous Syllabi, available in Jitendra Library. In this Newsletter, we have also provided the links of detailed information along with the photographs on 'Climate Warriors' and 'Environmentalists'. Dedication of these warriors and environmentalists will inspire students and will encourage them to get involved in such activities. Mithibai Chronicles also includes photographs of various activities conducted by Jitendra Library.

Please drop your suggestions regarding library and feedback at archana.garate@mithibai.ac.in

Mrs. Archana Garate
Librarian

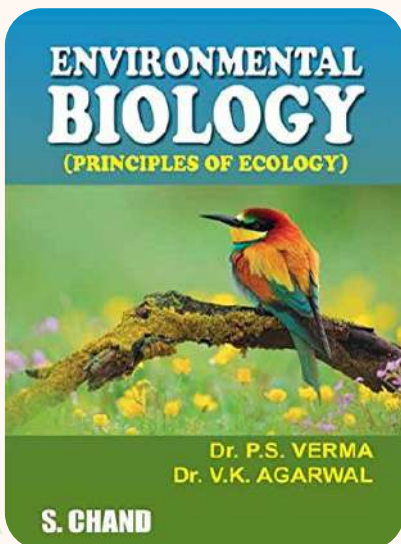
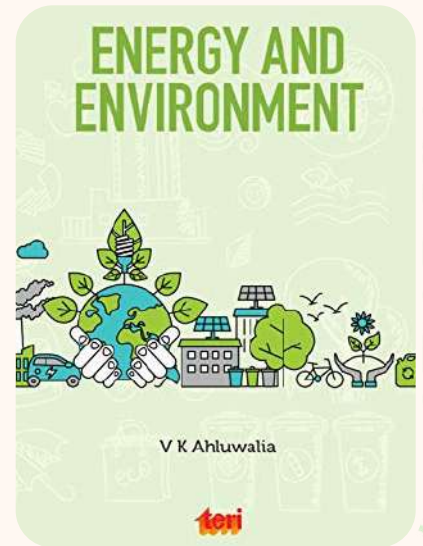
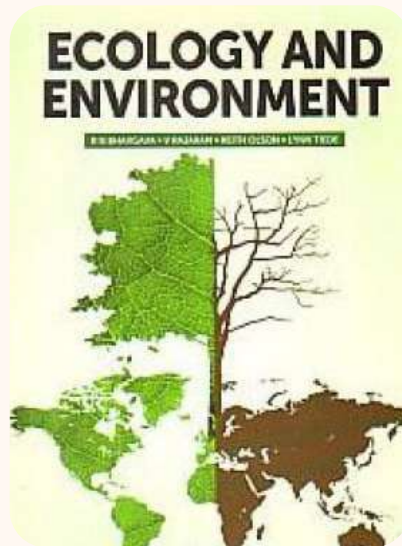
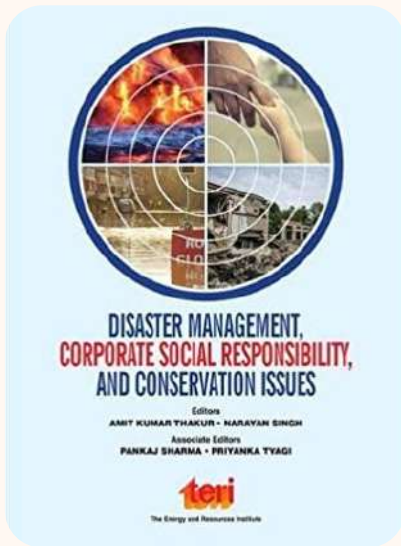




