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The 11 articles cover fiscal rules and fiscal consolidation, tax policy, issues related to expenditure and social sector allocations, agriculture, external sector outlook, industrial policy, and public-private partnerships. Additionally, the centrally sponsored schemes in the union budget have also been commented on. **pages 12–60**

Marx's Bipartisan Thinking

Embracing diverse knowledge sources—history, sensibility, and social reality—Marx's method of affirmation and negation retained the strengths of opposing views while rejecting their flaws and thus enabled an open discourse that allowed intellectual evolution. **page 82**

DFI in India

Strengthening the digital financial infrastructure in a targeted manner to narrow the digital divide and designing conducive policy measures for the regulated growth of the fintech sector are the ways forward for digital financial inclusion. **page 72**

Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill

Potentially violating the provisions of the 74th amendment to the Constitution, the bill tightens the grip of the state government over the city with no consequent benefits to the citizens. **page 10**

An Unserious and Unconstitutional Law

10 The Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, 2024 potentially violates the provisions of the 74th amendment to the Constitution. — *Alok Prasanna Kumar*

Budget 2025–26

Risks, Prudence, and Uncertainties

12 The budget needs to be seen in the context of rising economic uncertainties, subdued economic growth, increasing indebtedness and a decline in financial savings. — *Pinaki Chakraborty*

General Government Debt and Fiscal Rules

14 While the revisions in fiscal rules in the budget bring the necessary flexibility in the fiscal operations of the union government, it remains to be seen if similar flexibility is accorded to the state governments. — *Pinaki Chakraborty, Resham Nagpal*

Between Fiscal Consolidation and Employment-intensive Growth

19 A large reduction in government capital expenditure growth to meet fiscal deficit targets primarily accounts for the recent decline in growth. — *Sudipto Mundle, Ajaya Sahu*

Macroeconomic Outlook and Medium-term Growth Prospect

24 The slowdown and its reversal confirm that the quality of government expenditure creates stimulus even with overall fiscal consolidation. — *Ashima Goyal*

Tax Reforms and Budget 2025–26

28 Budget 2025–26 will have an impact on the tax net and on rationalising incentive regimes. — *R Kavita Rao*

Tax Policy Thrusts and Challenges

31 The reduction in the direct tax liability brought about by the budget is a continuation of the directional changes proposed in the Long Term Fiscal Policy, 1985. — *R Mohan*

Assessing Priorities

35 An analysis of budgetary allocations shows that while priorities like agriculture and rural development show a decline, investing in people and boosting employment show improvement. — *Ajit Karnik, Mala Lalvani*

Social Sector and Union Budget 2025–26

39 Budget 2025–26 continues the trend of stagnation in nominal allocations for social sector schemes. — *Dipa Sinha*

External Sector Outlook

43 India must pursue outward-oriented growth by boosting exports, integrating into global value chains, and attracting foreign direct investment. — *C Veeramani*

Agriculture Budget 2025–26

48 The agricultural budget makes incremental progress but misses transformative reforms needed to address structural issues. — *Ritika Juneja, Ashok Gulati*

Waiting for Industrial Growth

52 The budget maintains continuity in its quest for industrial growth. It assumes enhanced demand which could provide avenues for higher exports. — *M Suresh Babu*

Public–Private Partnerships beyond Infrastructure

56 Spurring private investment across infrastructure sectors will require implementing sector-specific contractual and regulatory frameworks. — *Ram Singh, Nikita Gupta*

Summer Water Woes in the KBK Region of Odisha

66 This article examines the intricate dynamics of water scarcity and the reasons for its worsening over time in the undivided Kalahandi, Bolangir, and Koraput region. — *Pradyumna Bag*

Digital Financial Inclusion

72 Economic growth, urbanisation and digital infrastructural development emerge as the major macro-level determinants of digital financial inclusion globally. — *Kaustav K Sarkar, Pallavi Chavan*

Marx’s Epistemology

82 Marx’s bipartisan thinking sought to unite materialism and idealism, bridging gaps between rationalism and romanticism, and positivism and hermeneutics. — *Arun Kumar Patnaik*

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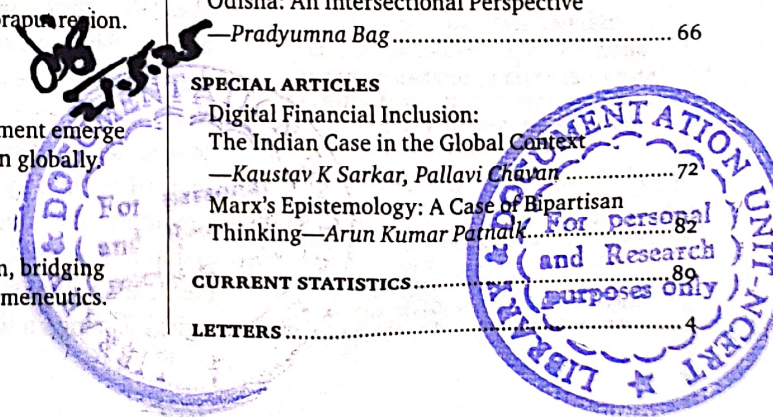
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The US formula for calculating tariffs is particularly problematic and applying high tariffs on all imports lacks theoretical support and risks major disruptions to global supply chains. [page 19](#)

Delimitation Conundrum

Population stabilisation should not be regarded as a prerequisite for lifting the current freeze, as the demographic divide is unlikely to narrow in the foreseeable future. [page 15](#)

Critical Caste Scholarship

The Oxford Handbook of Caste, as a critical tool of research, intervenes in debates about the so-called immemorial character of caste or putative colonial nature, the artificial separation of status from power, and religious oversimplification and mystification, among others. [page 36](#)

Student Politics in Gujarat

Between 1967 and 1975, student agitations were chiefly focused on direct academic concerns and grievances, as protests rarely began with or were organised around overtly political demands and issues. [page 59](#)

Aam Aadmi Party's Defeat

AAP's depoliticised discourse in politics can no longer float its delivery-based politics on its own, as political strategy cannot be mere tactics for better governance, bereft of ideology. [page 27](#)

Trump 2.0: Recalibration of US Foreign Policy?

10 Despite the peace rhetoric, Trump's foreign policy is attempting to make the us influential again through continuity and escalation to rejuvenate its national security. — *Jawahar Bhagwat*

Demography, Democracy, and Delimitation

15 The recent debates over the possibilities of lifting the half-a-century-old constitutional freeze on the state representation in the Lok Sabha have elicited widespread indignation from the southern states. — *S Irudaya Rajan, J Retnakumar*

The Tariff Tantrum and Its Justification

19 Applying high tariffs on all imports lacks theoretical support and risks major disruptions to global supply chains, raising costs for producers and consumers in the United States. — *Parthapratim Pal, Partha Ray*

ILPS in Manipur and Minority Communities

22 Manipur was abruptly brought under the Inner Line Permit System in 2020, bartering it with the cacophonous local agitation against the then controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Bill. — *Md Chingiz Khan, Zeet Nawaz Thouba*

The Aam Aadmi Party Learns to Lose

27 The defeat of the Aam Aadmi Party in the Delhi assembly elections signifies a rejection of the party's overweening ambition, combined with its increasingly ambiguous and unconvincing ideological positioning. — *Rashmi Singh*

The Vulnerability of Indian Federalism

31 Article 368 of the Indian Constitution reveals a paradox. Its dual-track process promises protection for federal principles, yet it narrowly defines what constitutes a "federal issue." — *Sumedha Ray Sarkar*

