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In the context of the Hema Committee report, two articles look at the cultures of silence prevailing in the industry, the normalisation of gendered violence, women's disadvantages with regard to labour, and institutionalised networks of male dominance. [pages 20 and 35](#)

K N Raj's Contributions

An appreciation of Raj's humanist vision, approach to theory, empirics, and policy, and focus on institutional contexts can contribute to recovering these aspects that have lost their salience in contemporary mainstream economics. [page 40](#)

The Caste Census in Bihar

While the 2023 caste census data confirms the presence of significant inequalities across castes within any social category, it also suggests that religion plays an important part in contributing to the inequality within administrative categories. [page 48](#)

Assembly Elections in J&K

What has added to the weight of JKNC is that it has emerged as the only party which has an effective presence in both Jammu and Kashmir regions. [page 16](#)

Climate Negotiations

The finance that carbon credits are expected to generate for developing countries to pursue their mitigation and adaptation agendas, as incorporated in their NDCs, may not materialise. [page 10](#)

COP29: Choosing Low-hanging Fruits Unfit for Purpose

- 10 In a surprise first-day declaration at COP29, a “deal” on the institution of carbon markets with clear rules for ensuring the assessment of claims and integrity of data was announced. — *C P Chandrasekhar*

Excavating the ‘Minority Character’ of an Institution

- 13 The Supreme Court in *Aligarh Muslim University v Naresh Agarwal* (2024) has not yet decisively affirmed the status of Aligarh Muslim University. — *Alok Prasanna Kumar*

The 2024 Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir

- 16 Besides providing an opportunity for different political parties to test their ground, the assembly elections held after a gap of 10 years were important for the people of the state. — *Rekha Chowdhary*

The Macho and the Malayalam Film Industry

- 20 Ideas of normalisation and practices of power sabotage the democratic requirements of the Malayalam film industry that even the Hema Committee report as a social document is not free from. — *Lakshmi Priya N*

Beyond the Medal

- 23 The article explores the challenges faced by disability researchers in India, where issues of survival and poverty overshadow debates about identity and inclusion, as seen in Western contexts. — *Amitabh Vikram Dwivedi*

Disparity in Asset Holdings of the Household Sector

- 26 The definition of household adopted by the National Sample Survey does not always serve the intended purpose, prompting an examination of its suitability for estimating the distribution of rural and urban household assets. — *Dipankar Mitra, Alope Kar*

Women in Cinema and the Patriarchal Deep State

- 35 In light of the recent release of the Hema Committee report, this article analyses women’s continuous disadvantages with regard to labour, exploitation, and workplace conditions within the cinema industry and its institutionalised networks of male dominance. — *Meena T Pillai*

The Scholarship of K N Raj

- 40 This paper revisits Raj’s approach to scholarship. The primary focus is not to address the content of his key arguments and findings or to evaluate whether they have stood the test of time. Rather, the purpose is to revisit Raj’s approach to learn what it might offer us today. — *Suraj Jacob*

Caste and Socio-economic Inequality in Bihar

- 48 The absence of caste-level data has been a pressing issue in India, with the long-standing demand for a caste census emerging as a major political point in the 2024 general elections. This paper aims to provide an overview of the insights gained from the Bihar caste census and its implications for understanding caste and tribe inequality. — *Christophe Z Guilmoto, Himanshu*

Why Do Farmers Leave Nutri-cereal Crops?

- 60 In recent years, the government has been trying to popularise nutri-cereal crops through various policy measures. However, data reveals that farmers have not reaped any appreciable profit in terms of cost c2 in any of these crops. — *A Narayanamoorthy, K S Sujitha & R Suresh*

Postscript

- 70 *Geethu Thomas* on elderly intimacy in Malayalam cinema; *Shashank Pandey* on deconstructing benevolent ableism through *Srikanth*; *Anannya Dasgupta*’s poem “Daughters like me”; and Last Lines by *Ponnappa*.

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