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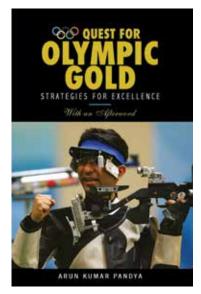
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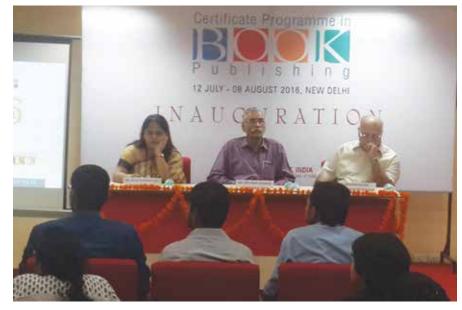
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PICK OF THE MONTH



Quest for Olympic Gold (Revised Edition) Arun Kumar Pandya 978-81-237-7892-1; Rs 135

Book Publishing Course Inaugurated



A four-week Training Course in Book Publishing is being organised by the National Book Trust, India at its premises from 12 July to 8 August 2016.

Inaugurating the course, Shri Baldeo Bhai Sharma, Chairman, NBT, said that "NBT has been organizing such programmes for the last twenty years for the skill-development. A team of experts from the field of publishing share their experience with the participants and help them develop their skills."

Reflecting upon the current scenario of books and reading habit in the country, Shri Sharma said that the printed books are very close to the readers in India and the habit of reading has not diminished. Therefore,



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the trend of reading printed books in India will continue. He added that the course would help participants to pursue a career in publishing.

Talking about the avenues that publishing industry in India provides, Shri Sridhar Balan, consultant, Ratna Sagar said that India is the third

largest publisher of books in English in the world. Today, the industry is professionally well equipped and use cutting edge technology for publishing the books. He added that global publishers outsource work in India. He also said that the industry requires skilled professionals and this course would help participants to start their career in publishing.

Earlier, Dr Rita Chowdhury,

Book Release at Meerut

National Book Trust, India organised a book release function of two books in Hindi titled '1857: Kranti aur Krantidhara' and 'Komgata Maru', at Meerut.

While releasing the books, Prof. Narendra Kumar Taneja, Vice-Chancellor, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, said that the history has never been

taught completely at schools. He added that our history is all about struggle. He observed that Englishmen talked of nationalism but they had been responsible for ending democracy around the world.

Shri Baldeo Bhai Sharma, Chairman, NBT presided over the function. He said that India is a resourceful and dynamic country and no ruler has ever found it possible to rule it entirely, because in each era there had always been a cry and struggle for freedom.

Talking about the importance of introducing life and times of freedom fighters to children, Shri Baldeo Bhai Sharma said that if we do not inform



Director, NBT welcomed the guests and participants. Dr Rita Chowdhury herself a Sahitya Akademi Award recipient spoke of her experiences interacting with publishers as an author. She said, "If publishers do not work professionally, then the authors cannot reach their lifeline, i.e. readers. We have to reach the world around, crossing all the boundaries to assert our identity, capacity and enhance our capability." She also said that in this age of globalization, the Indian publishing industry has become international as it has been actively organizing and participating in the book fairs, literary festivals, etc. across the world.

The training course in book publishing has been designed keeping in view the

needs of the industry in Indian context. Members of faculty drawn from leading publishing houses, institutions and universities provide an insight into various aspects of book publishing including editing, publishing, marketing, warehousing, promotion, digital printing etc. The Trust facilitates the training for participants as interns at various publishing houses.

पास मारत नई दिल्ली (मानव संसाधन विकाल मंत्रालव, मारत संरकार) 1857 क्रांति व क्रांतिधरा

> children about the great men of India who established democracy, we will again face the danger of bondage.

> Eminent lawyer Dr. Neelkamal Sharma shared his views on the book '1857: Kranti aur Krantidhara' He said that the inhabitants of Meerut irrespective of their caste, creed or religion, enthusiastically participated in the uprising.

> Dr Amit Pathak, well-known historian said that Meerut was the focal point from where the spark of uprising began but the children studying in the schools in Meerut hardly read about the uprising in detail. He remarked that children must be made aware about the important events and places associated

with the revolt.