Enhancing Livelihood Security of the Rural Households

44 The study investigates whether the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme acts in a procyclical, countercyclical, or neutral manner in response to economic fluctuations captured by the changes in GDP. — *Arushi Jain, Smita Sharma & Dilpreet Sharma*

Estimating the Numbers of the Poor

51 Poverty estimates for rural, urban and combined areas for 2022-23 have been computed. The updated Tendulkar poverty lines indicate a poverty incidence of 6.4% for rural areas, 3.1% for urban areas and 5.3% for combined areas, while the updated Rangarajan poverty lines indicate a poverty incidence of 9.3% for rural areas, 9.5% for urban areas and 9.4% for combined areas. — *Srijit Mishra*

A History of Student Politics in Gujarat

59 Based on the examination of written, official, semi-official, and non-official sources, this paper is an attempt to write the history of student politics from its resurgence in Gujarat in 1967 to the imposition of the internal Emergency in 1975. — *Sahil Kureshi*

Challenges in the Indian Aviation Sector

70 With radical market liberalisation and increasing complexities, sustainable capacity-building approaches are a pressing need for a viable and sustainable aviation industry. The lack of competition in an oligopolistic Indian aviation market needs to be addressed. — *Siddharth Chaturvedi, Himanshi Srivastava*

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79 *Subhankar Dutta* on how *Atanjas* in Bengal are reclaiming their identity; *Sundaresha D S's* observations and notes from election duty; *Haroon Rashid Lone* on Akhter Mohiuddin's subversive vision in *Jahnamukh Panun Panun Naar*; and Last Lines by *Ponnappa*.

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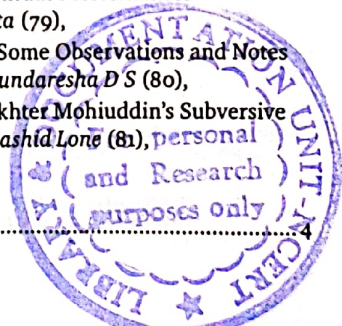
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To avoid an unfunded mandate at the state level, it is critical that the Sixteenth Finance Commission maintains the stability of the flow of untied fiscal resources to the states and ensures the progressive distribution of transfers. **pages 32–104**

Future of the WHO

The world's health security and equity agendas need a reimagined WHO with cleaner principal-agent domains and roles, efficient organisational design and operations, stronger and more participatory governance, and effective partnerships. **page 14**

Mukta Salve, the Thinker

The emphasis on and intensity of the invocations of *dukkha*-suffering enable us to situate Salve's essay as constituting a crucial milestone in a semi-continuous tradition of thought from Buddha onwards. **page 10**

Persistence of the Rural

Despite the expansion of the non-farm economy, high economic growth, and rapid urbanisation, the rural world and farmers continue to shape Indian society and politics, as the farmers' protests underlined. **page 27**

On Mukta Salve's *Dukkha*

- 10 Considering the multiple translations of the word *dukkha* in Mukta Salve's 1855 essay, this article makes the claim that *dukkha* ought to be translated as "suffering."
— *Ankit Kawade*

The World Health Organization

- 14 Donald Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the WHO is set to have far-reaching impacts on global health. — *Harkabir Jandu, Soumya Swaminathan*

The New Tax Regime

- 18 This article examines the changes brought about by the new tax regime announced in the Union Budget 2025–26 and assesses its potential impact. — *Meera Nangia*

Agrarian Crisis in the Making of Farmers' Protests

- 27 Farmers are struggling for social, economic, and environmental justice by asserting the long Indian tradition of satyagraha and civil disobedience. — *Satendra Kumar*

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- 32 The Sixteenth Finance Commission should maintain the stability of the flow of untied fiscal resources to the states and ensure progressive distribution of transfers. — *Pinaki Chakraborty*

Discipline and Efficiency in State Finances

- 35 Given the deficiencies in the current approach to the sharing of tax revenues, an alternative that will introduce discipline and accountability is proposed.
— *Ajit Karnik, Abhay Pethe, Mala Lalvani & Hemangi Kelkar*

Enhanced Devolution and Fiscal Space at the State Level

- 44 Between 2010–11 and 2022–23, the total transfers to states as a percentage of gross revenue receipts of the union government have remained largely unchanged while the share of unconditional transfers has considerably reduced.
— *Pinaki Chakraborty, Manish Gupta*

Quantum, Conditionalities, and Absorption

- 50 Over the years, although the number, scope, and coverage of grants have increased, their share in finance commissions' transfers remained small.
— *Manish Gupta, Malvika Mahesh & Atrayee Chaudhary*

Browsing through 34 Years of State Finances

- 57 Examining the fiscal behaviour of states, this paper recommends that the Sixteenth Finance Commission take an integrated approach and ensure that states revert to the desired fiscal behaviour. — *Kamble Pradeep, K S Hari & S Machale*

The Prosperity Paradox

- 64 The paper calls for adjustments in the weights of the income distance criterion and the population to ensure that the performers are not penalised while progressivity is ensured. — *K J Joseph, Kiran Kumar Kakarlapudi*

Fiscal Stress in Kerala?

- 68 Inadequate resource mobilisation through its own sources of revenue, coupled with changes in the share of central taxes, have led to the emergence of off-budget and contingent liabilities in Kerala. — *Justine George, Nandu Sasidharan*

Operationalisation of Fiscal Rules

- 76 An analysis of the debt profile of major states is conducted, and the operationalisation of state-level fiscal rules is examined. — *Pinaki Chakraborty, Resham Nagpal & Piyali Das*

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- 84 The public sector borrowing requirements for select Indian states are ascertained with the objective of deriving a realistic estimate. — *Manish Gupta, Sk Md Azharuddin & Malvika Mahesh*

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- 91 The fiscal implications of rising losses and subsidies in state-owned electricity distribution companies is discussed. — *Ann Josey, Shantanu Dixit, Manasi Jog & Sreekumar Nhalur*

An Alternative Approach

- 98 An alternative method to forecasting tax revenues of the states by using a time-invariant stochastic frontier model is proposed. — *R Kavita Rao, Sk Md Azharuddin*

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Though the policy intent is to provide coverage with a publicly funded health insurance option for at least 60% of the population, the effective coverage is much lower. [page 36](#)

Inclusive Conservation and OECMs

The level of representation of community initiatives within other effective area-based conservation measures is highly inadequate, given the historical contribution of indigenous people to biodiversity. [page 13](#)

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The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test has to radically modify its techniques and framework to refute accusations of bias against students from marginalised backgrounds. [page 10](#)

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- 10 The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test has to radically modify its techniques and framework to refute accusations such as its bias against students from marginalised backgrounds. — *Dilip Chavan*

OECMs: Lost Opportunity for Inclusive Conservation?

