

## Book Release-cum-Discussion

# 'Alternative Futures: India Unshackled'

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We are delighted to invite you to the release of the book *Alternative Futures: India Unshackled*, by Corinne Kumar (Vimochana, Al Taller International, CIEDS)

- on 6 February 2018
- at 6.15 – 8 pm
- at Indian Institute of Human Settlements, 197/36, 2<sup>nd</sup> Main Road, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore 560080

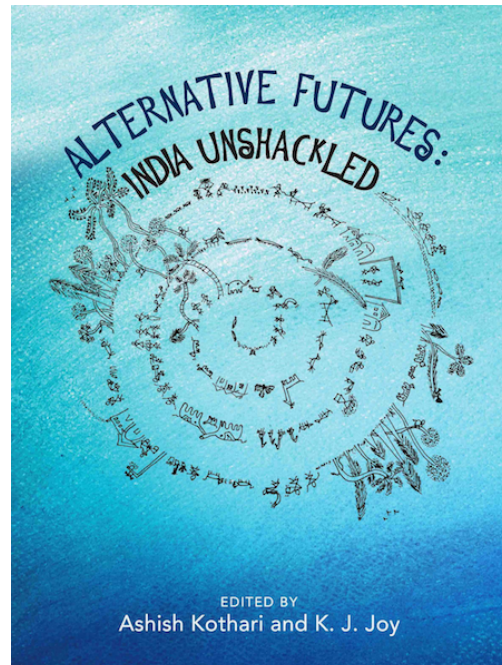
The release will be followed by a panel discussion and remarks by essay authors.

### Programme

6.15 to 6.20	Welcome: Word Lab Team, IIHS
6.20 to 6.40	Introduction to the book: Ashish Kothari and K. J. Joy
6.40 to 6.45	Release of book by Chief Guest: Corinne Kumar
6.45 to 7.15	Remarks: Sumi Krishna, Leo Saldanha, Himanshu Upadhyay
7.15 to 7.30	Reflections from essay authors: Kartik Shanker, Nitin Rai, Sharachchandra Lele, Vivek Shastry, Rachita Misra
7.30 to 7.50	Audience interaction
7.50 to 8.00	Chief Guest's remarks

The book is a collection of 35 essays containing dreams, visions, and pathways of reaching a just and sustainable India. Pl. see overleaf for a description.

The book will be available at a discount at the release.



## About ‘Alternative Futures: India Unshackled’

Remarkable, first-ever collection of 35 essays on India’s future, by a diverse set of authors –activists, researchers, media practitioners

Brings together scenarios of an India that is politically and socially egalitarian, radically democratic, ecologically sustainable and economically equitable, and socio-culturally diverse and harmonious

Essays include both futuristic scenarios and present initiatives that demonstrate the possibility of such futures

Organised under four sections – Ecological Futures, Political Futures, Economic Futures and Social-cultural Futures

Introductory and concluding essays to tie these diverse visions together

An essential read for a wide range of readers including youth, academics, development workers, policy makers, community members, activists & media persons

Engaging for everyone who is concerned about the current state of India and the world, and willing to engage critically in the collective search for a better future

### Essay topics

Media | Global role | Sexuality | Villages & Cities | Bazaars | Gender | Languages | Health | Arts & Crafts | Minorities | Industry | Education | Democracy | Law | Ideologies | Conservation | Adivasis | Pastoralism | Knowledge | Technology | Dalits | Food | Water | Energy | Transportation

### Authors

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### Foreword

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