ST. ANNE'S SR. SEC. SCHOOL, JODHPUR
CLASS- VIII
G.K. UPDATES FOR THE SECOND PERIODIC ASSESSMENT 2026-2027

PATH-BREAKING LITERARY WORKS BY SOCIAL REFORMERS OF INDIA

1. ***Annihilation of Caste***: **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's** seminal work is a powerful critique of the Hindu caste system, originally an undelivered speech from **1936**.
2. ***Gulamgiri (Slavery)*:** **Jyotirao Phule's** critical work, published in **1873**, exposed the injustices faced by the Shudras and Ati-Shudras (Dalits) in society.
3. ***The High-Caste Hindu Woman (1887)* by Pandita Ramaba**i: This seminal work details the plight of high-caste Hindu women, advocating for education and widow remarriage.
4. ***Kavya Phule (1854)* by Savitribai Phule**: A collection of poems that criticizes the caste system and advocates for the rights and education of women.
5. ***My Path to Atheism (1878)* by Annie Besant**: A work detailing her philosophical and social views, as she was a prominent women's rights activist and freedom fighter in India.
6. ***Sultana's Dream* written by Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain**, is a **1905** feminist utopian novel that imagines **Ladyland**, a peaceful, eco-friendly society governed entirely by women .

CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. India launched **SAMHiTA project** to digitise palm-leaf manuscripts at Colombo's Gangaramya Temple .
2. The Nobel Peace Prize for 2026 was awarded to **Navanethem Pillay** for her efforts to promote peace and international law.
3. **Pankaj Advani** won the 2026 World Billiards Championship, claiming his 29th career world title.
4. **Ashoke Sen** is the first Indian physicist to receive the prestigious **Oskar Klein Medal**.
5. The Indian Men's Under-19 cricket team won the **2026 Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Men's U-19 Asia Cup** .
6. **Bodhana Sivanandan** (11 years old) became the youngest female International Master at the European Women's Chess Club Cup in 2026.