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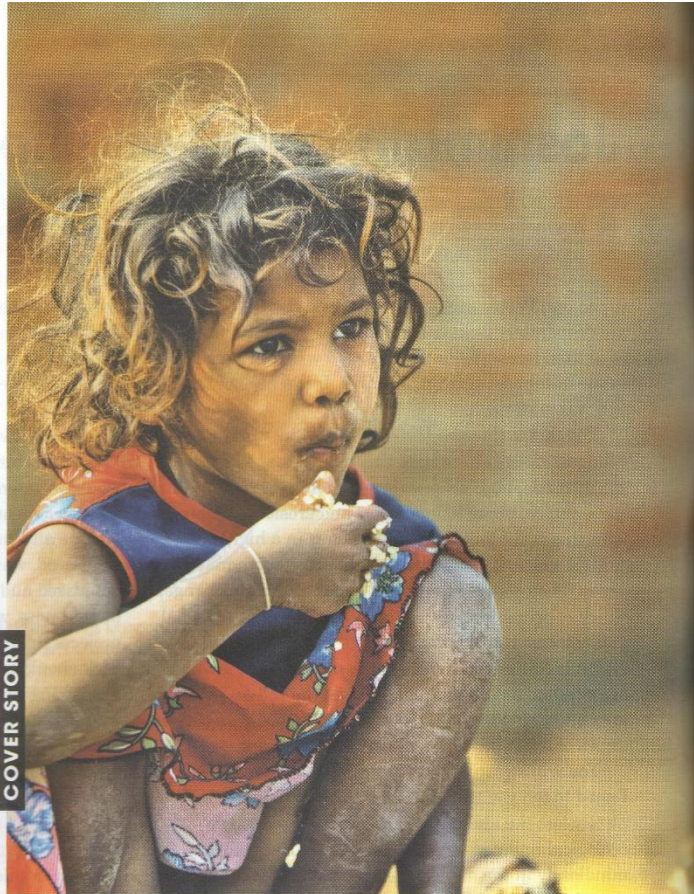
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10 As the number of developing countries likely to default on external debt service commitments increases, the effort to resolve debt crises in countries that have defaulted many months back remains unsuccessful.
— *C P Chandrasekhar*

Modernity with a Brand

13 The takeover of NDTV by the Adani Group points to the lack of regulatory mechanisms regarding media ownership in India. — *Bhupen Singh*

Non-performing Loan Auctions

17 Relying on established theories in auction literature, the lacunae in the design of auction mechanism used by the banks are identified in this article.
— *Ashish Pandey*

Musk's Twitter Acquisition

20 Clearly, the world needs a "global digital public town hall" governed in the public interest. — *Gurumurthy Kasinathan*

The Multipolar Global Political Economy

30 The desire for a unipolar order from hegemonic powers accompanied by force, interventions, and hybrid wars will not reverse the trend towards a multipolar international system, though there can be some upsets, with specific countries switching to become satellites of unipolar great powers.
— *Anuradha M Chenoy*

Strike, Violence, and an Ideological Paradox

35 The strike of November 1938 was the first time that the untouchable workers, organised under the Independent Labour Party led by B R Ambedkar and the communists, came together to strike against the Industrial Disputes Bill. By looking at the November 1938 strike and its larger context, the Congress government's justification and support to the violence against workers under the rubric of their nationalistic agenda are examined. — *Santosh Suradkar*

COVID-19 Forecasting and the Lockdown in India

42 Comparing different models for short-term forecasts—hybrid autoregressive integrated moving average with error-remodelling using fast Fourier transform—has been found to have better accuracy. It is observed that the data set starting from the first phase of the lockdown generates more accurate estimates. — *Kalluru Siva Reddy, Mehuli Paul & Meghanto Majumder*

Targeted versus Non-targeted Catch

52 This paper highlights some sustainability concerns related to Andhra Pradesh's marine fisheries by using primary data. The analysis shows that several serious problems lie beneath the estimates of the quantity and value of annual marine catch from the state. If strict measures are not adopted, the fishery industry might collapse sooner than later.
— *Jeena T Srinivasan, Jyothis Sathyapalan*

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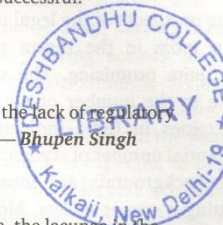
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10 The Supreme Court's demonetisation judgment is legally right but comes too late to be of any appreciable legal interest. — *Alok Prasanna Kumar*

The National Logistics Policy, 2022

13 The Government of India has introduced the National Logistics Policy, 2022 envisioning improvement in India's logistics infrastructure and services. — *Ram Singh, Aaqib Chaudhary*

