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Iron Ore Mines in Jharkhand

10 This article reviews the contract labour system as maintained in an iron ore mine in Jharkhand. — Johnson A Minz, Amit K Biswas & Rohit Toppo

Chilean Elections of 2021

13 The voting of Gabriel Boric to power marks the end of the traditional alternation of power between the centre-right and the centre-left in Chile since the return to democracy in the 1990s. — Alexis Castillo, Ranjeeva Ranjan

Durable Growth Revival

16 The unevenness in growth recovery is hurting the consumption of low-income households and private investments, which are vital for sustained or durable growth. — M Suresh Babu

Policy Landscape for Diet Diversity in India

The relative lack of diet diversity in India has resulted in an increased burden of malnutrition along with rising micronutrient deficiency. There is an urgent need to shift food systems and policies for a healthier and nutrient-adequate diet. — Ravneet Kaur, Priscilla C Ngaihte & Antony K R.

Ukraine: The Anatomy of a Crisis

27 The decisive role of the continuous expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the hegemonic designs of the United States in precipitating the Ukraine crisis is analysed. A possible road to dialogue and peace is outlined in the face of intensifying escalation. — Jawahar Bhagwat

Land Pooling Policy in Delhi

34 An unprecedented large-scale land pooling policy has been enacted in Delhi to facilitate planning and development by making landowners partners in development. Although the policy proposes a paradigm shift in its approach by empowering the private sector and landowners, rigidity in land use distribution and development control regulations at the sector level make its implementation difficult. — Rima Mondal

Food Insecurity in Rural Eastern India

43 Using comprehensive telephone survey data from 2,599 households, this paper estimates the status of food insecurity by relying on the food insecurity experience scale in rural households in eastern India. The results indicate that households belonging to the lower social strata with less land and fewer years of education are more likely to suffer from food insecurity.
— Anjani Kumar, Vinay K Sonkar & Aditya K S

Quantification of Services Trade Restrictions

49 This study attempts to build on the services trade restrictiveness index of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development by proposing an alternative that makes the OECD data more amenable to policy purposes. — Manoj Pant, Sugandha Huria

Extreme Flooding Events and Land Cover Change

58 This discussion is a response to Aniket Navalkar's article "Extreme Flooding Events and Land Cover Change: An Empirical Assessment of Western India" (EPW, 16 October 2021). — P NA Vaishnavi, M Dinesh Kumar

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63 Sanskruti Yagnik on forced vaccination during a pandemic; Rajlakshmi Kanjilal and P P Vijayalakshmi on lessons in animal activism from Isle of Dogs; Nabeela Siddiqui's poem "Don't"; and Last Lines by Ponnappa.

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Privileging Shareholders over Policyholders

10 There are serious apprehensions that post 100, the LIC would have to change its very business model. The neglect of the rural businesses will hurt the interests of the lower-middle and poorer sections who look at LIC policies as an instrument of social security. — Amanulla Khan

Sustaining the Blue Economy

13 Subsidies provided for commercial fishing activities directly contribute to overfishing and decline in fish stocks, threatening to affect the food security and livelihood of millions in coastal areas. This article analyses the most recent text tabled at the World Trade Organization on the disciplines related to fisheries subsidies. — James J Nedumpara, Sunanda Tewari

Pandora Papers and Illicit Financial Flows

16 This article highlights that India is a net recipient of illicit flows, whose actual scale would be higher if commodity-level trade data is used in estimating trade misinvoicing. — Praveen Tiwari, Javaid Akhter & Saumen Chattopadhyay

Bailout Barometer for State-owned Banks

21 Using the disaggregated data covering 2007-20, the study estimates the bailout barometer for state-owned banks in India. The findings show that the magnitude of the bailout barometer, in 2020, was \$400 billion or around 18% of the total liabilities at the upper end of the scale. — Saibal Ghosh

Performance of Indian Information Technology Sector

25 In this age of computers, the development and advancement of the information technology sector in a developing economy can push a developing economy into the developed countries category. The present study found that the IT sector of India has experienced boom and prosperity during the first decade of this century. — Inderjit Singh, Nirvair Singh

Critical Importance of Cooperative Federalism

34 In addition to the three-pillar framework suggested by the Fifteenth Finance Commission, the study suggests four constituents, namely the finance commission, NITI Aayog, goods and services tax, and de facto decentralisation, which will help strengthen the "cooperative" element in Indian federalism. — Abhay Pethe, Mala Lalvani

Household Consumption Expenditure Inequality

40 The comparative role of the determinants of household-level consumption expenditure inequalities in rural India between two sub-periods, 1994–2005 and 2005–12 is examined, using the three rounds of the National Sample Survey Consumer Expenditure Survey. — Balu Pawde, Tara Shankar Shaw & Pushpa L Trivedi

