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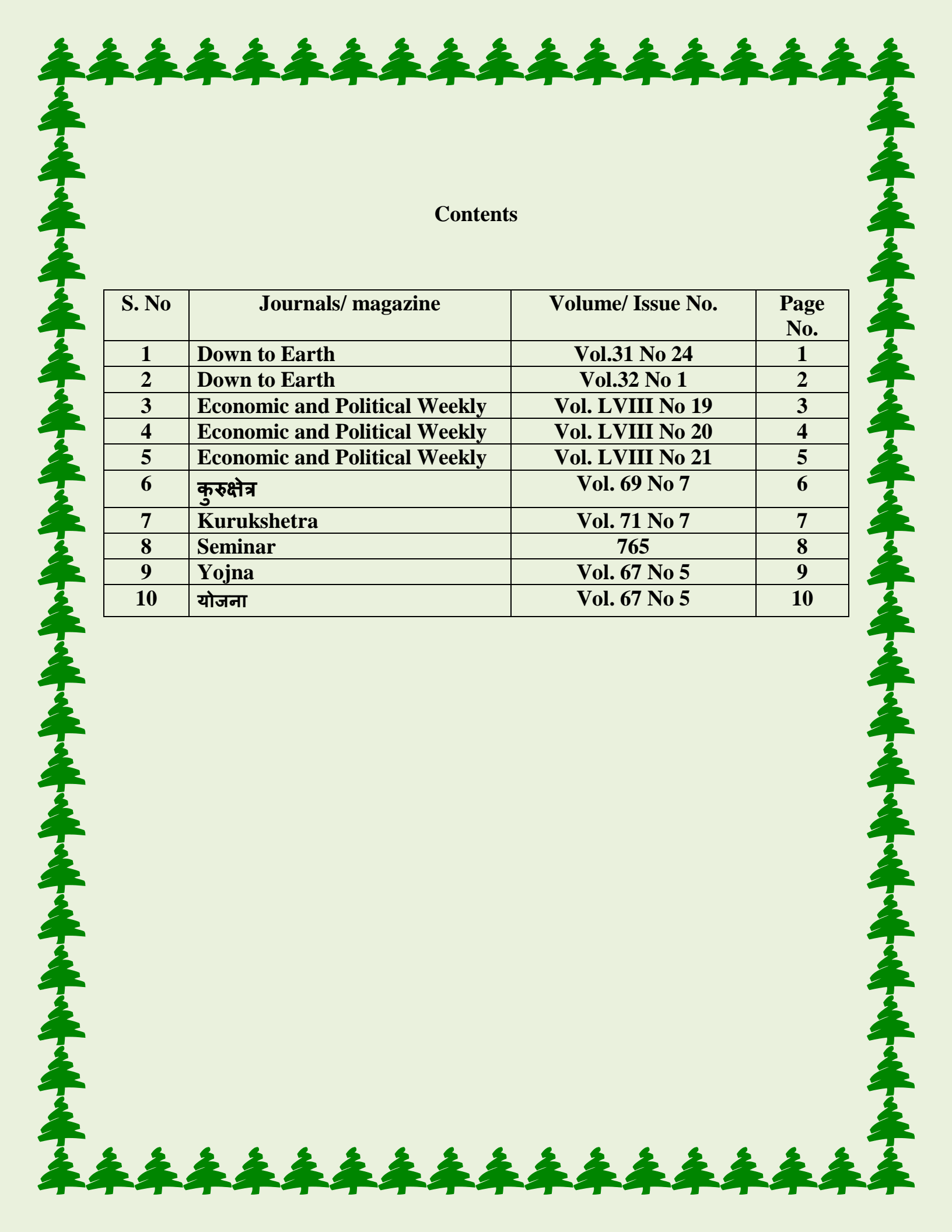


