

BROWSING

Myth and Reality

WOMEN'S *Education in India* by Pratima Chaudhary is a book that talks about education being one of the important inputs for human resource development. In the volume, an attempt has been made to examine different issues pertaining to women's education in India, in the historical perspective. Some of them being: history of women's education, institutional efforts, problems, content of education, and the consequences of education on the socio-economic status of women. It would be a useful volume for the students of sociology, psychology, education and women studies. Pratima Chaudhary, former fellow of ICSSR at AN Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna, is currently lecturer in sociology at the Institute of Correspondence Courses, Barakatullah University, Bhopal. The book is published by Har-Anand and priced at Rs 250.

Wry Humour

A *Heart Full of Burden* is a volume that brings together an enthralling collection of TN Seshan's addresses, which cover a diverse range of topics and are dotted with flashes of wry, self-deprecating humour. Seshan, who is moulded in a no-punches-pulled frame, hits out at politicians, bureaucrats, communalists and, at the same time, expresses his concern and respect for democratic values, integrity in public life, public accountability and, above all, the noble Constitution of India. Ever since Seshan donned the mantle of the Chief Election Commissioner, Indian politics has never been the same again. His virtual one-man crusade against corruption in elections has attained legendary proportions. The entire gamut of election campaigns has undergone a sea change, largely due to one individual's never-say-die efforts. The book is published by UBSPD and priced at Rs 125.

Ghosts & Ogres

MANOJ Das' latest selection of stories offer ghosts, rogues and ogres. And some quite fascinating ordinary people. There is Aunt Roopmati who, in her old age, suddenly revives an old passion, with disastrous consequences. Then there is the case of Bhanu Singh, faithful retainer, who is asked to greet a party of 'august nudists' and is confused about the etiquette to be followed on such an occasion. In another true-to-life tale, Bholu Grandpa has an encounter with a tiger, and yawns into its face, thereby promptly passing into legend. In yet another story, this time of innocent love, three friends, now hard-boiled men of the world, remember their playmate Lily who went up the hill and never came back. Some of the stories in the collection were first written in Oriya and then translated into English. *Farewell to a Ghost* is published by Penguin and priced at Rs 100. ♦

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