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## Radical Proposals for Banking Stability

There is a sense, especially in the world of academia, that the present framework of regulation may simply not be up to the job of ensuring banking stability. — *T T Ram Mohan*

## Future of People Living in Coastal Areas

12 India is one of the most vulnerable countries and suffers from the severity of climate crisis. People living along the shoreline are in jeopardy because of extreme weather events. Hence, an appropriate policy support is necessary to build climate resilience. — *Tuli Bakshi*

## An Effective Data Protection Regulator

17 One of the proposals of the revised Data Protection Bill is a data protection authority—a cross-sectoral regulator that will significantly influence the Indian regulatory landscape. Against the backdrop of these developments, the appropriate regulatory design is drawn out keeping in mind essential questions of India's existing regulatory capacity. — *Bilal Mohamed*

## Sustainable Development Goals: A Road Map for the North-eastern States

22 The article notes that the north-eastern states have taken many initiatives to implement and localise the Sustainable Development Goals. But achieving the targets requires a multipronged approach, concerted and coordinated efforts, and focus on sectors where the region has inherent advantages. — *Inderjit Singh*

## The NEP 2020 and Future of Masters Programmes in Management Education

29 The higher education institutions offering degree or postgraduate diploma in management programmes are segmented into three tiers. The daunting questions and scaling of the mid-tier institutions are the focus of this critical article. — *Sai Sailaja Bharatam, K Narendranath Menon*

## The Edtech Leviathan

36 Examining the implications of the tie-up between Google and WU's, in the context of the commercialisation of education and the increasing concentration of power with monopolistic corporations, it is argued that private platforms in the unregulated edtech sector are incentivised to prioritise growth above all else, and their programmes are sharply opposed to the socially transformative aims of education. — *Gurumurthy Kasinathan, Amshuman Dasarathy*

## Surviving Debt and Survival Debt in Times of Lockdown

41 What are the consequences of the COVID-19 lockdown on household debt? Drawing on the quantitative and qualitative data collected in rural Tamil Nadu, this paper highlights the massive risks of financial fragility. — *Isabelle Guérin, Sébastien Michiels, Arnaud Natal, Christophe Jullil Nordman & Govindan Venkatasubramanian*

## Fiscal Transfers for Forest Cover

50 The national government has paid an annual forest grant to the states since 2005. Here, a model is constructed to show why it has not prevented a decline in cover in highly forested states over 2007–2019, while a rise is seen in states with low initial cover. — *Indira Rajaraman, Manish Gupta*

## Impact of National Lockdown on Rural Household's Income

58 The unprecedented shutdown of economic activities led to a colossal loss of livelihoods. To understand the impact of this national lockdown on rural households' income, this paper empirically examines the determinants of reduction in their income and the effectiveness of the government's response in mitigating their economic hardships. — *Vinay K Sonkar, Seema Bathia & Anjani Kumar*

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## Should We Abolish the Minimum Wage? A Response

While heated debates persist in developed countries regarding the continuation of the minimum wage laws, they still remain popular around the world. Unemployment concerns around the minimum wage fade away when the monopsony nature of the labour market is taken into consideration. — *Dhruv Goel*

## The (Repealed) Union Contract Farming Act, 2020

13 The rationale and the implications of the now repealed Union Contract Farming Act of 2020 for farmers are the focus of this article. — *Sukhpal Singh*

## Hub-and-spoke Cartels

17 The current approach adopted by the judicial bodies in dealing with hub-and-spoke conspiracies is evaluated and compared with the development of the jurisprudence in foreign jurisdictions. — *Eshan Mohapatra*

## The Second Wave of COVID-19 and Beyond: Rural Healthcare

21 Sustainable long- and short-term measures are suggested to efficiently develop strategies to control the pandemic and strengthen the health system in rural India. — *Sigamani Panneer, Lekha D Bhat, Louis Rice & Komali Kantamaneni*