- 13 The context, opportunities, and challenges of OECMs in India are explored, particularly their potential to support community-led conservation within the current legal context. — *Pia Sethi, Neema Pathak Broome & Ghazala Shahabuddin*

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- 18 Free trade agreements have become vital trade policy instruments for India, addressing the issue of untapped export potential and harmonising trade policies with strategically important countries. — *Nida Rahman, Krishan Sharma*

Territorial Transformation in Sikandarpur

- 23 The article examines the Sikandarpur land dispute in Uttar Pradesh, where disputes of territory intersect with sociopolitical processes. — *Priya Chaudhary*

Mass Incarceration in the US

- 31 The extensive growth in the prison and jail population of the US has reshaped the contours of inequality that have crystallised within the penal system. — *Arz Taneja, Rachel Batra & Sakshi Singh*

Effectiveness of PFHI Schemes

- 36 Using the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2022–23, the enrolment, utilisation, and effectiveness of the publicly funded health insurance schemes in reducing out-of-pocket and catastrophic health expenditures are examined. While enrolment has increased over the years, effective financial protection remains inadequate. — *Mamta Chaudhary, Prakash Babu Kodali & T Sundararaman*

Edible Oil Sector in India

- 45 Increasing the production of palm oil is crucial for reducing India's dependence on the imports of edible oils. Exploring the complex challenges surrounding the provision of a suitable support price for farmers of oil palm and protection from cheaper imports, this paper suggests improved methodologies for the calculation of support price and tariffs. — *C S C Sekhar, Girish Kumar Jha*

Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Sustainability

- 53 The impact of corporate social responsibility on environmental sustainability in India is analysed using different variants of panel and cross-sectional regressions. Environmental sustainability is measured using emissions and the E-score of companies. — *Rashi Bagga, Anuradha Patnaik*

Beyond Reservation

- 61 This article analyses the current situation of higher education for women with disabilities in India by examining their enrolment as students and employment as teachers. Despite constitutional provisions and recent legislation, disability continues to be a significant factor in perpetuating social discrimination. — *Akshay Trilokinath Maurya*

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- 71 *Elnathan Wisdsol Lyngkhai and Abhaya N B* on Shillong's hip-hop culture; *Sreedeeep Bhattacharya* on how "themes" have become an indispensable part of Durga Puja; *Sohini Chakraborty* on the media misrepresentations of disasters.

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Preferential Trade Agreements

Despite criticisms of "second best," PTAs play a crucial role in advancing global trade, offering a complementary approach to multilateral agreements, and potentially leading to a more inclusive and resilient trading system. [page 14](#)

The Mohiniyattam Predicament

Tracing the development of Mohiniyattam, from a stigmatised tradition to a classical dance form of Kerala, in addition to being a gendered art form, it plays a crucial role in shaping various perceptions concerning caste, beauty, colour, and social standing. [page 35](#)

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Non-economic factors—location in a central area, living in a notified slum, access to civic services, patta, land tenure security, affordable housing, and social security—are critically important for urban poverty reduction. [page 41](#)

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10 Despite its goals, the Ladki Bahin scheme has faced criticism for offering only temporary relief, neglecting structural challenges, and being fiscally unsustainable. — *Lalitagauri Kulkarni, Anjali Radkar*

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14 Preferential trade agreements are a prevailing characteristic of the international trading landscape. This article argues that PTAs are building blocks for the multilateral trading regime. — *Anisha Buragohain*

Public Opinion of the Partition

17 Muslims in the United Provinces assembly elections of 1946 did not vote overwhelmingly for the Muslim League, which was spearheading the movement for the creation of Pakistan. — *Anil Maheshwari*

Cultural Politics of the Anglo-Indian Identity

21 Distanced from the "invisible" male feringhee in her patrilineage, the author turns inward to unpack the maternal, regionally rooted traits of the Anglo-Indian identity. — *Maria Anne Fitzgerald*

Union Budget and India's Quest for Inclusive Cities

25 While the increased allocation for urban transformation appears promising, this article critically examines its effectiveness in building inclusive cities. — *Soumyadip Chattopadhyay, Arjun Kumar*

Whose Dance Is It Anyway?

35 A casteist remark by a Kerala-based Mohiniyattam performer sparked public outrage in Kerala. In light of this controversy, this article attempts to trace the development of Mohiniyattam, showcasing its evolution from a stigmatised tradition to a classical dance form of Kerala. — *Sreebitha P V*

Social Sector Convergence for Inclusive Urbanisation

41 A survey of slums in four different-sized cities in Telangana reveals the need to integrate bottom-up approaches in schemes that are currently top-down. Non-economic factors are critically important for urban poverty reduction. Urban poverty must be thought of differently from rural poverty. — *Alok Kumar Mishra, Iti Vyas*

Trade Integration in South and Southeast Asia

49 The possibility of deeper trade integration among South Asian and Southeast Asian nations is examined using a general equilibrium analysis. By relaxing the full employment assumption in the standard global trade analysis project model, the possibility of meaningful regional welfare gains through trade integration is explored. — *Mustajab Khatir, Archana Srivastava*

Pastoral Economics, Policies and Ecologies

57 The ecological, economic, and policy challenges facing pastoralism and grassland ecosystems in India, particularly in the context of climate change and evolving land-use pressures, are critically examined. Drawing upon a global literature, the paper contextualises Indian pastoralism and its grassland dynamics, highlighting the ecological factors shaping pastoralism across the country. — *Aniruddh Sheth, Mayank Kohli, Jayashree Ratnam, Vasant Saberwal & Mahesh Sankaran*

A Tale of Two Sub-plans

66 The Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and Tribal Sub Plan have achieved limited success towards fulfilling their objectives due to underallocation of funds, diversion of SCSP and TSP funds towards general and notional schemes, and underutilisation of SCSP-TSP allocations. — *Akhil Alha, Savita Garwa*

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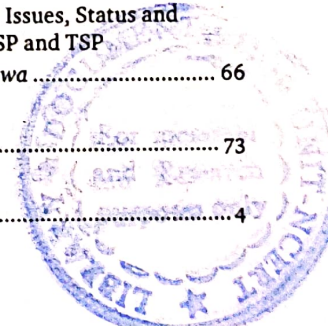
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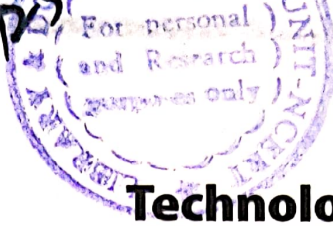
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Even while we explore the ways of enabling competition to spur technological development, the bigger question is to find what kind of socio-economic transformation might forestall the potentially devastating geopolitical competition for global hegemony. [page 113](#)

Implications of Caste Census

The caste census will have ramifications ranging from a change in the very conception of what the meaning of the phrase "socially and educationally backward" is, to political representation among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. [page 10](#)

Pro-monarchy Rally in Nepal

A carefully orchestrated and likely financially supported rally in Kathmandu does not represent a genuine national demand but is a manoeuvre by pro-monarchy forces to secure a position within the government. [page 13](#)

Steel Sector and CBAM

Given the officially stated objective of encouraging decarbonisation in trading partners, the EU should consider providing support to MSMEs in its trading partners from the global South. [page 30](#)

Teaching Democracy

In holding space for doubt, dissent, and dialogue, classroom can still be a space to hold on to democracy's most radical promise in these disorienting times of distress. [page 145](#)

The Possibilities of the Caste Census

10 A caste census could have other ramifications from a constitutional perspective that have not yet been fully explored or understood, including a change in the very conception of the phrase “socially and educationally backward.”
— *Alok Prasanna Kumar*

Will the King Reclaim His Throne in Nepal?