Adoption Intention of Digital Tools in Odisha

18 The rationale for the adoption of digital tools by micro and small entrepreneurs in Odisha in the post-pandemic era is explained in this article. — *Lakshmi Prasad Padhy, Ipeeta Satpathy & B C M Patnaik*

Football, Freedom, and the Arab Spring

22 The men's football world cup held in Qatar became an arena where multiple global sociopolitical contradictions were played out and geopolitical issues were brought into focus. — *Amir Ali*

Women's Farm Employment and Irrigation

30 Irrigation is one of the chief determinants of crop yields and sustainable agriculture. However, two surveys conducted among farmers and women in two regions of Uttar Pradesh highlight how irrigation sources impact women's lives. Policies can be designed to improve the lesser-used irrigation sources, which, in turn, can contribute to women's empowerment. — *Indranil De*

A Widening Current Account Deficit

38 The reason for the increase in the current account deficit during the first quarter of fiscal year 2022-23 is analysed in this paper. One reason for the widening of CAD has to do with India's growing dependence on fossil fuels. India is exporting low-valued technology-intensive goods while importing high-valued technology-advanced goods. — *Nilanjan Banik, S Ramakrishna Velamuri*

The Beda Tribe in Ladakh

44 Several Indian tribes are now at the threshold of assimilation with the larger dominant groups neighbouring them, while many who have succeeded in preserving their tribal identity and maintaining a continuity with adapting to the values of modern culture are finding it difficult to survive as they have in the past. — *Harish K Thakur*

Coal for Electricity Generation in India

51 The paper discusses the commitment on climate change negotiations and reflects why thermal power plants are not replaceable by renewables. Accordingly, different horizontal scenarios for electricity demand and vertical scenarios for coal supply are formulated, thereby calculating the coal requirements for different demand scenarios. — *Atul Agrawal, Bibhu Prasad Rath*

A Newsletter Communicating Farmers' Protests

58 The representation of the issues related to the farmers' protest in India in a newsletter—*Trolley Times*—is analysed. The newsletter emerged from the protest ground in response to the false reporting by the mainstream media, which questioned the identity of the protesting farmers and tried to malign the protest. — *Nisha Singh, Annapurna Sinha*

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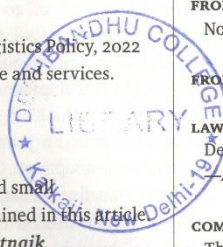
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17 The deeper integration policies go beyond tariff and non-tariff liberalisation with freer movement of capital and skilled labour flows. — *Archana Srivastava, Somesh Kumar Mathur & Prabir De*

The News Media Circus

22 The gruesome murder of Shraddha Walker has yet again laid bare the familiar patterns of news reporting violence against women. — *Smriti Singh*

Financial Literacy and Inclusion

25 Increasing financial frauds and scams expose the vulnerabilities of the population subgroup which is included in the financial system. — *Kshipra Jain*

R K Hebsur (1935–2022)

28 Despite spending considerable time teaching as a college lecturer, R K Hebsur made an imprint in the field of research methodology. — *Anil S Sutar*

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31 Detailing his journey across various professions and places, this article reflects on the life of the prolific writer and journalist, M S Prabhakara. — *N Bhanutej*

'New Developmentalism' and Left Mobilisation in Kerala

40 The "new developmentalism" of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) in Kerala is an attempt to construct an alternative development model to the neo-liberal development. It is seen as a transition from the 1990s' left confrontation with neo-liberal reforms, and as a convincible alternative in the globally acclaimed Kerala model of development. — *V Bijukumar*

Food and Social Security at the Margins

47 A survey of all particularly vulnerable tribal group households in two blocks of Jharkhand reveals that their lives remain precarious due to disrupted livelihoods, limited access to education and other public services, and continued exploitation. The public distribution system has become a crucial source of support for them. — *Anmol Somanchi*

Barriers to Establishing a Public Health Cadre

55 The efforts to develop a public health cadre have not seen much progress in most of the Indian states, despite the recommendations of several committees appointed by the union government, and the 2022 guidelines issued for establishing them. This paper examines the epistemic, structural, systemic, and administrative barriers to the establishment of such a cadre in the south Indian states. — *Sobin George, Mohan Rao*

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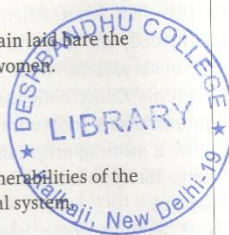
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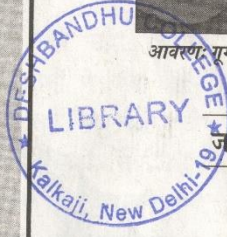
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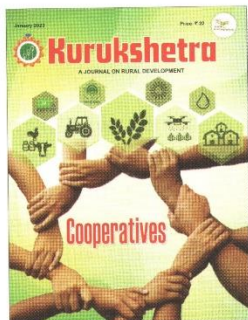
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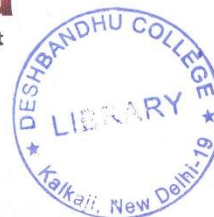
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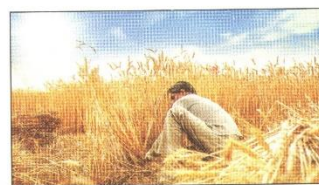