Shri R K Bhatnagar, IAS, and Shri A K Gandhi also spoke on the occasion. They discussed about the communal harmony and valiant acts of the soldiers and common people in their fight against foreign rule.

Shri Pankaj Chaturvedi, Hindi Editor coordinated the programme.

In 1914, Komagata Maru sailed from Hong Kong, then a holding of the British Empire, to Vancouver, Canada, carrying 376 passengers from Punjab. Of them, 24 were admitted to Canada, and the ship was forced to return to India. The passengers comprised 340 Sikhs, 24 Muslims, and 12 Hindus. Komagata Maru arrived in Calcutta on September 27, and the passengers were placed under guard. When the ship docked at Budge Budge, the police went to arrest Baba Gurdit Singh, and a general riot ensued. Nineteen of the passengers were killed. Some escaped, but the rest were imprisoned or sent to their villages and kept under village arrest.

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NCCL and Readers' Club: The Forum for Joyful Reading

National Centre for Children's Literature (NCCL) is a wing of National Book Trust, India. It was established in 1993 to promote, create, coordinate, monitor and aid the publication of children's literature in Indian languages. It also provides assistance and expertise to teachers, librarians, editors, writers and illustrators by arranging creative workshops across the country especially in rural areas for promoting reading habit among children.

NCCL organizes workshops, discussions, seminars and exhibitions for children and professionals to explore new avenues in children's literature and creative skills in children and participates in international book fairs to promote Indian children's literature abroad.

Over the last few years, renowned children's authors, storytellers, illustrators, and activists interacted with the children, teachers, librarians and general readers in various programmes for children organised by NCCL.

Readers' Club Movement

NCCL also runs the Readers' Club Movement to promote the habit of reading at school level. It is one of the largest reading movements in the world. Till date over 35,000 Readers' Clubs have been established in the country. A bilingual magazine *Readers' Club Bulletin* is also published to foster the Movement.

Library-cum-Documentation Centre NCCL has а Library-cum-Documentation Centre with а collection of over 15,000 books on children's literature covering wide range of subjects in 44 languages of the world (18 Indian and 26 foreign languages). Over 50 periodicals of children's literature in various Indian languages are also subscribed by the Library for reading and reference of the library users. The Library has recently been re-modelled to give an ultra-modern look and provide quality services to the users. Located at the ground floor at the premises of the Trust, the Library



is spread over an area of 96.2 sq. mts. It has been designed keeping in mind the multifarious needs of the users. The Library is also open to school children for group visits.

The Library has the following holdings:

- Research and Reference: Over 600 rare reference books to help professionals, scholars and researchers for their research work, surveys etc.
- Media/Multi-Media: 150 CDs/ DVDs on children's literature, a touch screen, PCs and an LCD TV.
- Books for Children and Young Adults: Over 15,000 books (both fiction and non-fiction) for children and young adults.

Reading Room Facilities

Reading tables, chairs, book shelves, library space, recessed lights, anti-skid flooring, wooden steps and appropriate ventilation for users providing an ideal atmosphere for reading.

Networking

NCCL Library is connected with over 4,000 DELNET member libraries through internet including Delhi Public Library and JNU Library. The users can visit NBT's website at www. nbtindia.org.in and click on Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) section for accessing NCCL Library database.



What is a Readers' Club?

Readers' Club is an informal organisation where teachers and children meet from time to time, read books, have discussions, and exchange ideas on books. Its prime objective is to inculcate the habit of reading books other than prescribed text books as well as to provide an easy access to good and interesting reading materials.

What the NCCL can do for those Clubs?

NGOs Interested schools. and other institutions who wish to start Readers' Club can write to NCCL or can download the form from NBT's website. Govt. schools establishing Readers' Clubs will be sent books worth Rs.1000/- Free of cost. They will also be sent Readers' Club Bulletin which will have stories, poems, interesting news and other absorbing articles. The Bulletin also publishes the writings of children. Besides, attractive reading promotion posters and other materials are also sent to the Readers' Clubs on regular basis.

Where to establish a Readers' Club?