13 While media outlets framed recent demonstrations in Nepal as a sign of growing public frustration with the post-monarchy political set-up, they were not genuine calls for the restoration of monarchy. — *Gaurav Bhattarai*

Burial Mounds as a World Heritage Site

16 The *moidams* of Charaideo, the royal burial mounds of the Ahom dynasty (13th–19th centuries), represent a distinctive funerary tradition in Assam. The article traces their history, architectural and cultural symbolism, and recent global recognition. — *Ritika Sahu*

Horizontal Distribution of Federal Transfers

19 Investigating the nature of the population criterion used by successive finance commissions, this article argues that the assignment of equal weightage to active and inactive populations in a state increases horizontal fiscal imbalance. — *Pareswar Sahu*

CBAM and Steel Decarbonisation in India

30 The extent to which the carbon border adjustment mechanism may induce enhanced decarbonisation on the big steel players would depend on how they are positioned and what strategy they adopt. — *Kaushik Ranjan Bandyopadhyay, Kasturi Das*

Technological Competition and the World Order

113 Acknowledging that competition and monopolisation dominate technological development in global capitalist history, the necessity of cooperation in meeting contemporary global challenges and staving off new forms of devastating warfare are underscored. — *Dev Nathan, Rahul S*

India’s Maritime Challenges in the Era of Climate Change

122 The impacts of climate change on India’s maritime industries include significant disruptions in fisheries, especially in the north-west zone. The shipping industry is significantly affected by extreme weather events. Additionally, maritime infrastructure is increasingly vulnerable to sea-level rise, storm surges, and coastal erosions. — *Prasanta Moharaj*

Income Inequality and Economic Growth

131 Examining the relationship between income inequality and economic growth across different countries from 1991 to 2022, it is found that a positive and significant relationship between income inequality and growth exists overall. However, an opposite relationship is observed for high- and low-middle-income countries. — *Priyanka Muchahary, Manish Kumar Sharma*

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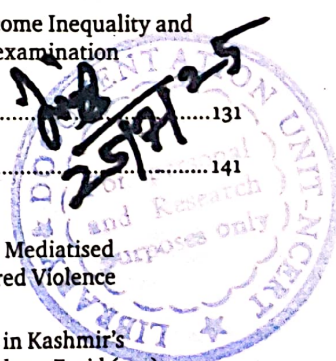
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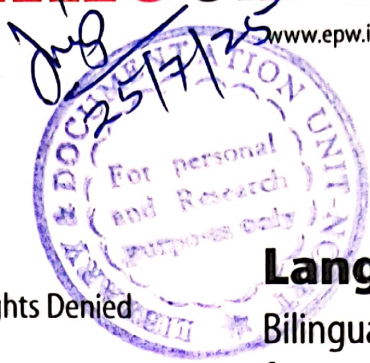


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Language and Education

Bilingual textbooks would leave teachers and students free to choose the mix that suits them, going at their own pace and concentrating on understanding the lessons, rather than engaging with English as a language. [page 10](#)

Women in Manufacturing Work

The growth in the number of women employed in the manufacturing sector is in activities requiring low skills and education, which are home-based, with low investment requirements. [page 68](#)

ASHA Workers as Employees

Immediate recognition of ASHA workers as government employees, retroactive payment of minimum wages, and their explicit inclusion in SSCs are not merely labour rights issues but prerequisites to a functional public health system. [page 20](#)

Rise in FLFPR

The increase in the FLFPR is largely driven by the female work participation in rural areas and in own-account and unpaid work category of self-employment activities in agriculture and the unorganised sector. [page 59](#)

Amma and Anna Canteens

Expanding such state-sponsored food programmes is essential to address the systemic barriers that hinder access to safe and nutritious food for the poorest of urban India. [page 14](#)

Building Bridges through Bilingual Textbooks

- 10 Indian education has been plagued by the binary of teaching in English medium or local languages. — *Peggy Mohan*

The Amma and Anna Canteen Model

- 14 Initiatives like the Amma and Anna canteens demonstrate feasible and scalable solutions to ensure food and nutrition security among the urban poor. — *Anjali Sharma, Srinivas Goli*

Conflicts over Water

- 17 The dominant development discourse is critiqued, calling for a just hydraulic order that prioritises the wisdom of the community over expert-driven approaches. — *Surajit C Mukhopadhyay*

The ASHA Conundrum

- 20 Despite their indispensable contributions, ASHA workers have been denied adequate social security benefits and fair remuneration due to their classification as “volunteers.” — *Gunjan Modi*

Revisiting the Amendment Debate

- 23 Comparisons between the Indian and the United States Federal Constitutions overlook the amendments made to both federal and state constitutions in the US. — *Deepak Kaswan*

Credit Growth or NIM

- 27 The implications of robust credit growth for Indian banks, particularly on asset yields, cost of funds and balance sheets are examined. — *Sanjay Basu, Tasneem Chherawala*

An Obituary to Literature

- 31 The humanities disciplines, particularly literature and philosophy, are facing a disintegration amid rising neo-liberal and market-oriented academic paradigms. — *Rajneesh Chauhan, Pallavi Minhas*

India's Municipal Finance System at a Crossroads

- 42 This article explores the features of Article 280(3)(c) and takes a close look at the consequential changes in the finances and finance systems of municipalities. — *Om Prakash Mathur*

Honour Killings in Tamil Nadu

- 48 The complex interplay of caste and gender dynamics within the judicial processes concerning the homicides of three young Dalit men from Tamil Nadu is examined. — *Sowjanya Tamalapakula, Shanthi Samandha K & Mrinmoyee Mukherjee*

Daughter Deficit

- 53 Employing district-level data for Assam sourced from the NFHS, the analysis examines variations in sex ratio at birth and assesses factors influencing women's desire to cease childbearing. — *Smita Choudhury, Rajshree Bedamatta*

Decoding Rising Female Labour Force Participation

- 59 Increase in the female labour force participation in India is largely driven by the female work participation in rural areas and in own-account and unpaid work category of self-employment activities in agriculture and the unorganised sector. — *Shamim Ara, Puneet Kumar Shrivastav*

How Do Women Fare in Manufacturing Work?

- 68 This paper examines the improvement in women's employment in manufacturing since 2017–18, both in quantitative and qualitative terms. — *Aloke Kar, P C Mohanan*

Informal Work and Child Health in Assam

- 74 In India, Assam records higher infant mortality rates, particularly in rural areas. Logistic regression highlights maternal care, environmental factors, income, family structure, and distance to hospitals as significant determinants. — *Kanchan Devi, Vandana Upadhyay*

A Decade of Growth in Higher Education in Telangana

- 82 Despite poor performance in literacy, Telangana has made impressive growth in higher education. However, the system is plagued with some serious problems. — *Jandhyala B G Tilak*

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This year's Review of Gender Studies, formerly known as the Review of Women's Studies, focuses on care labour. The six papers included in this issue bring to the fore, in various ways, the daily experiences and life trajectories in women's caregiving and paid work: the interpersonal, cultural, and institutional compulsions they face in defining and giving care, their hopes and desires for a life beyond domestic confines and negotiations amid hardship or new possibilities, and the urge to organise and improve their lives. Read individually and together, the papers bring into relief class-caste differentiations in these aspects as well as the cross-class and caste commonalities. Research, action, and policy on gender and inequality pinpointed women's unpaid work and economic dependence—along with the reification, naturalisation, and moral valorisation of the family and women's roles—as core concerns. The genealogy of care as a concept and domain of scholarship may be traced from this.

