

16th April 2020

To,
Sh. Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Prime Minister's Office, E Block,
Central Secretariat,
New Delhi 110011

Subject: Request to issue a public message on 23rd April, World Book and Copyright Day.

Respected Sir,

We are writing to you on behalf of the **Association of Publishers in India (API)**, a representative body of international publishers operating in India. Our association represents world-leading publishers who develop print and digital content for school & higher education, professional & vocational learning, academic research & scholarly work and leisure reading. Collectively, we publish some of the best authors from India and across the world.

We are writing to you with a request to issue a public message on the occasion of World Book and Copyright Day on 23rd April 2020, encouraging people to use this time to read, learn, and if possible, teach using online mediums.

As we observe strict lockdown and stay within our homes, we believe that learning must go on. Students should be able to access textbooks and online resources, faculty should gain access to courseware and most importantly, our people should have this chance to immerse themselves in books and reading to keep anxiety and stress at bay. A message from you on the importance of reading and learning, on this important day, will go a long way in encouraging people of all ages to use this time constructively.

We are pleased to let you know that book publishers have opened their online resources and libraries to give free access to various materials for schools, colleges, teaching and general reading. Our complete research publications on COVID19 are being made available free of cost for use of medical and research professionals. *List below.*



We hope you will be able to share this message on 23rd April, as it will greatly benefit millions of students, teachers, researchers and enable them to learn and share while staying at home safely. We will be happy to amplify it via our networks as well.

We will greatly appreciate your kind gesture.

Wishing you good health and our best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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President

Association of Publishers in India

Links to free Covid -19 resources provided by our members:

Taylor & Francis: <https://www.tandfonline.com/page/covid19>

Elsevier: <https://www.elsevier.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19>

Wolters Kluwer: <https://covid19map.uptodate.com/>

<http://tools.ovid.com/coronavirus/>

BMJ: <https://www.bmj.com/coronavirus>

Wiley: <https://novel-coronavirus.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/>

Springer Nature: <https://www.springernature.com/gp/researchers/campaigns/coronavirus>

OUP: <https://academic.oup.com/journals/pages/coronavirus>

CUP: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/browse-subjects/medicine/coronavirus-free-access-collection>

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