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An advisory and implementation cell under the Ministry of Higher Education should be formed to re-examine existing ICC processes and create a road map for transitioning to a more equitable system. page 68

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Prioritising injustice within political theory underscores that, in an exceptionally unjust world, the very foundation of justice movements and struggles lies in addressing injustices before striving to establish principles of justice. page 36

Labour Migration from Jharkhand

Addressing underlying structural issues, such as rural distress and limited job opportunities, while tackling the impact of climate change on nature-based livelihoods, can mitigate the need for distress migration. page 52

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The claim of Diallo et al (2022) that in "fragile" economies, the inflation-unemployment trade-off is a trade-in, is apprised. — *Romar Correa*

Between Transparency and Privacy

13 The amendment to the Right to Information Act, 2005, introduced under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, presents a disharmonious trade-off between privacy and transparency. — *P Arun*

Women's Reservation in Panchayati Raj Institutions in Bihar

Strengthening local governance and promoting female leadership have led to improvements in health outcomes, while also enhancing women's participation at the grassroots level in Bihar. — Sweety Supriya

A Green Taxonomy to Boost Financing

22 In the Union Budget 2024–25, India introduced a climate finance taxonomy. However, the absence of a comprehensive green taxonomy hinders investors' participation in sustainability projects. — Nandini Suresh, Trupti Mishra & Gautam Jain

Institutional Decay and IAS Story in India

27 Instead of reducing the bureaucratic system's malaise to the interferences of politicians, structural causes, such as the temptation for joining the service, the role of caste patronage networks, and colonial legacy, need to be examined. — Supriy Ranjan, Pankaj Kumar

Why Does Injustice Matter in the Discourse on Justice?

36 Since Judith N Shklar's book, *Faces of Injustice*, was published in 1990, political theorists and philosophers have given the idea of injustice its due attention. This article investigates their claims, mainly concentrating on the tradition's principal architect. — *Sourish Jha*

Beyond Lifestyle for Sustainable Development

42 India introduced the Lifestyle for Environment initiative at cop26, which expanded to "Lifestyle for Holistic Sustainable Development" under India's G20 presidency. This paper introduces a model extending beyond this concept, termed "Lifestyle for Holistic Sustainable Development," supported by a case study of Dayalbagh, Agra. — Pami Dua, Arsh Dhir, D Bhagwan Das, Ashita Allamraju, Prem Sewak Sudhish, Apurva Narayan, Sabyasachi Saha & V B Gupta

Key Findings from the Jharkhand Migration Survey 2023

52 The Jharkhand Migration Survey estimates that 45 lakh persons from the state migrated to various places for livelihoods. The state received a monthly remittance of ₹2,549 crore in 2023, which primarily contributed to the subsistence of some of the most marginalised. — S Irudaya Rajan, Benoy Peter, S Sunitha, Kunal Singh & Sourav Adhikari

India's Trysts with Solarisation of Irrigation

60 The evolution of public policy associated with energy transition in irrigation in the last decade is traced, synthesising the critical techno-socio-economic insights from the most notable experiments that have shaped the energy transition discourse in irrigation in the country. — Neha Durga, Sarthak Gaurav

Impossible Justice

The Internal Complaints Committee is mandated to adjudicate cases of sexual harassment in workplaces in India. The challenges that the committee members encounter in a university-based set-up are discussed.

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