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**CURRENT STATISTICS****Digital Data Protection Board**

In the draft Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, the board is nowhere close to being a robustly independent body sufficiently empowered to address the violation of the rights of the citizen. [page 10](#)

**Credit and Resilient Agriculture**

Given the emerging challenge of climate change to agriculture, adaptation and mitigation should comprise an integral component of financial and credit planning for agriculture in India. [page 36](#)

**Free Movement Regime**

Beyond ethnic belongingness across borders, the issue of scraping the FMR and fencing the India–Myanmar border has serious implications for the livelihoods of the communities and also concerning the attachment to their cultivable land. [page 20](#)

**Mitigation and Displacement**

With its increased global demand in renewable energy, several multinational firms are now engaged in lithium extraction and are encroaching on community land in rural Zimbabwe. [page 16](#)

**Child Budget**

In the context of the projected decline in the child population across all ages, the introduction of new budgetary initiatives to insulate the reduction in the size of the child budget is a policy imperative. [page 52](#)



**Persisting Questions of Constitutionality**

10 The draft Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025 does not provide adequate clarity on how the DPDP board, which is responsible for the implementation of the act, is supposed to work. — *Alok Prasanna Kumar*

**Climate Justice in the ICJ**

13 The advisory opinion will be shaped by the relief that the states seek. Under what circumstances wrongfulness arises is the substantial question of law India should focus on. — *Mukul Sanwal*

**Dispossession in the Name of Climate Change?**

16 Invoking the notion of climate change politics as advanced by Borrás and Franco, its impact in shaping mobilities and displacement is analysed. — *George T Mudimu, Fadzai Chipato*

**Free Movement Regime and Ethnic Belonging**

19 Ethnicity as a primordial identity has the potential to disengage with political identity created by territorial states. However, the end result depends on the negotiating capacity of the state. — *V Bijukumar*

**Improving Yield Efficiency**

28 Farmers in regions with eruptive climate conditions are adopting pre-monsoon dry sowing as an eco-friendly and sustainable farming approach. Using primary survey data, the adoption rate, costs, benefits, technical efficiency, and recommendations for scaling up are examined. — *Brajaraja Mishra*

**Effects of Farm Credit on Productivity**

36 Using household-level data from the recent nationally representative farm survey in India, the impact of farm credit on productivity and risk in agriculture is assessed. The results show that credit boosts productivity by 24% and reduces downside risk by 16%. — *Pratap S Birthal, Jaweriah Hazrana, Devesh Roy & K J S Satyasai*

**Extraction and Development in Bastar**

45 The neo-liberal political economy of natural resource extraction in Bastar undermines the long-standing relationships of local Adivasi communities with nature and makes them further marginalised. — *Janmejaya Mishra, Shashank Deora*

**Child Budget through Age Lens**

52 Computational methods are developed to analyse age distribution patterns for child budgets, with a case study of Karnataka. Remarkable variations in the allocation are observed by different age groups and child-centric programmes/non-programmes. — *M R Narayana*

**Industrial Concentration in India**

60 This paper investigates industrial concentration in India using the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index at different levels of the National Industrial Classification using income, assets and the sum of assets and income. Differences across industries are observed based on levels of aggregation and variables used. — *Gaurav S Ghosh, Subhashish Gupta*

**National Family Health Surveys**

69 A response to Irudaya Rajan and Sunil Rajpal's paper (*EPW*, 31 August 2024), the discussion critically reviews the quality of National Family Health Surveys and raises notable concerns. — *Pooja Arora, Somnath Jana & Laxmi Kant Dwivedi*

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