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13 The Indian slip on the Global Hunger Index 2021 is being attributed by the government to the alleged methodological discrepancies involved in constructing the GHI. — *Neetu Choudhary*

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13 Someone needs to speak up for the benefits of regulated fiat money, which, in the last 50 years, has been associated with more growth and stability than the gold standard era. — *Avinash Persaud*

Trust in Public Health Practice

15 Two instances of trust deficit during the COVID-19 pandemic reveal that trust-building is a process based on past experiences of people, built through engagement with institutions and service providers over a long period. — *Mathew George*

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Housing for Migrant Workers

- 12 This article examines the effectiveness of the Kerala government's housing policy called "Apna Ghar" by exploring the "housing-work" relation in the existing housing sub-markets in Kerala's Ernakulam district. — *Malay Kotal, Saurav Chakraborty & Priyank Pravin Patel*

Political and Electoral Dynamics in Punjab

- 19 The current elections in Punjab reflect a clear decline of earlier hegemonies, particularly of the landed aristocracy of the region, which has controlled state politics over the past five decades or so. — *Surinder S Jodhka*

Unfolding 60 Years of Political Process in Goa

- 23 Discussions on the concept of independence and liberation are essential in the democratisation of politics in Goa. This article traces the history of Goa's electoral politics starting from its independence or liberation till the present and identifies the key phases in its politics. — *Nawoo Varak, Prachi Naik*

Revisiting the Role of Mandis

- 33 Based on the insights drawn from the fieldwork, we suggest a strategy to help the farmers earn remunerative prices. The central argument is that *mandis* can be strengthened to generate favourable outcomes for farmers if farmer-oriented entities play dominant roles in them. — *Gopi Sankar Gopikuttan, Gopal Naik*

The Political in Shame

- 39 The questions and challenges of our times have thrown up emotions such as shame at the centre of both social and public life. But there seems to be not enough engagement in the discipline of political science to understand emotions in their own right. This paper tries to bring out the characteristics of shame both as an emotional as well as a political concept. — *Jigyasa Sogarwal*

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- 46 The analysis of the five-digit Annual Survey of Industries data for 2016–17 and 2017–18 makes it apparent that the impetus towards domestic assembly of mobile phones through various policy measures has made a positive impact on the growth of investments, particularly in plant and machinery assets. — *Chidambaran G Iyer*

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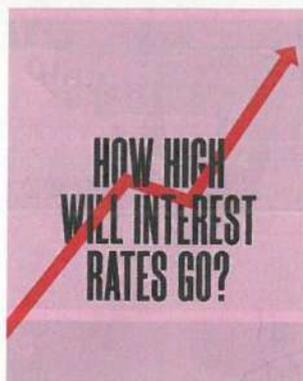
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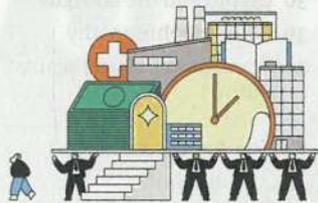
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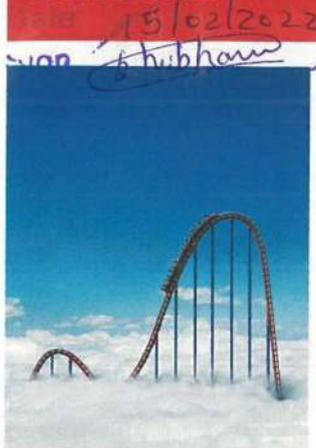
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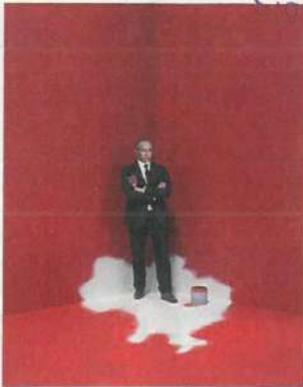
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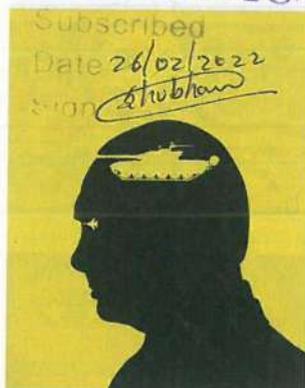


