

## Gorkha: Society & Politics launched in Dehradun

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Unfortunately in India, as in other democracies in the world, the numerical strength of a community, which can easily be converted into a vote bank, plays the most important role in the government arriving at a decision about them. However, the beauty of Indian democracy is that there is also scope for forceful debate and argument. There is scope for the power of word against the power of the numbers. Brigadier Cs Thapa's first book *Gorkha: In Search of Identity* went a long way in providing that power of word to the community, which so far has been treated by the government no better than the trophies in the mess of military units.

A Gorkha soldier has always given the nation a cause for confidence. They have won five wars for us and participated in several internal operations to secure the Indian nation. Unfortunately, the government has all these years followed the policy of not looking beyond the *Khukhri* and *Topi* into the hearth of a Gorkha home. These were the issues which were very forcefully put forth in this book.

Following a rousing demand for a sequel, Brigadier Thapa collaborated with the CRDJ for the sequel. The project was successfully executed inducting many more issues gathered from the feedback the author received from the readers who commented on the first book and also on the articles which the author wrote for *The Discussant*, *Millennium Post* and other publications.

The book was launched by Mr Deep Kumar Upadhyay, Nepal's ambassador to India at a well-attended function in Dehradun on October 27, 2016 which included city's crème de la crème especially from the Gorkha community, a delegation of very bright cadets from the prestigious Rashtriya Indian Military College and large number of mediapersons.

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The launch was chaired by Mr Ramesh Batta, Chairman, Kasiga School, Dehradun and Mr Rakesh Tyagi, Senior Advisor, Manipal Group was the guest of honour. The proceeding was moderated by CRDJ president Sidharth Mishra.

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