## Need for a Comprehensive Monitoring Framework of Indian Forests

25 A comprehensive indicator-based monitoring framework from a multidimensional perspective to unlock the full potential of the Indian forestry sector is argued for. — *Aaheli Chaki, Bhaskar Sinha, Jigyasa Bisaria & Pankaj Srivastava*

## Missing Children in India: Prevalence and Contexts

28 This article affirms the need for contextualising the issue of missing children within the larger discourse of child vulnerability, marginalisation, and child protection. — *Mohua Nigudkar*

## Loss of Job, Work, and Income in the Time of COVID-19

37 The counter-intuitive nature of the results of the Periodic Labour Force Survey 2019-20 is unravelled by arguing that in a situation of exogenous shock, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, the poor and vulnerable working people will be forced to engage in some kind of economic activity for sustaining their livelihood during a year, if not instantly. — *K P Kannan, Mohd Imran Khan*

## Governing Sacred Groves

42 Based on extensive fieldwork in Jharkhand, this paper argues that sacred groves have evolved to be dynamic spaces of multilevel institutional interactions and contestations. Their conservation is contingent on the intersectional dynamics of indigenous, state, and institutional processes. — *Mukul Sharma*

## Portability in the Public Distribution System

50 To address the issue of monopolistic inefficiency in the public distribution system, several state governments in India have started implementing a novel intervention called portability. This intervention offers beneficiaries the choice of when and where they can avail of their food entitlements while the government controls what and how much. — *Maya Ganesh, Rakesh Allu, Sarang Deo & Sripad Devalkar*

## Agricultural Transformation or Compromising Food Security

58 A response to the paper "Water and Agricultural Transformation in India: A Symbiotic Relationship—II" by Mihir Shah, P S Vijayshankar, and Francesca Harris (*EPW*, 17 July 2021) argues that the solutions proposed in the paper will not revolutionise India's agriculture sector. — *Chris J Perry, M Dinesh Kumar*

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63 *Bijaya Biswal* on how book clubs are spaces where the privileged sometimes come to feel less guilty about their power; *Lina Bose* on the lightmen of Chandannagar being the custodians of a dying, neglected heritage; a poem by *Aswin Vijayan*; and Last Lines by *Ponnappa*.

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## The Renewed Fear of Bad Debt

The evidence of a decline in the non-performing assets ratio in India's banking system points to a significant improvement in the health of banks, which may have occurred partly through the use of write-offs that erode the capital base of banks and also because of the time-bound moratorium on debt repayments. — *C P Chandrasekhar*

## Anti-conversion Legislation in Karnataka

12 The recent Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021, passed in the Karnataka legislative assembly, which claims to combat conversion, is a diabolical move by the government. — *Cynthia Stephen*

## The National Disaster Management Plan, 2019

16 This article reflects on the disaster resilience responsibility framework within the National Disaster Management Plan, 2019. — *Anshu Ogra*

## A Mental Health Epidemic?

19 Questions are raised about an approach towards psychiatric epidemiology, which directly imports models in medicine to count disorders of the mind to produce staggering evidence to the effect that 11% of Indians suffer from mental disorders. — *Sudarshan R Kottai, Shubha Ranganathan*

## Federal Elections in Germany: The Merkel Era Is Over

25 The Social Democratic Party, the Greens, and the liberal Freedom Democratic Party—who form the new German government—might discontinue a political cycle that has lasted for almost four decades. — *Richard Detje*

## Citizens' Commission on Elections' Report on EVMs and VVPAT

35 Based on the first volume of the Citizens' Commission on Elections report, an analysis of the Electronic Voting Machine and the Voter-verified Paper Audit Trail system is presented. — *Madan Lokur, Wajahat Habibullah, Hariparanthaman, Arun Kumar, Subhashis Banerjee, Pamela Philipose, John Dayal, Sundar Burra & M G Devasahayam*