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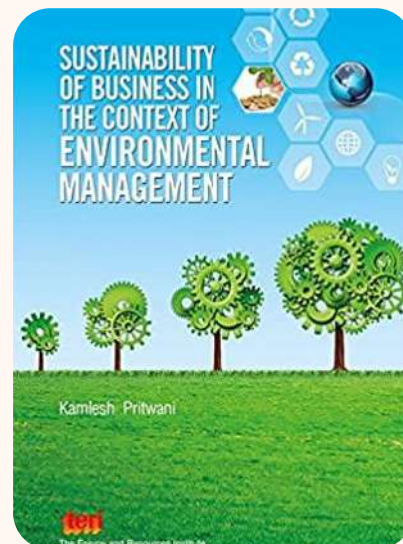
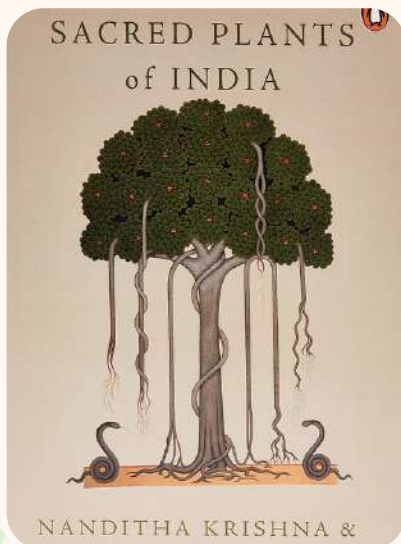
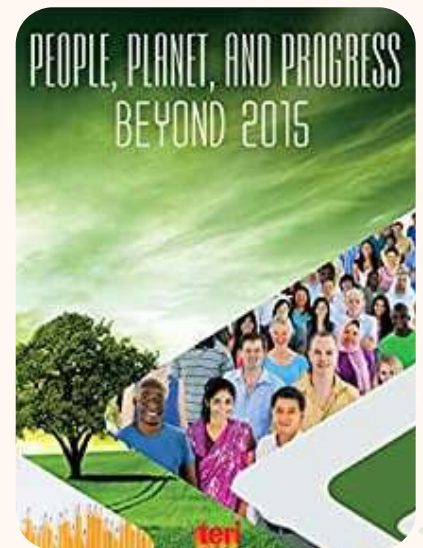
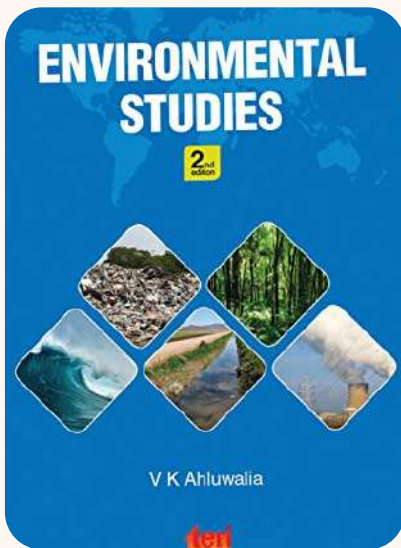




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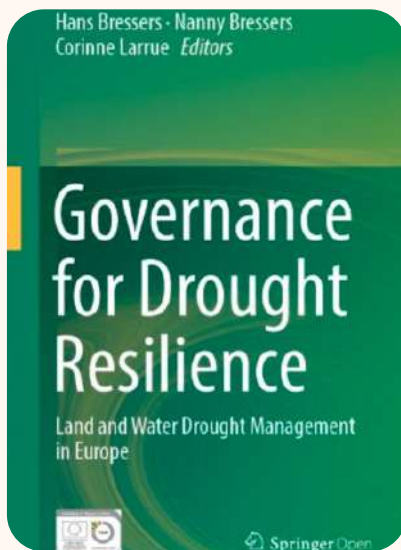