How Care Shapes Work

The experiences of women homeworkers in negotiating the continuum of paid work and unpaid household work are investigated. [page 7](#)

Contingent Aspirations

An intervention in the debate on what explains women's movements in and out of the labour market analyses the life course history of higher-educated mothers of young children in Kerala. [page 14](#)

Making Households Work

Based on ethnographic fieldwork in an urban village of Gurugram (Haryana), the relational dynamics of social reproduction and care work within the informal urban economy are explored. [page 20](#)

Unions and Labour NGOs

In Bengaluru, domestic workers have organised with many organisations that are broadly of two forms—DW unions and labour non-governmental organisations—with discrete yet intertwined histories. [page 26](#)

Confinements of Conjuality

The jurisprudence of the Indian courts on the issue of restitution of conjugal rights has reinforced the sexual division of labour and facilitated the extraction of unpaid care work from wives. [page 33](#)

Invisible Work, Visible Malnutrition

By theorising the interlinkages between care work and nutrition, a framework for care-ful social protection measures is constructed to address this nexus. [page 40](#)

Analysing the Co-constitution of Unpaid Care Labour and Paid Work

- 5 This year's Review of Gender Studies (formerly known as the Review of Women's Studies) focuses on care labour. The six papers in this issue bring to the fore, in various ways, the daily experiences and life trajectories in women's caregiving and paid work: the interpersonal, cultural, and institutional compulsions they face in defining and giving care, their hopes and desires for a life beyond domestic confines and negotiations amid hardship or new possibilities, and the urge to organise and improve their lives. — *Neetha N, Praveena Kodoth & Rajni Palriwala*

How Care Shapes Work: Homeworkers in the Leather Value Chain, Tamil Nadu

- 7 The study probes the experiences of women homeworkers in negotiating the continuum of paid work and unpaid household work. It examines the intra-household gendered and generational dynamics of care and brings to light the simultaneity of work and care in the everyday lives of women workers. Care significantly shapes not only women's participation in the labour market but also defines the nature of work they engage in. — *Iswarya Priya Jagannathan, Amrita Datta*

Contingent Aspirations and Employment Dynamics among Higher-educated Young Mothers in Kerala

- 14 This paper intervenes in the debate on what explains women's movements in and out of the labour market by probing the life course history of higher-educated mothers of young children in Kerala. We find that women's employment was interrupted by readjustments occasioned primarily by marriage, health risks of pregnancy, childbirth, family care responsibilities, and higher studies. Despite interruptions, most women aspired to be employed, and many had returned to participate in paid work. — *Thiagu Ranganathan, Praveena Kodoth & Tirtha Chatterjee*

Making Households Work: Women in Informal Economy and Social Reproduction

- 20 Based on ethnographic fieldwork in an urban village of Gurugram (Haryana), this paper explores the relational dynamics of social reproduction and care work within the informal urban economy. Focusing on women's dual roles in waged work and unpaid labour, it examines how care is distributed and contested within families. The paper highlights the entanglements of labour and kinship, foregrounding care as relational, processual and central to working-class survival. — *Priyanjali Mitra*

Unions and Labour NGOs: The Structural Conditions for the Success of the Domestic Workers' Union

- 26 In Bengaluru, domestic workers have organised with many organisations that are broadly of two forms—domestic workers unions and labour non-governmental organisations—with discrete yet intertwined histories. The paper looks at the trajectory of these organisations from the perspective of the struggles and visions of their leadership. The degree of "organicity" of a domestic workers union is deeply shaped by the co-dependence between labour NGOs and domestic workers unions. — *Rajesh Joseph, Balmurli Natrajan & Roshni Lobo*

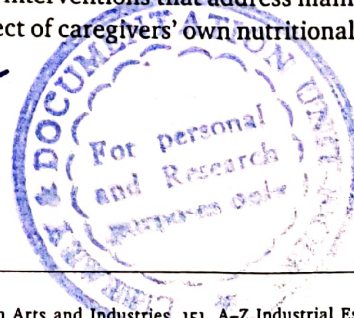
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- 33 The paper examines cases involving employed women living apart from their spouses, leading to husbands filing petitions for restitution of conjugal rights. Such petitions demand that the wives give up their current employment and take up residence with the husband. The paper argues that the jurisprudence of the Indian courts on this issue has reinforced the sexual division of labour and the extraction of unpaid care work from wives. — *Aishwarya Singh, Harikartik Ramesh*

Invisible Work, Visible Malnutrition: A Care-ful Approach to Social Protection and Nutrition

- 39 By theorising the interlinkages between care work and nutrition, this paper constructs a framework for care-ful social protection measures to address this nexus. It argues that the unequal distribution of care work, rooted in entrenched social norms that further invisibilise care, constitutes a significant barrier to effective social protection interventions that address malnutrition. Adopting a feminist analytical framework, the paper highlights the paradoxical neglect of caregivers' own nutritional needs. — *Deepta Chopra, S Reshma Sekhar*

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Caste(d) Waste Management

PPP-led waste management services in upper-caste, middle-class neighbourhoods are intentionally made visible, whereas efforts are made to obscure the presence of the landfill to conceal the casteist, dirty, and putrid reality of the city. [page 64](#)

Ecocide in Palestine

Israeli aggression on Palestine's ecosystem must be viewed as a deliberate attempt at ethnic cleansing and the erasure of Gaza's indigenous biodiversity, and never as collateral damage. [page 31](#)

Energy Transition Politics

In developing countries, feedbacks between politics, policy, and technology are entrenched in an initial dependent coupling with global conditions, which creates resistance to achieving industrial policy goals. [page 48](#)

Trump Tariffs and Manufacturing

Augmenting tariff walls may not lead to greater industrialisation, particularly when profit-making through asset inflation continues to be a lucrative option for corporates. [page 42](#)

The Rediscovery of Unequal Exchange

10 In a recent working article, Nievas and Piketty deploy the concept of unequal exchange to examine global trade flows in the last two centuries. Yet, they do not engage in any systematic way with the scholarly contributions of the dependency and world systems theoretical framework. — *Shahram Azhar, T Sabri Öncü*

K L Krishna's Contributions

16 As the leader of the India KLEMS project, supported by the Reserve Bank of India, K L Krishna contributed to developing a comprehensive industry-level database of the Indian economy. — *Abdul A Erumban, Bishwanath Goldar & Suresh Chand Aggarwal*

Making of a Rape–Murder Atrocity

19 The article looks into three specific features of West Bengal that enable an environment of subjugating “working-age women” and a “cruel but silent mechanism” that remains at the core of this current system. — *Soham Bhattacharya, Torsa Saha*

The Efficiency Criterion of the Finance Commission

24 Minor weight assignment and implicit loopholes in the methods used by the finance commission for distributing central shared taxes across the states of India provide more shares to poor performers. — *Pareswar Sahu*

Sri Lankan Tamil Diaspora and the State

28 The Sri Lankan Prime Minister’s reference to the diaspora as “good ambassadors of the country” is a description which, in a context of high expectations regarding national reconciliation and justice, incites reflection about identities and identity politics. — *Nadeera Rajapakse*

Everyday Ecocide in Palestine

31 The Israeli genocidal aggression has systematically contributed to ecocide in Palestine, in what amounts to an “environmental nakba.” — *Inzam P I*

Will Trump Tariffs Bring Back Manufacturing Jobs in the US?