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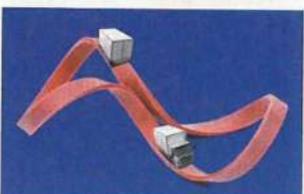
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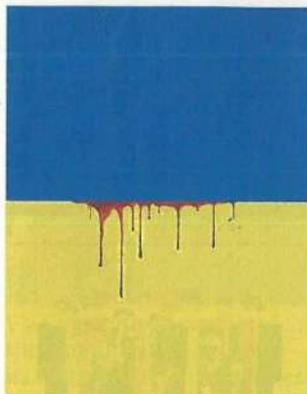
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Information and Communication Technology and Differentiated Learning in Higher Education System

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Education institutions are going through a revolutionary change in developing curriculum and its dissemination in the changing environment. We are confronted on one hand with issues like access, equity and quality and on the other hand, the massive unemployment for our graduates. There is an urgent need to change the road map for solving these issues. We need to change the direction from standardized curriculum, face to face delivery mode of education and uniform assessment methods to more suitable methodologies to meet the current scenario. This requires quantitative expansion, enhancement of quality, integration of technology and the required Faculty Development Programs. The development of various technological tools will be a boon in this knowledge revolution. Thanks to the initiative taken by Open and Distance Education, we have some guidelines to follow. However, we need to divert from the topic driven outcome models of education to another alternative - to competency building to assist students to build a livable world with opportunities for meaningful and innovative work. When opportunities for innovation are emerging, each institution has to map its strategies especially, with the challenges of internationalization, diversified learning, need for entrepreneurship and various delivery systems.

Therefore, we need to scrutinize and challenge all traditional models of curriculum design, delivery and assessment system to generate new global learning platforms and maximize student creativity and problem solving in partnership with others as well as with the students. When the contents are the mindset and the window is the discipline, student's capacity development is magnified by the required emphasis on self-driven passion, equity and inclusivity and a creative, engaged expectation to solve problems linked to a secure and livable world.

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Reaching the Unreached: An Experiment of Madhya Pradesh Bhoj (Open) University to Disseminate Higher Education via State-owned Television Channels

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Higher education should be responsible for developing knowledge-enabled citizens towards bringing socio-economic development, cooperation, and socially responsible conduct in society. For a developing nation like India, higher education is like an instrument to poverty alleviation and ensuring sustainable development for its residents. Globalization and ICT interventions are considerably influencing higher education and have expanded its reach to rural, remote, and backward regions. Being the second-largest population in the world, without an effective value-based education system, India's cultural diversity, regional variety, geographic attributes, and untapped human resources become unworthy. It was surprising that the number of graduates from an institution or a university is significantly less than the total population living in the country. Besides Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), some fundamental challenges to the Indian higher education system include equal access to learning, educational technology, innovative practices, insufficiency of teaching personnel, infrastructural access, the adaptation of global standards, applied research, and quality management.

Madhya Pradesh and Higher Education via Open and Distance Learning

Madhya Pradesh is a state in central India. It holds the fifth largest population in the second largest geographic area. Bhopal, the city of lake, is the administrative headquarter of the state.

As per Census 2011, 72.21% of the population is residing in rural geography. Scheduled castes and scheduled tribes collectively made about 36% of the state's population, where scheduled tribes occupy a significant proportion (21.1%) and mostly dwell in rural and tribal regions. Because of linguistic, cultural, and geographical diversity, most tribes are disconnected from mainstream development in the state. Agriculture and its allied jobs are primary sources of earnings to a large part of the rural and tribal population. With this backdrop, providing equal access to education and adequate teaching aids has been a significant concern to policymakers, educational institutions, and educationists. In higher education, it becomes more challenging to offer the most relevant and need-based higher education with greater

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