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Framings of the ideational and ritual life of caste often tend to assume a cultural and religious singularity while underplaying its embeddedness in material processes as a relational structure. **page 48**

Urban Informality

Reducing urban marginality unveiled in the aftermath of the pandemic as a one-time operational problem resulting from a mere lack of "data" will be a gross misrecognition of the entire issue. **page 41**

Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act

The state is transforming into a "safari state" that is seemingly more concerned about the expansion of tourism in the country's highlands than the stability of the ecosystem and the rights of the marginalised. **page 10**

Unified Lending Interface

It is anticipated that ULI, like UPI for payments, will become a pillar of India's digital lending infrastructure as it develops and becomes widely adopted. **page 14**

Suma Chitnis (1933–2024)

Bringing an intellectually inspiring perspective to bear on educational issues, Chitnis pioneered sociological studies of educational inequality and played a key role in establishing women's studies. **page 32**

'Eminent' versus 'Illegible'

- 10 The Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act, 2023 contradicts the fundamental principles of earlier legislation and emboldens the state's eminent domain, reverting the progress of social movements. — *Rama Naga*

Unified Lending Interface: A Game Changer?

- 14 The recent launch of the Unified Lending Interface by the Reserve Bank of India is an important step towards the further development of digital public infrastructure. — *Deepankar Roy, Partha Ray*

Beyond the Guaranteed Minimum Support Price

- 17 The issue of a legal minimum support price guarantee has divided not only political parties and governments but also the large community of farm experts, economists and commentators. — *P Alli*

How Will Banks Recognise a Significant Increase in Credit Risk?

- 22 One of the most innovative components of the Reserve Bank of India's proposed expected credit loss provisioning framework for commercial banks is the concept of a significant increase in credit risk. — *Arindam Bandyopadhyay*

Assessing India's Production-linked Incentives

- 26 The production-linked incentive scheme has emerged as a cornerstone of India's industrial policy. However, the scheme has many design and structural flaws and missing links. — *Surender Singh, Bibek Ray Chaudhuri*

Suma Chitnis (1933–2024)

- 32 With the passing of renowned sociologist Suma Chitnis, the country lost another academic who belonged to that early distinguished category of social scientists. — *Padma Velaskar*

A Reflection on Urban Informality

- 41 Delhi's e-coupon relief programme saw the state come face-to-face with unaddressed forms of vulnerability in the urban informal economy. The article attempts to reflect on this administrative experience of the existing state systems and policy apparatus to draw possible insights for policy considerations in the present urban context. — *Hari Raghunath*

On the Futures of Caste

- 48 Caste persists, often manifesting with much greater vigour, even in modern urban contexts. The paper attempts to examine the futures of caste, arguing for a revisiting of its mainstream framings, both popular and academic, that remain "trapped" in a moral language while uncritically accepting the colonial and Orientalist imaginations that treat caste as an exceptional institution, unique to the Hindus of India. — *Surinder S Jodhka*

Applying OECD Policy Evaluation Criteria

- 58 The intergovernmental fiscal transfers and state-specific targeted programmes for children in need of care and protection and children in conflict of law are evaluated using the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development criteria. Using the theory of change, various fiscal interventions for child protection are analysed with activities, outputs, intended outcomes and impacts. — *Lekha Chakraborty, Amandeep Kaur, Jitesh Yadav & Balamuraly B*

Growth Slowdown in West Bengal

- 66 A political economy explanation of the growth trend post-2011 in West Bengal is provided based on a framework to understand the impact of corruption on economic growth. The difference-in-difference analysis shows that the economic growth rate has significantly declined post-2011, and has remained lower than the nation as a whole and significantly below other major Indian states. — *Debajit Jha, Jagadish Prasad Sahu & Parinita Singh*

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