The club can be set up anywhere in the school. The place should be welllighted. This can even be at the back of a classroom, in the corner of a varandah or under a tree. **Where to keep books?** Books should be placed where the children can easily access them. Children should have the freedom to handle the books, browse through them, select books of their choice, freely exchange them and take them home. It should not be for fear of damage or loss that children are not allowed to handle books.

Who will take care of the books?

Coordination of Readers' Club can be entrusted to an individual or the responsibility can be rotated. Children must participate in the organisation and running of this club. Children not only love to work independently but are responsible too. Reading to younger children and arranging books are the tasks they can easily do. They will also be happy collecting old books.

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Books on Freedom Movement and Independence

The nation celebrates 70th Independence Day on 15 August 2016. National Book Trust, India has been publishing several books on freedom struggle marking important moments in the history of India's freedom strugge.

Story OF I.N.A.

S A Ayer

This book, by a loyal colleague of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, presents a concise account of Netaji's role in India's struggle for freedom with the constitution of the Indian National



Army (I.N.A.). Besides highlighting Netaji's serious nature, his high regard for Swami Vivekananda and his inclination towards social service, the book describes the events that led to his being caught in the vortex of politics and subsequent exile and disappearance.

978-81-237-2122-4; Rs 60.00

The Contribution of The Revolutionists in India's Freedom Struggle

Hiren Gohain

The book traces the role and contribution of the heroic part played by the revolutionary leaders in India's national movement.

978-81-237-5793-2; Rs 80.00

Bhagat Singh: Select Speeches & Writings

D N Gupta (Ed.)

Foreword by Bipan Chandra Bhagat Singh was not only a great patriot

and revolutionary socialist, but also one of India's early Marxist thinkers and ideologues. A voracious reader right from his boyhood, he brought upon his thinking and writings the



tremendous influence of his varied reading. His several statements before courts, his passionate letters to his father and other comrades, his insights on revolution and communalism and his atheistic faith, all reveal a mind that is at once original and mature in understanding. The book is published on the special occasion of his 100 birth anniversary as also to mark the 75 year of his martyrdom.

978-81-237-4940-2; Rs 90.00

Freedom Movement and Indian Muslims

Santimoy Ray

The book challenges the many prejudices that generate bias and hatred against the Indian Muslims, particularly their contentious role in Indian freedom movement and the

rise of the Indian Muslim League. 978-81-237-6139-8; Rs 85.00

Ghadar Movement: A Short History Harish K Puri

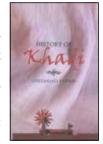
The Ghadar Movement was in many ways a novel struggle for the freedom of India. This book is a short history of the genesis and rise of the movement, its

transnational dimensions, romance of patriotism, limitations and illusions, tremendous sacrifices and its legacy that inspired Bhagat Singh and other revolutionaries.

978-81-237-6282-1; Rs 90.00

History of Khadi

Geetanjali Parikh The book attempts to take the readers on a historical journey of Khadi, from being a livery of freedom to green fabric or designer wear. It aims to provide an insight on the pivotal role



Khadi played in the Indian economic planning, giving a roadmap of Khadi from local village to world market. 978-81-237-6042-1; Rs 80.00

1857: The Role of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh

K C Yadav

The book seeks to bust the myth that during 1857 movement, Punjab

'quiet' was and that there was hardly any 'stir' in Harvana and Himachal Pradesh. It tries to establish that far from being passive or inactive, the people of these areas participated in the country's

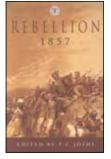


first war of Independence with equal zeal and vigour and made ultimate sacrifices to dislodge the colonial rule. 978-81-237-5277-8; Rs 60.00

Rebellion 1857

P C Joshi (Ed.) Foreword by Irfan Habib Popularly known as the first Indian war

of Independence, the Rebellion of 1857 was a significant moment in the political history of modern India. Despite the broad consensus of opinion about the national character



of the movement, yet this uprising still remains mired in controversies. Through extensive references to first hand accounts and other historical documents, the essays in this volume while bringing together varied scholarship, analyse the nature, causes, its impact on the national literature of India as well as the interest it generated abroad.

