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# The Language Policy

Warring imaginaries in the language debate, which position themselves as homogeneous and self-defined, need critique, inviting a rethinking of the promise of radical equality and the question of experiential community. page 12

### Israeli Settler Colonialism

Popular discourse is veering away from the dominant narrative that reinforces Israeli perspectives on the conflict, with settler colonialism emerging as an alternative paradigm of explanation. page 32

# The Sino-US Technology War

Technological developments in China have challenged the US's absolute hegemony over AI, signalling the start of an intriguing technology war, akin to the space race of the 1960s. page 20

### **Exclusions from PM-JAY**

While the PM-JAY was launched to safeguard vulnerable households from catastrophic health expenses, it is found that lower-income households face double exclusion from enrolment in the programme and access to health services. page 55

# **Raising Farmers' Income**

Beyond a legal guarantee of MSP, raising farmers' income requires comprehensive measures across the agricultural production and marketing ecosystem. page 15

### The Economic Fallout of European Rearmament

With the Us President leaning towards Russia in dialogues about the Ukraine war and making clear that the Us will no longer foot the bill to ensure Europe's security, talk of "Russian expansionism" in Europe has become louder.
— C.P. Chandrasekhar

### Questions of Language, Education, and Caste

12 Amid ongoing debates on the language and education policies of the nation state, this article rethinks the promise of radical equality and the question of experiential community through schooling in the context of a warring world. — Dickens Leonard

### **Raising Farmers' Income**

A legal guarantee of agricultural prices at the minimum support price may address only the price risk and cannot assure farmers' incomes as the remaining risks still persist. — A Amarender Reddy, Tulsi Lingareddy

### The Beginning of a Sino-US Technology War

The race for supremacy in artificial intelligence has significant implications for global productivity and competitiveness and is akin to the space race of the 1960s. — Parthapratim Pal, Partha Ray

### **Increase in Market Price of Onion**

24 This article examines supply shortages and other factors driving price hikes in onion, despite its increased production, while proposing measures to stabilise prices using secondary data analysis. — P Alli

#### Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

32 The revision of Israeli democracy and the failure of dominant discourse within the Oslo framework to explain the recurrence of violence have steered the popular discussion away from the consensus that reinforces the Israeli perspective. — S S Tabraz

### **Trade Liberalisation and Manufacturing**

40 India's trade performance post-liberalisation is examined, focusing on export margins and competitiveness in the organised manufacturing sector. Significant growth in both exports and imports is observed. While India's extensive margin has been robust, intensive margins show limited improvement. — R Rijesh

### **Spatio-temporal Analysis of Dowry Crimes**

While the number of dowry deaths has remained almost stable, the incidents of violation of the Dowry Prohibition Act have increased gradually. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar emerge as the hotspots of dowry deaths in India. The high number of dowry cases pending in the courts also highlights the inefficiency of the judiciary. — Rambooshan Tiwari, Shubham Narayan Dixit

### Equity in Universal Health Coverage in Rural India

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana extends benefits based on various inclusion criteria. These inclusion criteria are evaluated using the equity lens for rural India. While PM-JAY was launched to safeguard vulnerable households, lower-income households are doubly excluded from enrolment in PM-JAY and healthcare access. — Dinesh Ahirwal, Anjali Dhengle

### Women in Grassroots Governance in Kerala

63 The article delineates the involvement and impact of women in local governance in Kerala, along with the challenges impeding their active engagement at the grassroots level. — *Nithya N R* 

### Jammu and Kashmir's Political Future

69 While Rekha Chowdhary's insights highlight key political shifts after the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections, factors such as delimitation and security that shape the evolving political landscape need to be examined further.

— Misbah Rashid

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