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1. Nirmala Sitharaman releases N K Singh book "Recalibrate: Changing Paradigm" (Sept. 13, 2022)

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman released the book "Recalibrate: Changing Paradigm" authored by the 15th Finance Commission Chairman N K Singh and Former Agricultural Secretary P K Mishra in New Delhi on 13 September 2022.

The book has been published by Rupa and Co.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Other books authored by NK Singh:

- The New Bihar: Rekindling Governance and Development
- Not By Reason Alone
- The Politics of Change: A Ringside View
- Portraits Of Power'

About NK Singh:

- Nand Kishore Singh (NK Singh) is a former Indian Administrative Officer.
- He was the chairman of the 15th Finance Commission
- 2. Vice President Dhankhar releases the Arabic version of Dara Shikoh (Sept. 9, 2022)

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar released the Arabic Version of "Majma Ul-Bahrain" of Dara Shikoh in New Delhi on 9 September 2022.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The book has been translated into Arabic by **Amar Hasan**, and published by Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR).
- .The 'Majma Ul-Bahrain (Confluence of Two Oceans) was written by Dara Shikoh in **Persian** in 1654-55. In the book he compared Sufi Islam and Vedantic philosophy and concluded that there was more commonalties between the two than difference.
- The Book was translated in **Hindi as 'Samudra Sangam Grantha.**'
- Dara Shikoh was the eldest son of Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan and was defeated by Aurangzeb in the succession struggle .He was later executed by Aurangzeb in 1659.
- 3. A new book "Indian Banking in Retrospect 75 Years of Independence" Launched (Sept. 1, 2022)

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A new book titled "Indian Banking in Retrospect - 75 Years of Independence" has been authored by **Dr. Ashutosh Rarawikar,** Director, Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR), Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- This book has been published by Asvad Publications Pvt Ltd.
- **Bibek Debroy**, chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India, has written the foreword to the book.

Summary Of The Book:

- The book highlights various economic developments like **LPG (Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation)** reforms during 1991, nationalisation of banks for the first time in 1969, licensing of new private sector banks after 1991, setting up of payments banks, and small finance banks.
- It also mentions financial inclusion, impact of **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana** on the banking system in India.

4. Renowned author Geetanjali Shree has been awarded the prestigious International Booker Prize 2022 (May 27, 2022)

Renowned author Geetanjali Shree has been awarded the prestigious International Booker Prize 2022 for her novel 'Tomb of Sand'.

- Geetanjali has become the first Indian author to win the Sri International Booker Prize.
- 'Tomb of Sand' has become the first book in any Indian language to win the prestigious International Booker Prize.
- This book was originally published in Hindi language as 'Ret Samadhi'. English translation of 'Tomb of Sand' by American translator Daisy Rockwell.
- The book "Tomb of Sand" is published in the UK by Tilted Axis Press.

Who is Geetanjali Shree

- Geetanjali Shree is originally from Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh. Gitanjali Shree has written three novels and several collections of stories.
- Among his other major novels are Purohit, Hamara Shahar Us Baras, Empty Space, Anugoonj etc.
- Synopsis of the novel 'Tomb of Sand'
- The novel tells the story of an 80-year-old elderly widow who loses her husband after the partition of India and Pakistan in 1947.
- About International Booker Prize

The International Booker Prize is awarded annually to a translation of a novel published in • the UK or Ireland.

- The Booker Prize was established in 1969 by the Booker Mcconnell Company of England.
- Under this, the amount of 50 thousand pounds i.e. 44 lakh rupees received is divided between the translator and the writer.
- French novelist David Diop was awarded the 'International Booker Prize 2021'.

5. Cricketer G.R. Vishwanath Autobiography released (March 14, 2022)

Former Cricketer and batsman G.R. Vishwanath's autobiography "Wrist Assured" was released at the Chinnaswamy stadium, Bengaluru.

The book has been co-authored by senior journalist R. Kaushik.

Gundappa Vishwanath played test matches for India from 1969 to 1983. He played 91 Test Matches for India.

6. Goal (Feb. 10, 2022)

It is an autobiography of the Indian footballer Subhash Bhowmick who was part of the team which won the bronze medal at the Bangkok Asian Games in 1970

Author

It has been written by **Subhash Bhowmick** and Journalist **Supriyo Mukhopadhaya** . It is written in Bengali.

7. Books and Authors (Jan. 24, 2022)

1. Book:

The Art of Bitfulness: Keeping Calm in the Digital World

Author: Nandan Nilekanei and Tanuj Bhojwani .

2. Book:

Mamta: Beyond 2021

Author: Jayanta Ghosal

3. Book:

The New BJP

Author: Nalin Mehta

8. Books and Authors (Jan. 16, 2022)

1. Book

Indomitable - A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work, and Leadership'.

Author:

Smt. Arundhati Bhattacharya, She was the first women chairperson of SBI.

2. Book

India: Undeclared Emergency

Author: Arvind Narayan

3. Book

The Rise of the BJP: The Making of the World's Largest Political Party'

Author

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav with economist Illa Patnaik.

9. Dr. V. L. Dutt: Glimpses of a Pioneer's Life Journey' (Dec. 29, 2021)

Author: It has been written by Smt. V L Indira Dutt

- The book was launched in Chennai by the Vice President Venkiah Naidu.
- Dr V.L. Dutt was an industrialist and founder of KCP ltd group of companies.

10. Books and Authors (Dec. 19, 2021)

1. Furrows in a Field: The Unexplored Life of H.D. Deve Gowda

Author: Sugata Srinivasaraju

2. The 1619 Project: Born on the Water

Author: Nikole Hannah Jones

3. Raj Kapoor: The Master at Work'

Author: Rahul Rawail and Ms Pranika Sharma.