978-81-237-4935-8; Rs 100.00



The Partition of India Anita Inder Singh

The Partition of India was one of the most cataclysmic events in world history. This book places it in an international perspective to show how reasons of state, and religious,



ethnic or cultural division have been inextricably intertwined in creating the situations that have led to partition in different parts of the world. 81-237-4696-2; Rs 50.00

Freedom Struggle

Bipan Chandra and others

A lucidly written account of India's freedom struggle, its history, development and the diverse forces which contributed to it.

81-237-0249-X; Rs 105.00



Arjun Dev (Comp.)

Drawn from a variety of Nehru's writings and speeches

including books, articles, letters, press statements and interviews, editorials, prison diaries, this unique volume deals exclusively with the pre-independence period providing



an insight into the formative days of Nehru's life prior to his assuming office of the Prime Minister.

978-81-237-5604-2; Rs 200.00

Komagata Maru: Not Just a Voyage

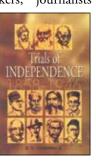
Malwinderjit Singh Waraich & Gurdev Singh Sidhu

The present book gives details of the journey of Komagata Maru, a Japanese steamship from Hong Kong to Canada with 376 passengers on board in the backdrop of Ghadar movement. 978-81-237-6997-0; Rs 150.00

Trials of Independence B R Agarwala

This book gives a vivid account of some of the well-known trials of revolutionaries, thinkers, journalists

and political leaders who took up the cause of Independence and made concerted efforts to overthrow an alien rule. The trials of these freedom fighters, whose prosecution



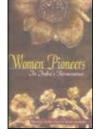
by the oppressive regimes aroused political consciousness among the masses, give a deep insight into the characters of the persons tried, including their varied temperaments and ideologies.

81-237-0259-6; Rs 80.00

Women Pioneers in India's Renaissance

Sushila Nayar & Kamla Mankekar (Eds.)

Indian renaissance which coincided with the rise and growth of Indian nationalism and its culmination in freedom for the country, is singularly marked by the active role of a large number



of women. Each of these women pioneers discussed in the book have, in their chosen mission, brought to it all the energy, mission and quality of service and sacrifice which lay within her.

81-237-3766-1; Rs 115.00

Hanged for their Patriotism

R K Tandon

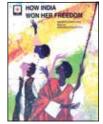
This book is about the famous young revolutionaries of India who went to the gallows, laughing and singing. Illustrations are by Arup Kumar Gupta. (Age-group 12-14) 978-81-237-5550-2; Rs 120



How India Won Her Freedom Krishna Chaitanya

Come 15 August and the whole of

India is immersed in different kinds of activities. It was on this day in 1947 that India became independent. Here is the saga of Indians who fought for a



free India, a story of young martyrs and great leaders who brought an end to foreign rule.

978-81-237-1105-8; Rs 40

Jallianwala Bagh Bhisham Sahni On 13 April 1919, an armed of contingent British soldiers massacred Indians who had gathered the garden in



ground of Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar. The ghastly murder has gone down in the memory of Indians as the most heinous act of British rule. Bhisham Sahni has told the story of an atrocious general and the suffering of thousands of Indians.

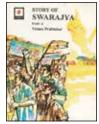
978-81-237-0901-2; Rs 30

Story of Swarajya (Part-I)

Vishnu Prabhakar

This is an account of India's freedom struggle upto the partition of Bengal

and its fall out. The author recounts the growth of Indian National Congress and other important happenings in this period. Illustrated by S Bhattacharya.



978-81-237-0518-7; Rs 30

Story of Swarajya (Part-II) Sumangal Prakash

In this volume the author tells the story of India's struggle for independence since the partition of Bengal and the advent of Mahatma Gandhi to the declaration of Independence in 1947. Illustrated by P Khemraj. 978-81-237-1504-9; Rs 20

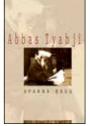
Books on Freedom Fighters

Over many decades NBT India has been publishing important works on the lives and times of some of India's foremost freedom fighters. Together these books under the National Biography series have helped us to understand the history and sacrifices of these personalities involved in the saga of India's freedom movement.