42 The current crisis of jobs for those educated till high-school levels is a result of automation that makes many routine jobs, both in manufacturing and services, obsolete. Hence, tariffs may incentivise manufacturing value added but would hardly add jobs in advanced countries. — *Satyaki Roy*

Energy Transition Politics in the Global South

48 Sustainability transitions literature argues that feedbacks are generated in a way that allows countries to adopt stronger policies better aligned with industrial goals. However, in developing countries, feedbacks are entrenched in an initial dependent coupling with global conditions, creating resistance. — *Dwarkeshwar Dutt*

NIMBY and Its Ever-diminishing Returns

56 Highlighting the emerging contradictions in Kerala’s public action legacy, it is argued that the local communities’ diminishing trust in the state—a legacy of the striking failure of the state’s solid waste management regime—is the crucial underlying issue in the sector. — *Gautam Ganapathy, Paresh Chhajed-Picha & N C Narayanan*

Caste(d) Waste Management Infrastructures in Delhi

64 Examining the public–private partnership-led waste management services and the Bhalswa landfill in north-west Delhi, this paper addresses how infrastructures are strategically “visibilised” by the former to project a sanitised image of the city’s municipality, and “invisibilised” by the latter to conceal the casteist, dirty reality of the city. — *Aparna Agarwal*

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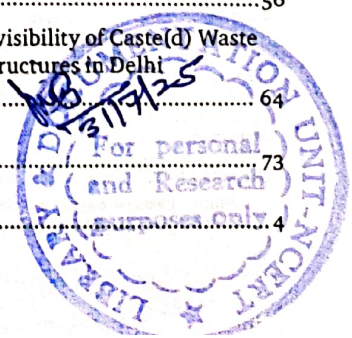
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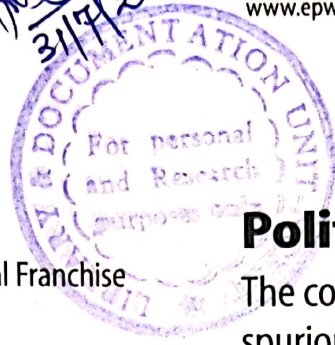
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Digitisation and Street Vending

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No Privacy in a Marriage

10 The Supreme Court’s judgment in *Vibhor Garg v Neha* (2025), holding that a spouse may produce non-consensually recorded phone calls as evidence in a matrimonial dispute, seems to suggest that marriage puts an end to the right to privacy between spouses. — *Alok Prasanna Kumar*

Revisiting Tagore’s Yearning for Brotherhood

13 Tagore’s genuine desire for friendship and brotherhood for the two civilisational neighbours, unfortunately, has been lost in the long game of simmering tensions along the border. — *Hemant Adlakha*

The Politics of Microeconomics

17 The political underpinnings of mainstream microeconomics are examined by drawing on findings from the history of economic thought, highlighting the alarming features of marginalist microeconomics. — *Alex M Thomas*

Income Tax Cuts and the Macroeconomy

22 Exploring the possible impact of income tax cuts on the macroeconomy, it is shown that it is a suboptimal policy as compared to government expenditure. — *Rahul Menon*

India, the Soviet Union, and Allied Victory

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Telangana Education Commission 2025

28 Transformative reforms recommended by the Telangana Education Commission 2025 face challenges such as an overemphasis on performance metrics, bureaucratic governance led by non-educators, and a contentious push for English-medium instruction. — *Adama Srinivas Reddy*

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32 Despite the Indian Copyright Act, 1957 allowing for research use of copyrighted works, Indian researchers lack access to academic literature due to high subscription costs. — *Shivam Kaushik*

Same-sex Marriage Advocacy

44 Marriage laws in India have been a subject of continuous debate and were also discussed in the Constituent Assembly debates, with arguments ranging from the broad-based formulation of a Uniform Civil Code to the inclusion of the right to marry as a fundamental right. — *Sohina Pawah*

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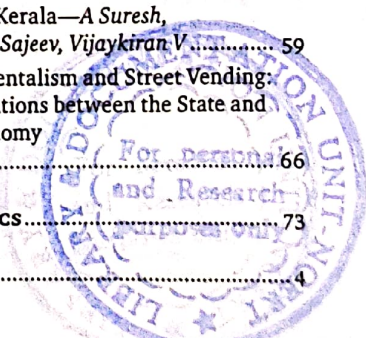
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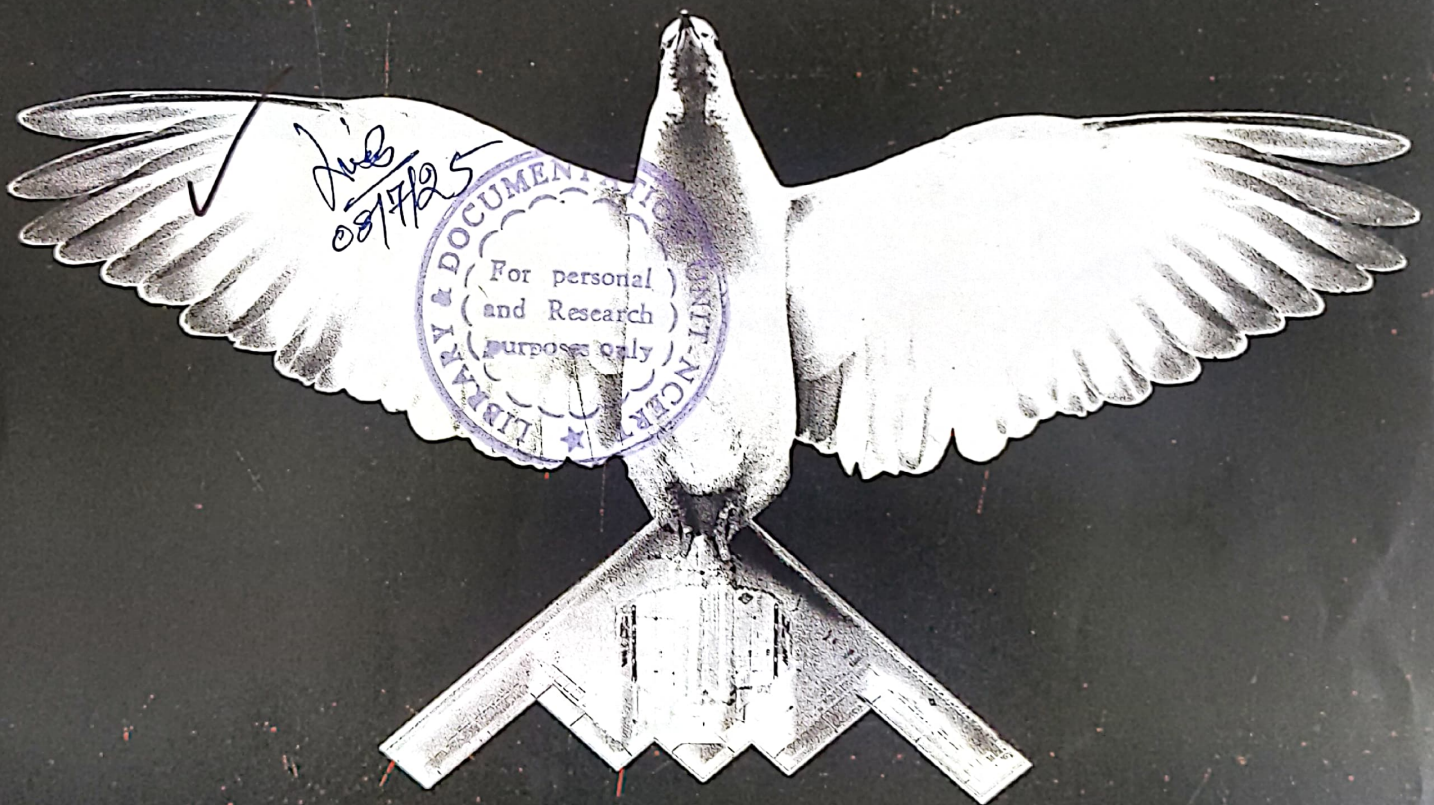
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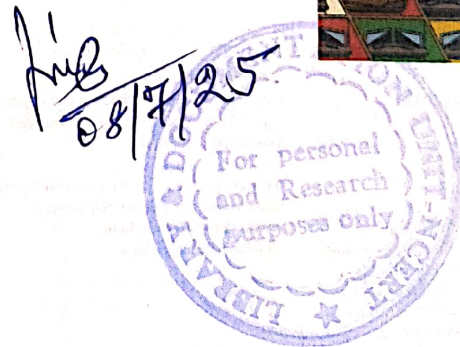
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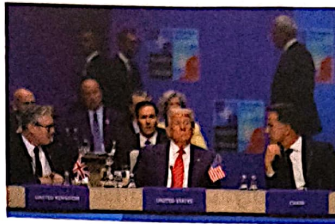


