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Decline in Poverty Reduction

While none of the poverty estimates that have circulated are perfect, the patterns revealed across multiple proxies of poverty lend strong support to the notion that poverty reduction has slowed over the past decade. [page 36](#)

Contributions of Hasrat Mohani

While Mohani's eclectic politics left most of his contemporaries ambivalent towards him, he remained committed to socialism, provincial autonomy, and safeguarding the interests of Muslims in India. [page 31](#)

US Tariffs and India

India's response should focus on tariff diplomacy, deeper integration into global value chains, policy-led export facilitation, enhanced bilateral negotiations, and targeted domestic reforms to sustain export momentum. [page 47](#)

Overcoming Isolation

Given that the prospect of connecting Northeast India with the rest of the world through external neighbours is fraught with uncertainty, it is necessary to internally integrate the markets in the region. [page 23](#)

Assault on Syncretism

The majoritarian campaigns of razing down mazaars and dargahs point to a brutal attempt at erasing not only Muslim history but also India's syncretic traditions. [page 62](#)

Tariff Turmoils

- 7 The United States's attempt to arbitrarily renege on the global trade regime is an overreach.

Democratic Limits on Governor's Powers

- 8 Actions of the governors should be informed by cooperative federalism and not by combative unitarism.

Sri Lanka's Democratic Turn to the Left

- 10 Sri Lanka's democratic mandate for the National People's Power may be seen as a protest vote against the ruling regime and a continuation of the mass protests and anti-corruption agitations triggered by the economic crisis.
— *Kalinga Tudor Silva*

Indian Prime Minister's Russia Visit

- 15 Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Russia in July 2024 was significant for its timing amid global geopolitical tensions. — *Archana Upadhyay*

Water Scarcity and Incentive Structure

- 19 Given India's growing water scarcity, this article comments on Haryana's Mera Pani Meri Virasat scheme that offers financial incentives to farmers to grow water-efficient crops. — *Paras, Aasheerwad Dwivedi*

India's Eastward Inclination and the North East

- 23 Following its post-independence geographical isolation due to the partition, connectivity disruption pushed India's once-prosperous North East into a prolonged development deficit. — *Amiya Sarma, M P Bezbaruah*

The Politics and Ideas of Maulana Hasrat Mohani

- 31 Maulana Hasrat Mohani is remembered as a renowned Urdu poet, freedom fighter and politically eclectic leader. Owing to his shifting associations, he remained far less known than his contemporaries in terms of his role in the freedom struggle. The article examines his specific interventions during the Constituent Assembly debates. — *Paramjit S Judge*

Poverty Decline in India after 2011–12

- 36 The absence of official poverty estimates after 2011–12 has led to a new debate about the recent evolution of poverty in India. Reviewing the existing estimates of consumption-based poverty after 2011–12, it is argued that a slowing of poverty reduction after 2011–12 is most likely. A variety of complementary indicators of poverty in India are assembled and probed.
— *Himanshu, Peter Lanjouw & Philipp Schirmer*

Implications of US's Trade Policy on India

- 47 The resurgence of United States trade protectionism in the US presents challenges and opportunities for India. We analyse the implications of the proposed reciprocal tariffs at the HS 2, HS 4, and HS 6 levels. The paper also evaluates India's export competitiveness, sectoral vulnerabilities, and potential gains in merchandise trade vis-à-vis India's competitors in US markets.
— *Pravakar Sahoo, Ashwani Bishnoi, Mala Parashar & Kavya Rao*

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- 62 *Suvarna Bhatnagar* on the demolition of dargahs and desire; *Surya Sankar Sen* on the inherited memory of a cinematic past; *Ishika Mamta Kundan Bhingarde* on the ode to lost love in *Three of Us* and *Past Lives*; and Last Lines by *Ponnappa*.

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