Abbas Tyabji

Aparna Basu

Abbas Tyabji was the Chief Justice of the Baroda High Court. He was one of the members of the committee appointed by the Indian National



Congress to review the charges against General R. Dyer for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. After listening to and cross-examining hundreds of eye witnesses and victims of General Dyer's brutality, Abbas became the most devoted co-worker of Gandhiji and his services earned him the title 'Chhota Gandhi'.

978-81-237-5078-1; Rs 45.00

Amritlal Sheth

Varsha Das

Amritlal Sheth, popularly known as the lion of Saurashtra, was a journalist par excellence, devoted to Gandhiji, committed to India's freedom struggle, and a fearless protagonist of the oppressed.

978-81-237-5703-2; Rs 45.00

Asaf Ali: Patriot and Humanist

Sudhir Pant

Asaf Ali was a great patriot who rejected the idea of nationhood based on religions. This brief biography throws light on the multiple facets of multifaceted his



lawyer,

personality-scholar,

nationalist, writer and connoisseur of music and arts. Rs 12.00

Bagha Jatin

Prithwindra Mukherjee Bagha Jatin was one of the 21 revolutionaries associated with 'Yugantar' group operating in Bengal for Indian independence. Jatin's life was a saga of struggle to overthrow foreign rule. This biography throws light on his life and times.

978-81-237-5961-6; Rs 90.00

Birsa Munda

K S Singh

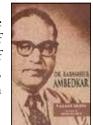
The book tells the life story of Birsa Munda, who led an armed struggle against the British to establish Munda Raj in the tribal region of Chhotanagpur, Jharkhand, formerly in Bihar.

81-237-3796-3; Rs 60.00

Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar

Vasant Moon

comprehensive А biography of one of the tallest leaders of the modern India, translated into English by Asha Damle. 81-237-3860-9; Rs 80.00



Dr Zakir Husain

M Mujeeb

A scholar, educationist, philanthropist and the President of India from 1967 to 1969, Dr Zakir Husain endeared himself to men of different religious communities through his secular and democratic outlook. This illuminating biography provides an intimate glimpse into the life of this great man and his work.

81-237-2011-4; Rs 55.00

Francisco Luis Gomes

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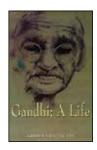
Francisco Dr Luis Gomes was a versatile personality. A thinker, master of several European and Indian languages, doctor, writer, orator, economist, social

activist, politician and a freedom

fighter, he represented the voice of the people in Lisbon parliament, Portugal. 978-81-237-5801-5; Rs 90.00

Gandhi: A Life

Krishna Kripalani Gandhi Mahatma lived, suffered and died for his people. Yet it is not in relation to this country alone that his life has significance. Nor is



it only as a patriot or revolutionary reformer that he will be remembered by future generations. An interesting and absorbing account of the life and achievements of Mahatma Gandhi. 978-81-237-0646-7; Rs 90.00

Ghadar Party Hero: Kartar Singh Sarabha

Chaman Lal

The martyr Kartar Singh Sarabha worked to unite the Indians living abroad in order to uproot the British Raj that had enslaved India. He was the prop of the Ghadar Party and therefore acclaimed as the Ghadar Party Hero. 978-81-237-6171-8; Rs 80.00

Harekrushna Mahtab

Souribandhu Kar Harekrushna Mahtab was a great freedom fighter, nation builder, social reformer, historian, journalist and literary genius. His farsighted leadership has left an indelible



mark in the history of our country. This book is an in-depth study of the life and personality of Dr Mahtab, which is also the story of the contemporary Orissa. 978-81-237-6442-9; Rs 80.00

Hasrat Mohaani

Muzaffar Hanafi

Hasrat Mohaani was a consummate national political leader and a freedom figher extraordinaire who devoted his life for India's freedom struggle. This concise biography brings to light the multifaceted personality of Mohaani admirably well.