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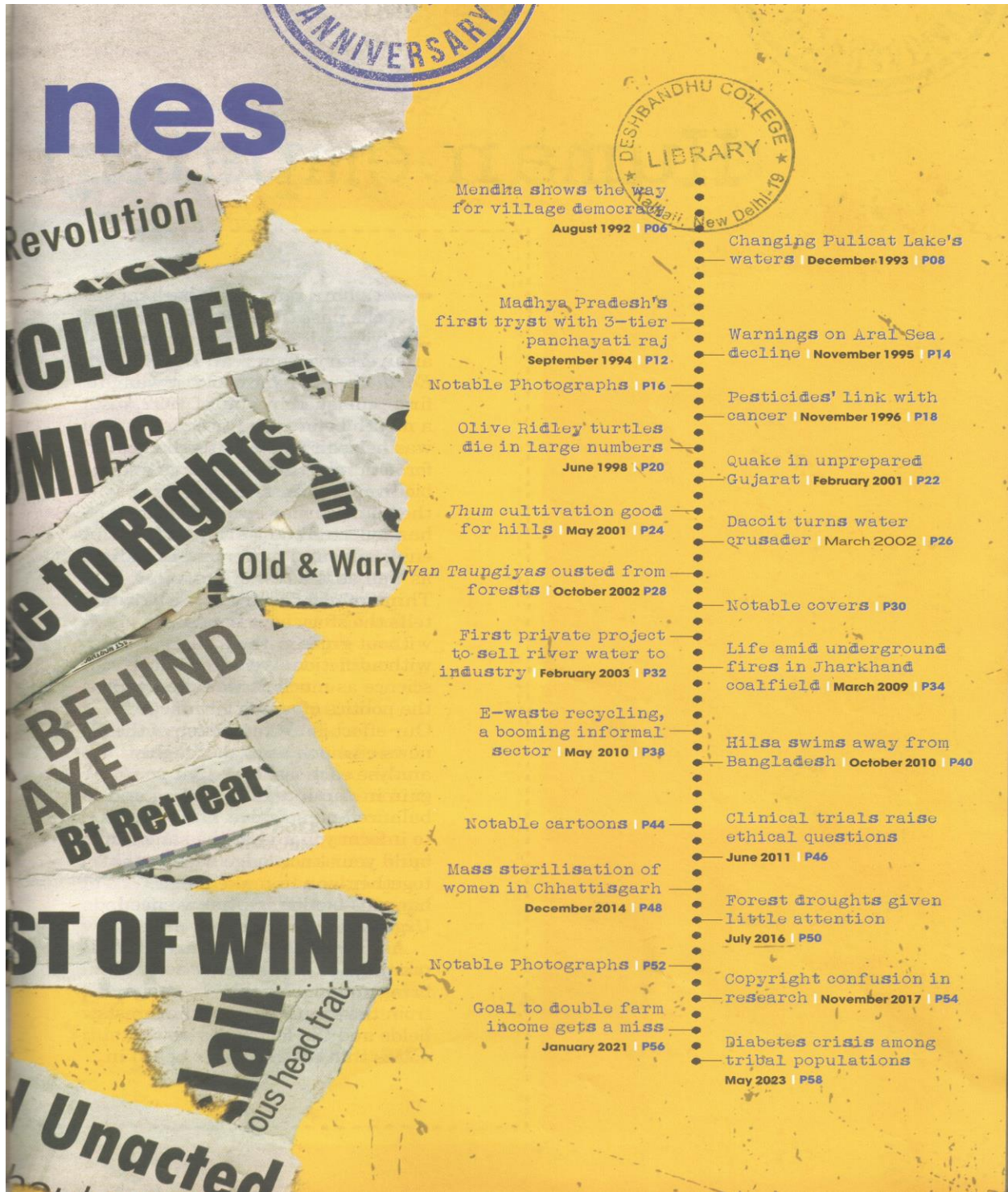
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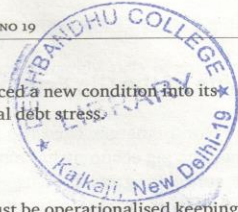
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— *Jawahar Bhagwat, Atul Bhardwaj, A E Shaparov, V M Kapitsyn & F K Sokolova*

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35 Using latest household-level data from the India Human Development Survey, the relationship between “social,” “administrative,” and “informational” distance and internal labour migration is analysed in this paper. In doing so, it distinguishes between circular migrants and long-term migrants where the stock of circular migrants—at over 20 million in 2011–12—was as large as one-third the stock of long-term migrants.  
— *Gaurav Nayyar, Kyoung Yang Kim*

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43 Online gaming and online fantasy sports platforms have experienced tremendous growth and popularity as a result of increasing internet penetration, affordable smartphones, and COVID-19-linked social isolation. They have been the subject of numerous legal disputes because of concerns over excessive participation of youngsters, leading to addiction, financial difficulties, and gambling. — *Aishvarya, Sharada Sringswara, Shailaja Grover & Dinesh Kumar U*

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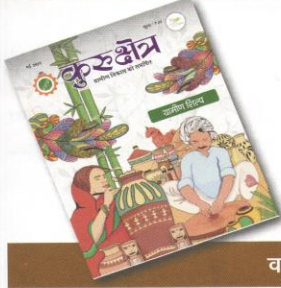
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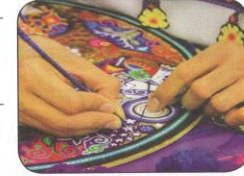
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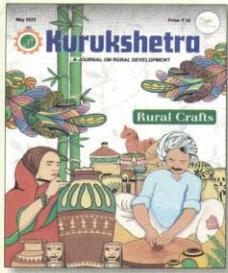


