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### **DILEMMAS OF TRISHANKU:**

Memory, Self and Society in Contemporary India. By Deepak Kumar, Primus Books, Delhi- 110009

This is an interesting account of our contemporary society that is plagued with several contradictions depicted in the puranic mould. Taking the puranic character of how Trishanku was hanging in the air belonging neither here nor there, the author narrated important events and socio-economic processes that keep artisans of certain castes as displaced persons while upper castes make suitable adjustments for upward mobility. The author has identified the Three Cs, corruption, casteism and communalism as disturbing trends that tear apart present-day Indian society. He has aspired that the three Ds, development, democracy and diversity might tackle them. Using Emic and Etic approaches, the author explains his participant observations for the benefit of the perceptible reader. Around 300 pages book is reasonably priced.

