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Justice Chandru Committee Report

The committee's focus on educational institutions alone is insufficient as entrenched caste ideologies in social spaces cultivate caste pride and assertion among students and young adults, challenging efforts to curb the practice of caste in educational settings. **page 40**

Assault on Transgender Rights

Trump's executive orders exhibit a broader ideological project of reinforcing biological essentialism and risk setting a dangerous global precedent that encourages the erasure of diverse gender identities. **page 10**

Staving off Stagflation

Along with monetary measures to check inflation, there needs to be a greater emphasis on fiscal measures to ease supply-side pressures on inflation, and enhance income and employment prospects. **page 14**

Bangladesh and India

While India can support the churning and reforms in Bangladesh, it should intercede on behalf of or empower democratic secular forces, possibly including or excluding the Awami League. **page 22**

County Government in China

Though many counties have been converted into county-level cities and districts, rural governance again requires party intervention to maintain a balance between urbanisation and social welfare. **page 35**

Rewarding Remittances

- 7 The state must be adequately compensated for their foreign exchange earnings from remittances.

Chasing Ghosts and Imaginary Fears

- 8 Attempts to curb dissent through legislative and executive actions do not bode well for the future of democratic institutions.

Erasing Gender

- 10 Trump's executive orders systemically targeting the transgender community must be understood within the framework of anti-gender ideology and right-wing populism. — *Pallavi Pradhan*

Are We Heading towards Stagflation?

- 14 The article finds evidence of a credit-growth dichotomy, inflation surges and employment uncertainties in India. The trajectory of anticipated inflation is moving up and the question is whether we are standing on the brink of stagflation. — *Tasneem Chherawala, Smita Roy Trivedi*

Will Congestion Pricing Help Curb Traffic Jams?

- 18 The time has come for congestion taxes to be tested on a pilot basis in major Indian megacities, combined with the scaling up of public transport infrastructure. — *Alok Kumar Mishra, Pavan Kumar Thimmavajjala*

Sheikh Hasina's Ouster and India

- 22 India's preference for an ethnic nationalism domestically, when it seeks secular governments in the neighbourhood, is bound to limit its influence. — *Satyabrat Sinha*

Rural Urbanisation and County Government in China

- 35 The county government in China works not simply as a transmission belt of central government but has created new institutions at the local level to gain control over new income generation projects, used vast amounts of land under its administrative jurisdiction for urban infrastructure projects and made the county a new place for modern rural society with its aspiration to become urban. However, in this drive to become urban, the question of rural livelihood has generated a huge concern. — *Ritu Agarwal*

Caste Question in Southern Tamil Nadu

- 40 The recent one-man committee report by retired high court Justice K Chandru proposes a multifaceted approach to addressing caste issues in Tamil Nadu's educational institutions. While the report focuses on educational institutions, it overlooks these broader social spaces. This article examines how caste is embedded in students' "habitus" and the role of caste symbols and identifiers in southern Tamil Nadu. — *Deivendra Kumar A, Sree Govind Bharatvaraj*

Child Sex Ratio and Dowry-related Crime

- 48 India is among the front-line countries experiencing a declining female sex ratio over the years. Among several factors influencing the sex ratio, the widespread prevalence of dowry-related crimes may be perceived as a significant contributing factor to the lower preference for female children. This study aims to empirically examine the linkage between dowry deaths and the child sex ratio in India. It is based on secondary data covering three census periods, 1991 to 2011, across 24 Indian states. — *Sujoy Das, Manash Roy*

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