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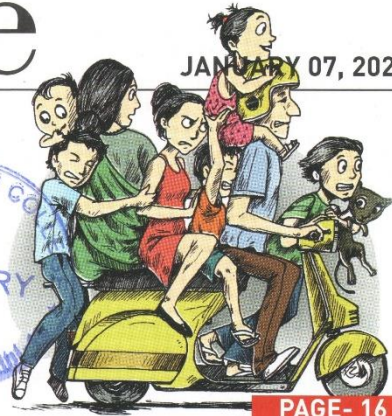
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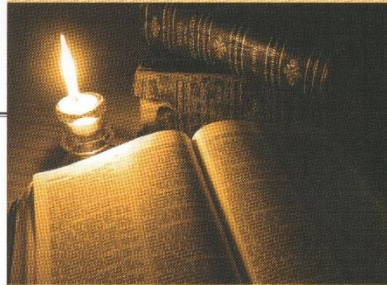
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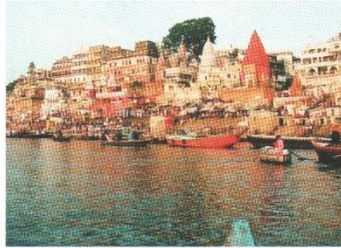
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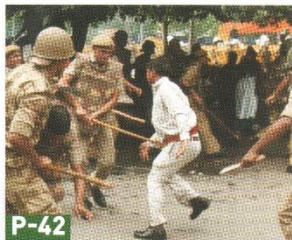
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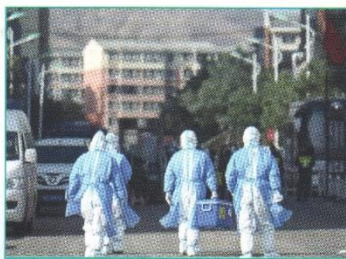
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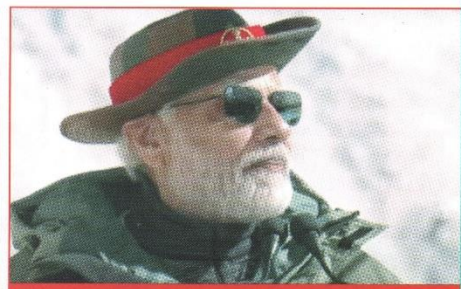
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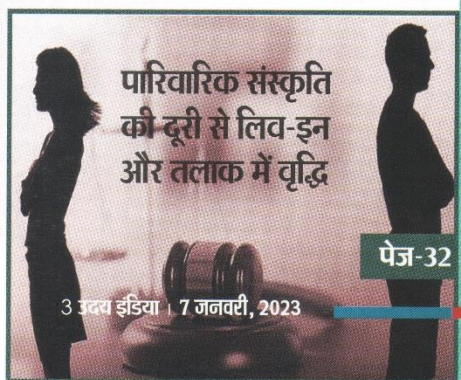


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योजना में प्रकाशित आलेखों में प्रयुक्त मानचित्र व प्रतीक आधिकारिक नहीं हैं, बल्कि सांकेतिक हैं। ये मानचित्र या प्रतीक किसी भी देश का आधिकारिक प्रतिनिधित्व नहीं करते हैं।

योजना लेखकों द्वारा आलेखों के साथ अपने विश्वसनीय स्रोतों से एकत्र कर उपलब्ध कराए गए आंकड़ों/तालिकाओं/इन्फोग्राफिक्स के सम्बन्ध में उत्तरदायी नहीं है। योजना किसी भी लेख में केस स्टडी के रूप में प्रस्तुत किसी भी ब्रांड या निजी संस्थाओं का समर्थन या प्रचार नहीं करती है।

योजना घर मंगाने, शुल्क में छूट के साथ दरों व प्लान की विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए पृष्ठ-49 पर देखें।

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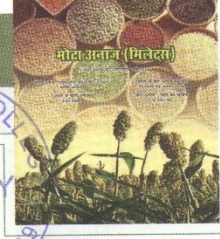
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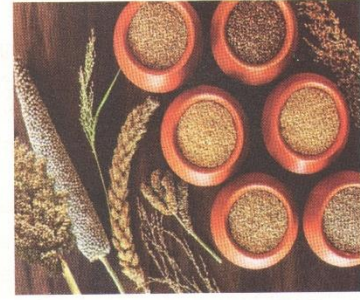
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