

We need more books on Telangana, says TSPSC Chairman

A book by Bhangya Bhukya released

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"We need greater amount of research on Telangana. We need more books on this region. The history of this area in Deccan has been ignored for a long time due to various factors," said Ghanta Chakrapani of Telangana State Public Service Commission as he released Bhangya Bhukya's *History of Modern Telangana* on Monday.

The book traces the history of the region from the

beginning of Asaf Jahi period to the formation of Telangana. "After the formation of Telangana, I insisted on including the movement for formation of the State. Some people objected to that. My argument was that if students can learn about the Independence movement while preparing for UPSC exam, why can't they learn about the history of the Telangana movement? This is the reason why we have expanded the coverage of history of Telangana for the

TSPSC exams," he said. "Telangana was a modern region with electricity, postal department, transport, dams etc. It had an enlightened ruler in the Nizam. There was no communal animosity in the kingdom," said Mr. Bhukya, speaking at the launch of his book. Narrating the difficulty in researching the book, Mr. Bhukya shared the story about how he had to go through files stored in gunny bags in a disorderly way to discover nuggets of information.