## Representation of Haryana in Two Bollywood Films

42 This paper analyses *Gurgaon* (2015) and *NH10* (2015) in the context of present-day Haryana to show how they succeed in highlighting the transitional phase and travails of this state. — *Prem Chowdhry*

## Sex Ratio at Birth in Urban India

48 An exploration of the trends and patterns of sex ratio at birth in urban India and the processes behind son preference suggests a systematic worsening of the sex ratio with increasing urban district size classes. — *Debolina Kundu, Rakesh Mishra, Arvind Pandey & Devender Singh*

## Shifting Welfare Image under DAY-NRLM in Assam

56 This paper aims to objectively understand the potential and role of DAY-NRLM in ensuring women's livelihood security in the neo-liberal context. The empirical study is conducted in Biswanath district of Assam. — *Jayanta Krishna Sarmah, Parimita Bhuyan*

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## Appointing High Court Judges—I

- 10 An examination of how quickly the union government proceeds to make appointments of high court judges after the collegium's recommendation — *Alok Prasanna Kumar*

## Mainstreaming Urban Resilience in India

- 12 Disaster management in India has district as the basic unit, while city as a complex system requires different strategies. The city civic authorities need to explore mechanisms to increase their resource allocations for disaster management. — *K Lenin Babu, Moho Chaturvedi*

## The Women in CBOs

- 15 This article is an examination of the various ways in which the community-based organisations in Kerala extended their support in the fight against the pandemic. — *Parvathy V K, Jyothi Kumar*

## COVID-19 and Fiscal–Monetary Policy Coordination

- 18 Against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, the economic stimulus packages announced by the national government are analysed, and an attempt is made to identify the plausible fiscal and monetary policy coordination. — *Lekha Chakraborty, Harikrishnan S*

## Queerphobia over Social Media in India

- 22 Any attempt at legislation towards addressing queerphobia on social media has not been successful, and hence, there is a need for a new suitable framework. — *Snehl Kunwar Singh*

## Interstate Border Disputes in North East India

- 26 The article tries to understand the root cause of the conflict between Assam and Mizoram and proceeds to point out the stands of the respective governments on the border dispute. — *Jayanta Krishna Sarmah, Parimita Bhuyan*

## Discourses around Stigma and Denial in the COVID-19 Pandemic

- 34 Based on a field study in three districts of Tamil Nadu between the two waves of the pandemic, this article explores the nature of stigma and denial around the pandemic and their consequence for health-seeking behaviour and access to healthcare. — *S Krithi, Kalpana Karunakaran, J Jeyalydia, R Parthesarathy & T Sundararaman*

## Migration, Skilling, and Employment in Bengaluru's New Service Economy

- 40 Against the backdrop of the Skill India policy, the research summarised in this paper focused on skill development centres in Bengaluru and Raichur districts of Karnataka that mobilise rural youth to undergo training and facilitate their entry into the lower rungs of the new service economy. — *Carol Upadhyay, Supriya Roy Chowdhury*

## Income and Livelihood Promotion through Individual Assets under MGNREGA

- 47 The potentialities of individual assets, created under category a of Schedule I of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, for enhancing the income of rural households and the increasing productivity of land and agriculture are examined. — *Ashok Pankaj, Mondira Bhattacharya*

## Export Performance and India's Tryst with Self-reliance in the Globalised World

- 55 This paper highlights the need to demystify the concept of self-reliance and argues that any path towards it would require creating new productive capabilities — *Aradhna Aggarwal*

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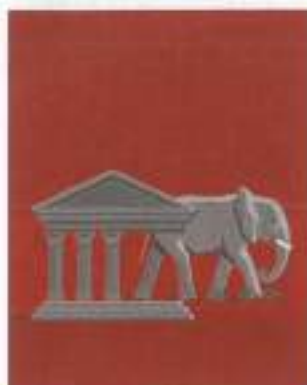
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