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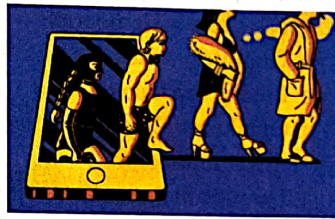
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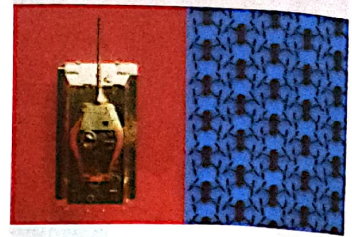
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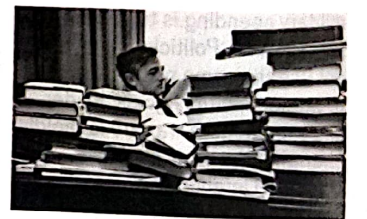
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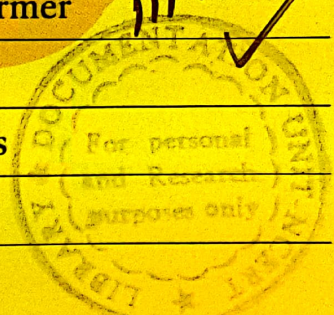
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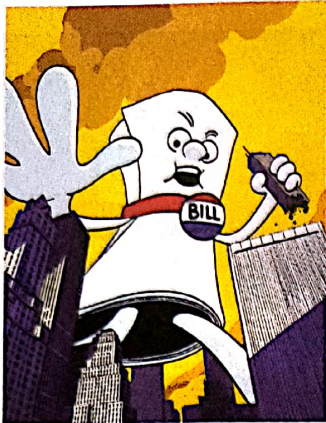


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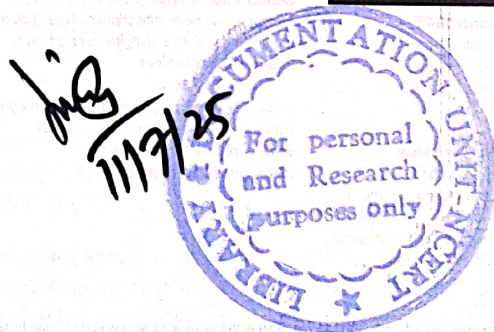
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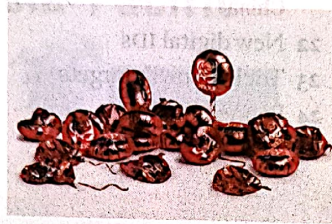
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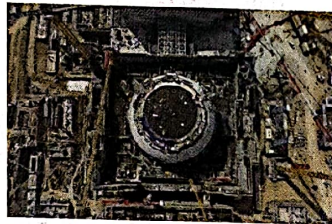
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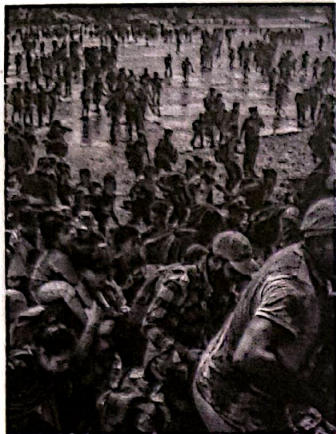
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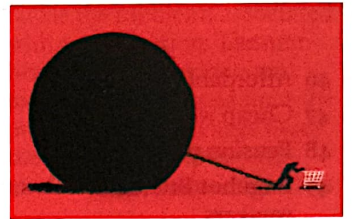
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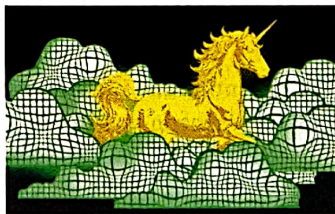
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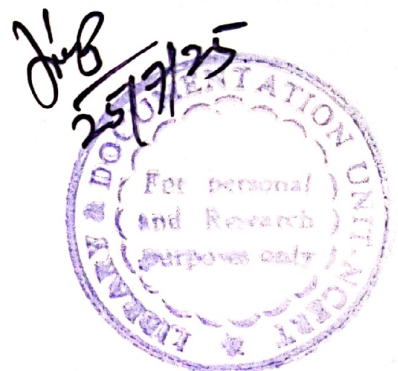
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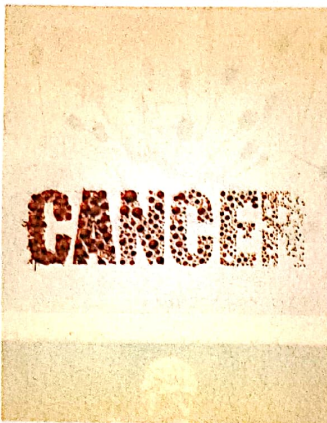


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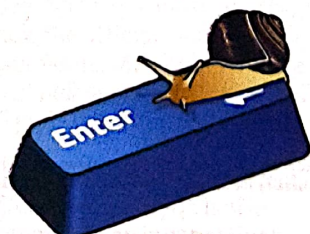
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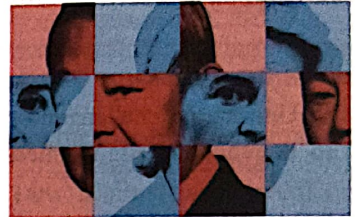
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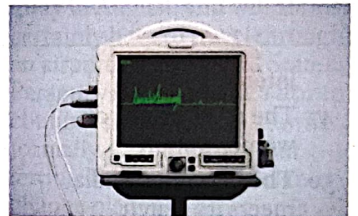
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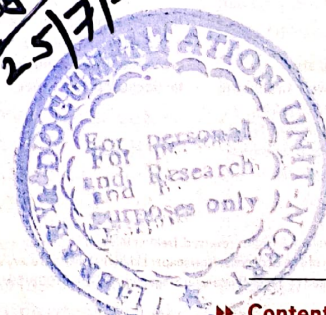


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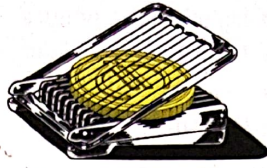