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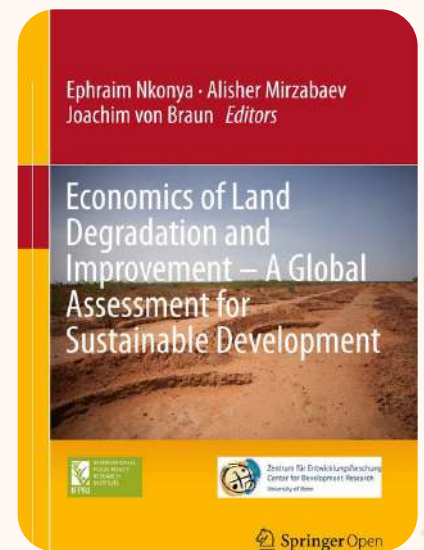
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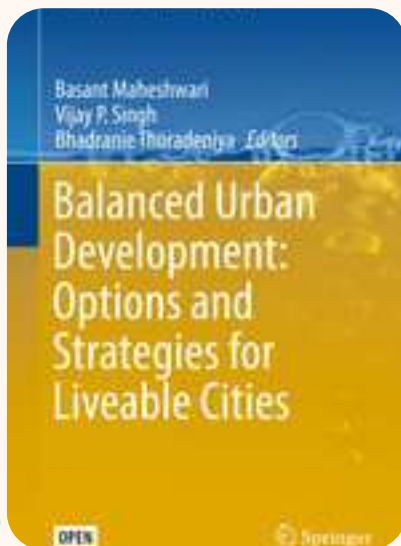
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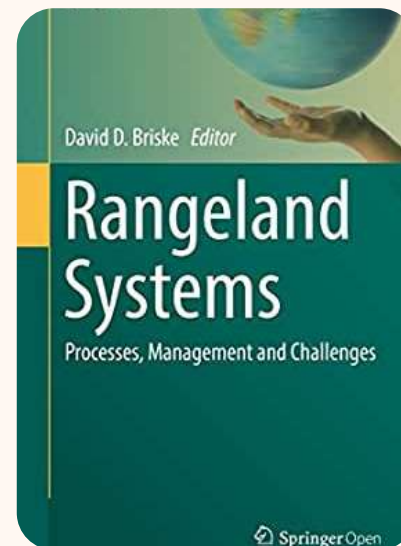
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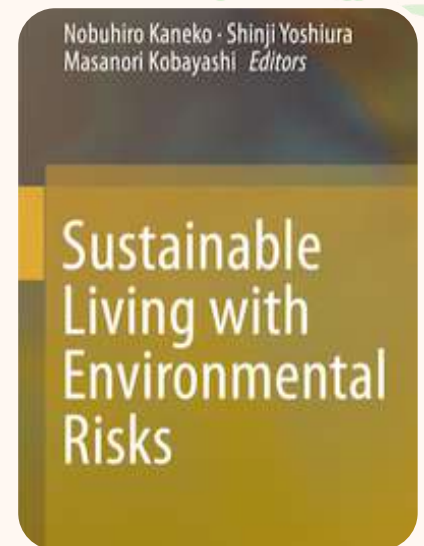
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B.Com for
Environmental Studies

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Author	Title	Year	Mithibai College Library Call Number
Banerjee A.	Contemporary Urbanization in India: Issues and Challenges	2013	307.760 954/ BAN
Botkin and Keller	Environmental Science 8th ed.	2012	333.7 BOT/KEL
Das B.K. and Banerjee A.	Biodiversity Conservation in India: Management Practices Livelihood Concerns and Future Options	2014	333.95 DAS/BAN
Gurung, C.	Eco-Conservation and Sustainable Living	2013	333.72 GUR/BHA
Krishnamoorthy, V	Environmental Management Text and Cases.	2017	333.7/ KRI
Kumar, A.	Environment and Agriculture.	2016	363.729 6/ KUM
Laine, N	Nature, Environment and Society - conservation, governance and transformation in India	2012	363.7 LAI/SUB

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Mani, N.	Environment, climate change and disaster management	2017	363.7/ MAN
Narain, Sunita	Conflicts of Interest: My Journey through India's Green Movement	2017	363.7/ NAR
Narain, Sunita	Body Burden: Lifestyle Diseases	2018	613 DTE/NAR
Narain, Sunita	State of India's Environment 2018. Center for Science and Environment	2018	363.7 DTE/NAR
Rajagopalan, R.	Environmental studies: from crisis to cure	2016	333.7/ RAJ
Ristinen, Robert A.	Energy and the environment.	2016	333.7 RIS/KRA
Sahu, H.K.; Sethy J. and Mishra R.	Biodiversity Conservation Research and Management	2015	333.95 SAH/SET
Santra, S.C	Environmental Science	2014	363.7/ SAN

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Singh, S	Environmental Geography	2018	333.7/ SIN
Vinodan, C.	Energy Security Choices for India	2015	333.790954 VIN
Asthana D. K. and Asthana M.	A Textbook of Environmental Studies	2012	581.7AST
Jayamani C. V. and Vasanthagopal R.	Environmental Management	2012	333.707 JAY/VAS
Karpagam M. and Jaikumar G.	Green Management – Theory and Applications	2010	333.7 KAR/JAI