81-237-4251-7; Rs 45.00

Jayaprakash Narayan

Sudhanshu Ranjan

A biography of the pioneering sociopolitical leader who made his mark both in pre-independence and postindependence phases of the nation. 81-237-3927-3; Rs 100.00

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay

Jasleen Dhamija

This is a concise 💷 biography of one of the most important woman leaders twentieth of the century India who contributed both during the preindependence and



post-independence periods. The biography brings out her contribution to the freedom movement, women's rights, human rights, living cultural tradition and performing arts. 81-237-4881-7; Rs 50.00

Lokamanya Tilak

G P Pradhan

Tilak was an outstanding leader, an eminent scholar and, above all, a man of rare moral integrity. His was a pioneering role in India's freedom struggle. Both through his writings and active participation he made the people aware that Swarajya was their birthright and helped kindle the flame of patriotism. This is a brief account of his life.

81-237-0969-2; Rs 55.00

M N Roy

V B Karnik

This biography throws light on a great revolutionary and a political activist who participated in the armed struggle in India against the British Empire. His contribution to the national movement and his working with revolutionary figures like Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin show his personal charisma. 81-237-2003-2; Rs 35.00

Muhammad Abdurahman N P Chekkutty

Muhammad Abdurahman was one of the most important leaders of India's freedom movement. A passionate political activist, he became the president of Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee. A great patriot, he worked against the communalisation of Malabar politics and division of the country on communal lines. This biography looks at the life of this littleknown political activist. 978-81-237-4816-X; Rs 50.00

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Sisir Kumar Bose

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was one of the foremost leaders of the Indian Freedom movement. He formed the Indian National Army to fight the British in India. This concise biography presents in a simple and lucid language an authentic account of the life and struggle of the great leader. 81-237-3316-X; Rs 70.00

Rameshwari Nehru

Kamlesh Mohan

A versatile personality, an eloquent speaker and a strong believer in Gandhian values, Rameshwari Nehru worked for the social dignity, economic and political rights of Harijans as well as for women rights.

978-81-237-6801-X; Rs 95.00

RAO TULA RAM

Rao Tula Ram

K C Yadav Rao Tula Ram of Rewari raised the flag of revolt against the British on 17 May 1857 and kept it fluttering till his last breath. After the uprising petered

out, he left India and met the rulers of Iran and Afghanistan and established contacts with the czar of Russia to seek their help to fight another war to free India from the British yoke. 978-81-237-5084-2; Rs 45.00



Toufique Kitchlew

The 'Hero of Jallianwala', Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew was in the front line of freedom fighters at the time of the massacre at Jallianwala Bagh. Since then he was at helm of every political struggle that followed. Dr Kitchlew was also a fiery orator who inspired millions of his countrymen and women. 81-237-1769-5; Rs 38.00

Tatya Tope

Indumati Sheorey

A legendary figure of the revolt of 1857 who shot to fame from obscurity and finally laid his life at the altar of freedom.

81-237-2387-3; Rs 45.00

Vinoba

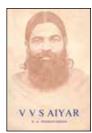
Nirmala Deshpande

The book gives a vivid and personal account of the life and philosophy of one of the foremost Gandhians of our times by an author who herself has been a dedicated student and practioner of Gandhian thought and Sarvodaya movement.

81-237-3842-0; Rs 70.00

VVS Aiyar

R A Padmanabhan This is the life story of a scholar, revolutionary and patriot who toiled all his life for the betterment of the country in the



political, cultural and industrial spheres. Aiyar is also considered to be the father of modern short story in Tamil. Rs 18.00

Yusuf Meherally: Quest for New Horizons

Madhu Dandavate

Founder-member of the Congress Socialist Party, Yusuf Meherally's role in the freedom struggle before Independence was of paramount importance. This short biography tells the story of this great socialist, his important role during the Quit India Movement of 1942 and his deep love for India's past, history and culture. 81-237-0553-0; Rs 35.00

Farewell

Shri Satadal Sayan Bhattacharya, Assistant, retired from the Trust after serving for 35 years. He joined the Trust on 29 May 1981 as Junior Stenographer and worked in Editorial, Accounts, Sales Store and Public Relation section of the Trust.





Shri Rajpal Singh, Assistant (Ad hoc), retired from the Trust after serving for more than 37 years. He joined the Trust on 30 March 1979 as LDC and worked in Production, Administration, Sales NRO, Sales Exhibition and Sales Coordination section of the Trust.

We wish them both a very happy retired life.

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