Poverty and Deprivation in India

50 Building on the asset-based indicator, this paper estimates deprivation in India. The results suggest that there is a difference in the regional ranking of poverty based on the long-term picture of vulnerability provided by the asset-based indicator of deprivation. — Debosree Banerjee

Entrepreneurship at the Grassroots

57 Taking the view that the official practice of clubbing medium, small, and microenterprises in one category is not sound, this study points out that these categories are substantially different from each other in terms of size, structure, resources, and business perspectives. — Asit Banerji

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Seeking India's Global Normative Power

10 Through a reading of the United Nations Security Council resolutions 2593 and 2615 and India's call on Ukraine, it is argued that rising powers like India need to be more attentive to the politics of strategic autonomy. — Shweta Singh

Ukraine and the Weaponisation of Everything

13 Unless the world ends the war in Ukraine today, we are all losing.
— T Sabri Öncü

Mapping the Morphology of Liquor Ban in Bihar

16 This article seeks to analyse how Bihar's prohibition policy is oscillating between hypocrisy and moralism, and how the act of banning alcohol is turning out to be a big failure, legally and socially, because of the rising consumption of illicit liquor. — Ravi Ranjan, Ankit K Singh

The Hijab Issue and Muslim Women's Movement

21 Instead of diverting the energy to the sectarian agenda of enforcing a dress code and perpetuating marginalisation, Muslim women's movement should uphold the "Shaheen Bagh spirit" of constitutional values and unitedly fighting for rights and equality. — Razia Patel

The Political Economy of Plant Biotechnology

29 This article examines the importance of farmers in the political economy of genetically modified crop approvals in India. The evidence shows that while the farmers may not be important in shaping policy, they do have the clout to defeat it. — Bharat Ramaswami, Milind Murugkar, N Lalitha & Carl E Pray

Price or Income Support to Farmers

37 The present study explores the scalability and feasibility of some of the major union government programmes, such as the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan, the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, and other possible methods of direct payments, by analysing their fiscal costs and physical storage requirements. — C S C Sekhar

Environmental Impact Assessment in India

45 One of the most contentious changes proposed in the draft environmental impact assessment notification, 2020 in India is the circumvention of public consultations for the expansion of projects for up to 50% of their original capacity. The minutes of the meetings of the coal mining expert appraisal committee between August 2017 and January 2021, which reviewed the requests for coal mine expansion, are analysed. — Sneha Thapliyal, Meenakshi Kapoor & Krithika Dinesh

Tracing the Transformations in Delhi's Taxi Industry

54 Studying Delhi's radio taxi industry, this paper traces the transitional process of traditional taxi services in the capital to radio taxi services and finally to the current app-based taxi aggregators. The radio taxi companies ruptured old kinship ties and informal relations with a combination of technology, surveillance, and finance, as process app-based taxi aggregators have further refined. — Mithilesh Kumar

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63 Abu Mounir on little magazines in Bengal and counterculture movements; Rajeev Anand Kushwah on centring care in ethnographic research during the pandemic; Basudhara Roy's poem "Aid to Forgetting"; and Last Lines by Ponnappa.

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13 The realisation of the proposed fiscal consolidation strategy, revenue target, and expenditure allocation priorities would depend on the way the economy navigates covin-19 and the war-induced macroeconomic uncertainties as they unfold. - Pinaki Chakraborty

Debt, Deficit, and Fiscal Risks of the Union Budget for 2022–23

This article focuses on the fiscal stance of the budget in terms of debt and deficit in 2021-22 and 2022-23. - Ashok K Lahiri

The Union Budget and the Central Bank Digital Currency

23 This article looks at the possible technological and legal implications of the CBDC in light of other country's experiences. - Partha Ray, Debashis Saha

The Future of Fiscal Consolidation in India

29 The future of fiscal consolidation in India under alternative assumptions, keeping in mind both the growth and fiscal consolidation objectives, is the core focus of this article. - DK Srivastava

Growth Impetus, Fiscal Dominance and Macroeconomic Concerns

Interest-free loan to the states seems to be a strategy to ensure binding control over their borrowings for the next 50 years. - M Govinda Rao

The Budget Bets on Capital Expenditure

40 This article looks at how the massive increase in capex is planned along with continuing fiscal consolidation in the context of the budget strategy. Sudipto Mundle, Ajaya Sahu

Fiscal-Monetary Interface and Green Bonds

The Union Budget 2022-23 has accommodated high fiscal deficits and has emphasised on "crowding-in" effects of public infrastructure investment along with sustainable fiscal and monetary policy coordination. - Lekha Chakraborty

Macroeconomic Challenges and the Social Sector

In light of macroeconomic challenges, the article takes a closer look at expenditure allocations within the six-pillar framework outlined in the 2021-22 budget. - Mala Lalvani, Ajit Karnik