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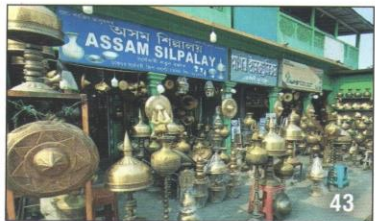
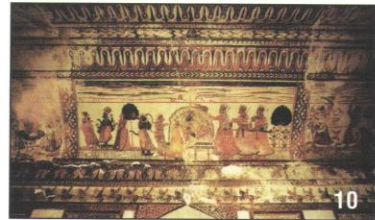
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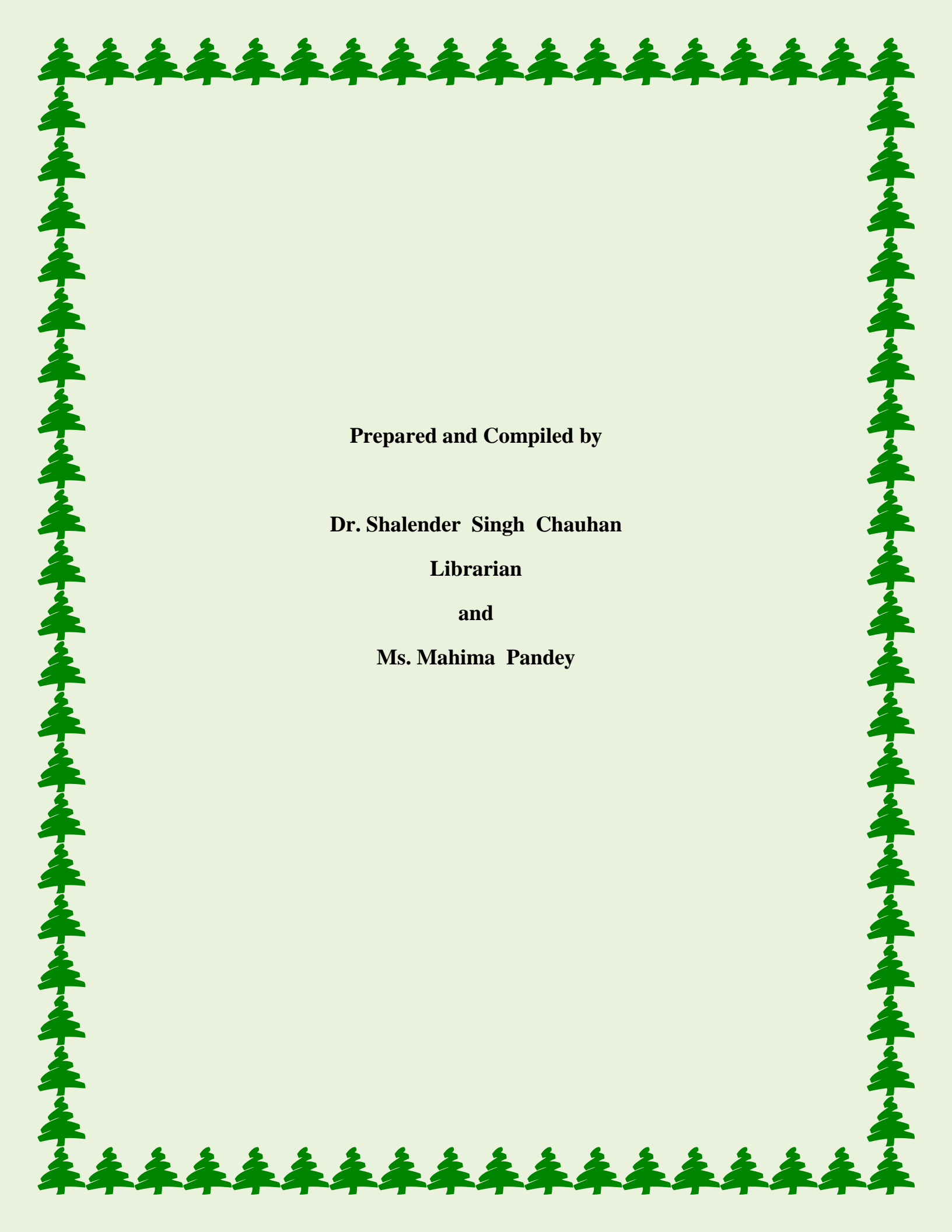


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