

Discover social and cultural roots of Indian Ancestry at the next live session of AVID Online

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“Arora dissolves the time between the past and the present, revealing how complex and diverse India has always been . . . Indians is both timely and necessary.”
-Samanth Subramanian

What do we really know about the Aryan migration theory and why is that debate so hot? Why did the people of Khajuraho carve erotic scenes on their temple walls? What did the monks at Nalanda eat for dinner? Did our ideals of beauty ever prefer dark skin?

To mark the launch of the book by the same name, **Penguin Random House India, Bangalore Literature Festival** and **Avid Learning** present **INDIANS: A Brief History of a Civilization** a fascinating lecture demonstration by *Author* **Namit Arora**.

Please read on for more details:

Hailed as a brilliant, original and deeply engaging social and cultural history of India, this book and related lecture demonstration will meticulously take us through nearly 5000 years of India’s history, revealing the worldview of early Indians at various times—and what of it lives on and what has disappeared among modern Indians.

Read below for more about the book:

Indian civilization is an idea, a reality, an enigma. In this riveting book, Namit Arora takes us on an unforgettable journey through 5000 years of history, reimagining in rich detail the social and cultural moorings of Indians through the ages. Drawing on credible sources, he discovers what inspired and shaped them: their political upheavals and rivalries, customs and vocations, and a variety of unusual festivals. Arora makes a stop at six iconic places—the Harappan city of Dholavira, the Ikshvaku capital at Nagarjunakonda, the Buddhist centre of learning at Nalanda, enigmatic Khajuraho, Vijayanagar at Hampi, and historic Varanasi—enlivening the narrative with vivid descriptions, local stories and evocative photographs. Punctuating this are chronicles of famous travellers who visited India—including Megasthenes, Xuanzang, Alberuni and Marco Polo—whose dramatic and idiosyncratic tales conceal surprising insights about our land. In lucid, elegant prose, Arora explores the exciting churn of ideas, beliefs and values of our ancestors through millennia—some continue to shape modern India, while others have been lost forever. An original, deeply engaging and extensively researched work, *Indians* illuminates a range of histories coursing through our veins.

Join us to learn more about Indian ancestry rooted in customs, stories, heritage and more!

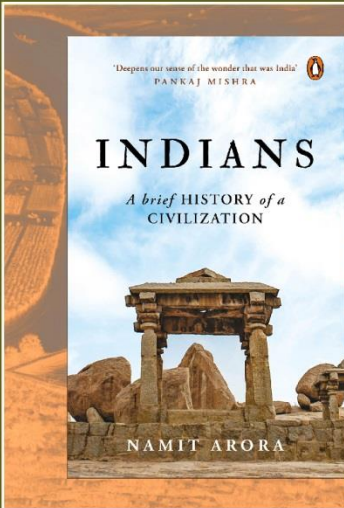
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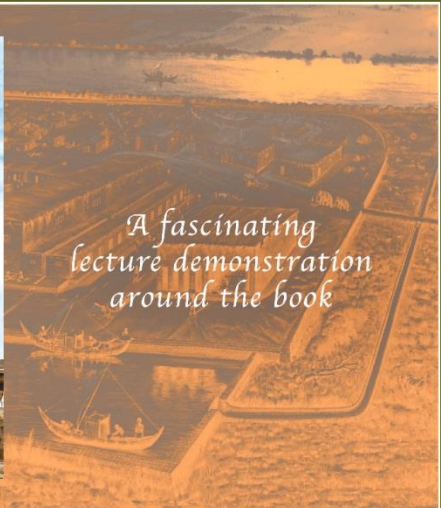
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lecture demonstration
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What makes the Harappans so captivating? What was a day in the life of a monk at Nalanda? Why did the people of Khajuraho carve erotic scenes on their temple walls? Did our ideals of beauty ever prefer dark skin? To find answers to these and more fascinating questions, tune in to a lecture demonstration by *author* **Namit Arora**. This session marks the launch of his new book, *Indians: A Brief History of a Civilization*, which has been hailed as a brilliant, original, and deeply engaging social and cultural history of India. In this session, the author will present a broad arc of nearly 5000 years of Indian history, revealing the worldview of early Indians at various times. Join us to learn more about Indian ancestry rooted in customs, stories, heritage and more!

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