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Chopra Suchita	Tourism and Development in India	2009	913.9154/ CHO
Harrison, David	Tourism and the Less Developed World: Issues and Case Studies	2001	910.91724/ HAR
Lickorish & Leonard	Introduction to Tourism	2011	910.4 LIC/JEN
Sharma K. K.	Planning for Tourism	2000	913.9154 SHA
Shaw and Gareth	Tourism and Tourism Spaces	2004	910.4 SHA/WIL

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Click on the climate warrior's name to know about their story



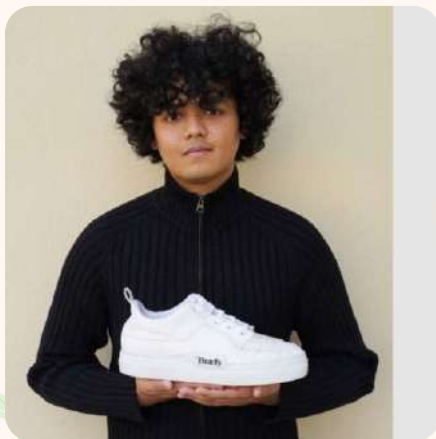
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Book Exhibition 16th & 17th November



Mithibai College of Arts, Chauhan Institute of Science &
Amrutben Jivanlal College of Commerce and Economics

(AUTONOMOUS)

NAAC Reaccredited 'A' Grade, CGPA - 3.57 (February 2016 to December 2023)
Granted under RUSA for Enhancing Quality & Excellence in select Autonomous Colleges
Granted under FIST-DST & Star College Scheme of DBT, Government of India
Best College (2016-17), University of Mumbai



Mithibai College Library

BOOK EXHIBITION ON 16TH & 17TH NOVEMBER, 2021
(10:30 AM - 5:00 PM)

Inaugural Guest – **Shri. Amit Sheth**, In-charge Mithibai College

Inaugural Date & Time – 16th November 2021 at 10.30 am

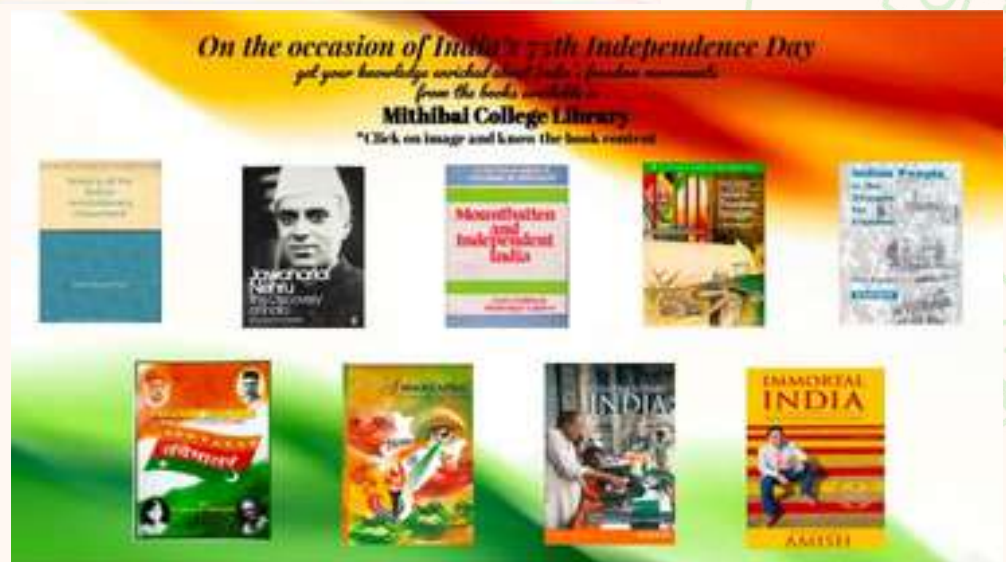
Venue - Mithibai College Library, Ground floor





INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL BOOKS DISPLAY, 2021

Click on the photos to check out
the interactive virtual books





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