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Law against Love

Along with the coercion from families and communities, policing, stringent legal procedures for marriage registration, and bureaucratic hurdles dissuade couples from seeking legal recourse, particularly in the cases of inter-caste and interfaith love/marriages. **page 63**

Trump's Gaza Plan

Donald Trump's plan for Gaza that amounts to ethnic cleansing of two million Palestinians not only violates multiple international and humanitarian laws but is also morally repugnant. **page 10**

Broiler Contracting

Collectivisation of small growers through cooperatives/producer company mechanisms is needed in Punjab to negotiate with the contracting agency in terms of prices and the effective regulation of contract farming. **page 48**

Data on Caste Violence

Combined analysis of the NCRB and NSS datasets shows that the occurrence of caste crimes is spatially dependent and increases as the socio-economic gap between Dalits and upper castes decreases. **page 70**

Centralised Piped Water Supply

It is imperative for decision makers to go beyond the model of CPWS and explore other context-specific, non-networked strategies for service delivery to ensure universal access to safe water. **page 55**

The Trump Plan for Ethnic Cleansing of Gaza

- 10 Trump's plan fits with Benjamin Netanyahu's cartographic desires of more land and a greater Israel, a demand he has been reiterating, including in the United Nations. — *Anuradha Chenoy*

Lost in Spontaneity

- 12 The decline in popular resistance in Assam between the passing of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and its implementation is analysed in the context of Hindutva identity politics and economic populism. — *Mridugunjan Deka*

Water Management and Development

- 15 This article examines opportunities and challenges in water management systems in the context of socio-economic development discourse and Sustainable Development Goals. — *L S Sridhar, D Raja Jebasingh*

Caste Diversity in Corporate Boards

- 20 Board diversity is calculated using a Blau Index based on caste affiliation, and the findings reveal a positive relationship between caste-based board diversity and corporate social values. — *Ajit Dayanandan, Han Donker & Sayantani Mukherjee*

Seeds of Change

- 24 To harness India's demographic dividend, local development think tanks and agricultural hubs should be created to integrate innovative practices and technologies. — *A M Jose, Jos Chathukulam*

Multidimensional Poverty Disparities

- 31 The analysis of social group-based disparities in changes in India's multidimensional poverty index reveals a decrease in absolute levels of poverty headcount across all groups, but with growing disparities. — *Akarsh Arora, Md Zakaria Siddiqui*

Loss of an Alternative Vision of Urban Property

- 41 In the aftermath of the repeal of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, a number of dilemmas have arisen with regard to the exemptions granted under it for industrial purposes. The paper argues that what is unfolding today is the growing consolidation of a single homogeneous ideal of what owning land should mean. — *Priya Sangameswaran*

Broiler Contracting in Punjab

- 48 Though broiler contract farming in Punjab was inclusive, as growers were less resourceful, less literate and less experienced than their non-contract counterparts, value sharing with small growers did not happen. As a result, profitability from broiler rearing was lower in contract farming. — *Naresh Singla, Sukhpal Singh*

Serving a Pipe Dream

- 55 Centralised piped water supply is a key technology for supplying water in many Indian cities, including Kolkata and Chennai. A closer examination of water consumption patterns in these cities reveals that households across classes routinely access water from alternative sources, such as packaged drinking water and groundwater. — *Sachin Tiwale, Karthikeyan R & Kriti Batra*

Love Actually?

- 63 The complexities of abduction and seduction cases in the court illuminate the maleficent agenda of regressive societal norms and repressive state interventions on autonomy and agency. The paper attempts to apprehend the connection between seduction and abduction as a legal category. — *Swapnil Singh*

Quantitative Insights on Dalit Assertion

- 70 While qualitative analysis helps us understand the processes that lead to coordinated and systematic group violence against Dalits, the context-specific substantive findings may be strengthened and integrated using insights from recent quantitative studies. — *Simantini Mukhopadhyay, Pintu Kabiraj*

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