

**Book Release-cum-Discussion**  
**'Alternative Futures: India Unshackled'**  
**Ed. by Ashish Kothari and K. J. Joy**

**MASUM, SOPPECOM, Kalpavriksh, Parisar, Manthan, NCAS, and Authors Upfront**

14 January (Sunday), 2018; 5 to 7.30 pm; Pune

We are delighted to invite you to the release of the book *Alternative Futures: India Unshackled*, edited by Ashish Kothari and K. J. Joy. Dr. Dr. Baba Adhav is the chief guest and would release the book.

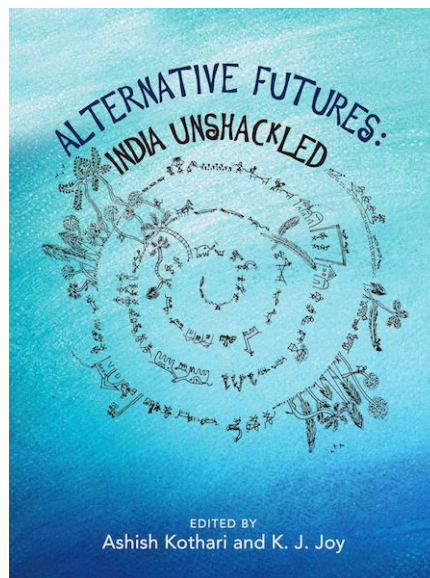
- on 14 January 2018
- at 5 – 7.30 pm
- at SM Joshi Hall, Navi Peth, Near Patrakar Bhavan

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.

Programme

5.00 to 5.30	Tea/coffee
5.30 to 5.50	Welcome and introduction to the book: Ashish Kothari and K. J. Joy
5.50 to 5.55	Release of the book: Baba Adhav
5.55 to 6.30	Panel discussion: S.P. Shukla, Shruti Tambe, Ankita Kunjir, Neel Archis Manish
6.30 to 7.00	Reflections from essay authors: Abhay Shukla, Bharat Patankar, Manisha Gupte, Shripad Dharmadhikary and Sujit Patwardhan
7.00 to 7.10	Address by the chief guest: Baba Adhav
7.10 to 7.30	Interactions with the audience

Published by Authors UpFront, 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

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### Foreword

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