Far-right Illiberalism on the Rise

64 The far-right populism racialises a lot of problems even when race is not the answer. White supremacy is a far more dispersed and deeply ingrained ideology in Western society, which, over time, may appear harder to defeat. Dipankar Chatterji

Gandhi's Moral Agents

A conception of moral agency is needed to anchor the moral concepts invoked by M K Gandhi. Gandhi's detached moral agent is guided by moral truth to both act as an exemplar and overcome alienation. - Nirmalangshu Mukherji, Samiksha Goyal

Elderly Living Arrangements: Insights from North East India

77 This study observes extreme dissimilarity in the pattern of the elderly living arrangements for the north-eastern states based on the 60th round (2004-05) of the National Sample Survey Office. - Shrabanti Maity, Anup Sinha & Sajal Nag

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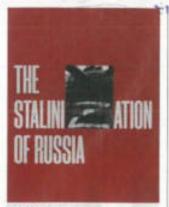
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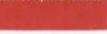
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Changing Dynamism of Business Education

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With the adoption of outcome based new education policy of 5+3+3+4 in the country, focusing on the techniques of experiential learning by performing the creative activities for generating knowledge and its application experiments from the early age onward with need based orientation within the parameters of recent initiatives regarding start ups, make in India, skill development, entrepreneurship, inbuilt innovative exercises, self employment along with enough flexibility for exit and entry to the academic programmes of higher education that too within cafeteria approach, the nature and scope of business education is bound to be regularly reviewed and updated for maintaining its relevance to the current challenges of Digital Bharat, Swachh Bharat, Swstha Bharat, Atmnirbhar Bharat of locally significant global perspectives. Accordingly both ongoing conventional and professional courses of business education have to undergo tremendous structural changes of far reaching significance to make them much more useful to the vibrant job markets of visible dynamism vis-à-vis entrepreneurship needs as warranted. The most of the popular highly professional courses, relevant to corporate administrative and financial affairs, being run by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Institute of Costs and Works Accountants of India and Institute of Company Secretaries of India, are being always taken care of appropriately as per feedback from various stakeholders by the respective statutory national regulating bodies. Similarly, the MBA programme is under the control and supervision of three agencies including AICTE, UGC and respective Universities/Autonomous Institutes. However, majority of the conventional and ever green star courses, which predominantly constitute the core of business education catering to the needs of about 40% of total students of higher education in the country like MA (Eco), M Com, B Com, BBA, BA (Eco), etc. are under the dual control and supervision of UGC and respective Universities/Autonomous Institutions. Here regulating procedures, processes and practices in connection with needed updates of these courses in both UGC and respective educational institutions are widely carried on through their various internal statutory bodies, as per prescribed periodical review exercise, comprising mainly experts drawn as per objectively laid down norms from the various academic institutions of the country visà-vis industry and government agencies.

Thus, this paper, being an outgrowth of on-the-job lifelong experience of teaching and research, confines to restructuring the courses of business education with need based contents wherein aforesaid subject experts i.e. faculty members in higher education institutions including both Colleges and Universities have major

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Outcome Based Education : Time to Restructure the Curriculum in Higher Education

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It is since three decades the concept of Outcome Based Education (OBE) was proposed by William G Spady (1988), an Educational Psychologist. He defined it as Outcome Based Education means focusing and organizing school's entire programs and instructional efforts around clearly defined outcomes we want all students to demonstrate when they leave school. One can figure out two crucial aspects from the definition; explicitly set out goals to which students stand up to prove and illustrate on completion of the educational program. Another definition by Tucker (2004), reads as OBE is a process that involves the restructuring of curriculum, assessment and reporting practices in education to reflect the achievement of high order learning and mastery rather than the accumulation of course credits. Even in the preceding definition, emphasis is more on a conscious effort to altering the curriculum to suit the goal of accomplishing elevated level of skill and knowledge rather than merely aiming to procure marks/ grades/credits. No doubt, marks and credits are necessary condition to fulfill the requirements, but sufficient condition is to succeed in gaining command over knowledge, skills and attitudes.

Conceptual Clarification

There are a few concepts, which are the components of OBE, need certain description before moving on to narrate the characteristics, and criticisms. Concepts like student-centric, teacher- centric, program outcome, program-specific outcome, learning outcome, course outcome, have to be put in perspective for better application of the same. The OBE is, fundamentally a student- centric learning model. This means teachers formulate the content that is curriculum, to devise the method of teaching, knowledge delivery and finally assessment, keeping firmly in mind the end point. Students, the main stakeholders are at the center stage. Corollary to this is learning outcomes; what is expected of a student in this context is to be able to know, understand and do. A possible interpretation could merely know the subject may be insufficient but a follow up of comprehension with a mental grasp would help doing something to either solve a problem or overcome a hurdle.

Before moving on to programme outcome and course outcome, it is important to know the meaning of outcome in the context of OBE. According to Spady G W, outcomes denote learning results from students to demonstrate at the end of the learning process.

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