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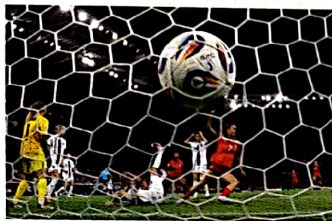
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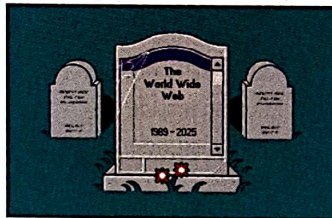
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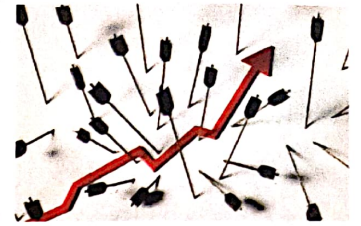
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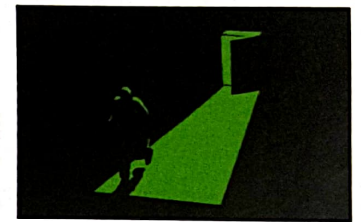
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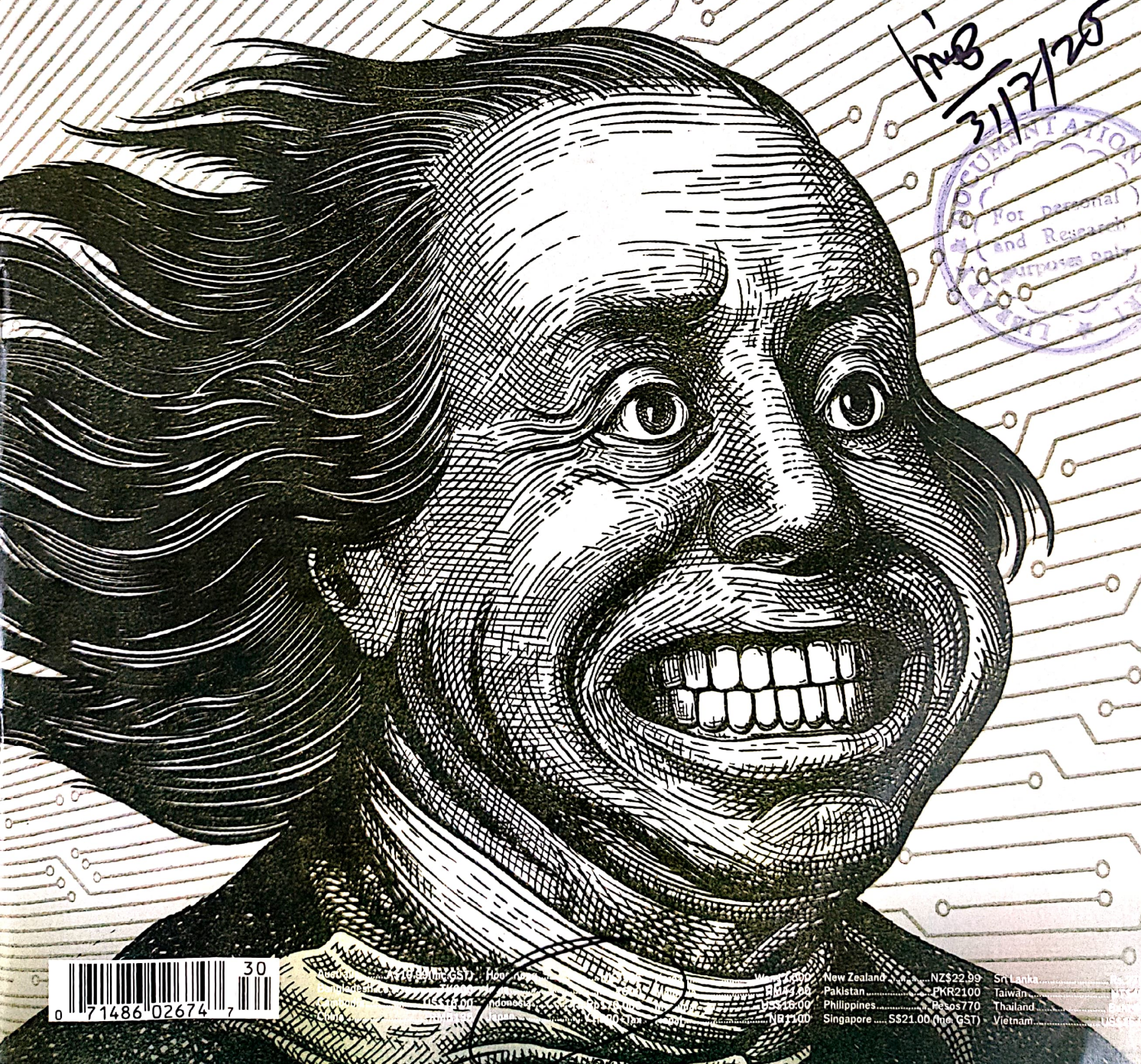
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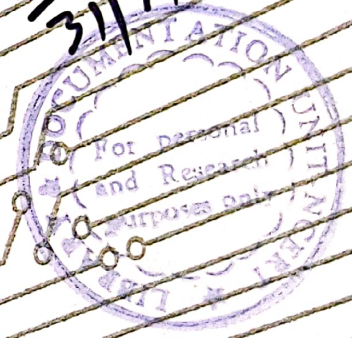
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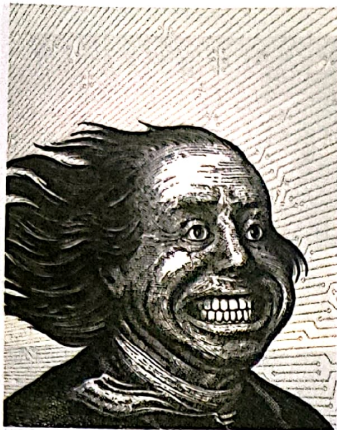


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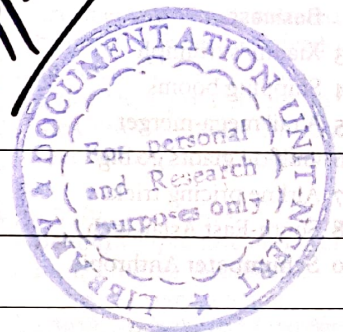


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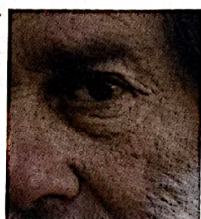


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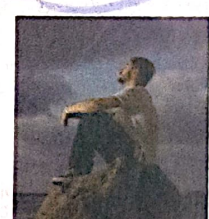
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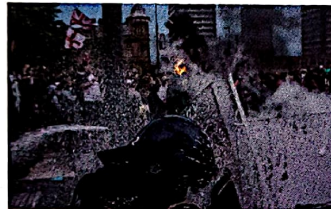
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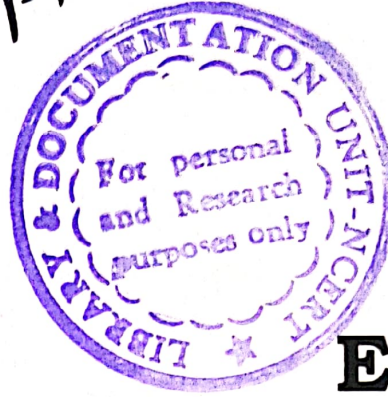
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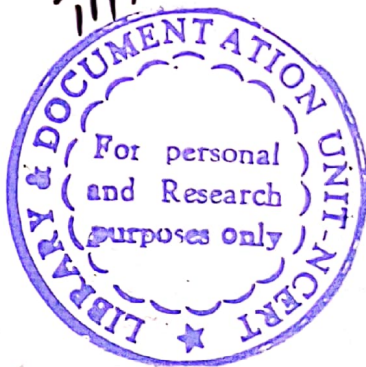
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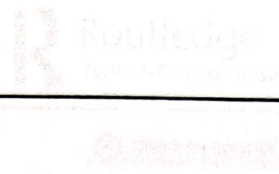
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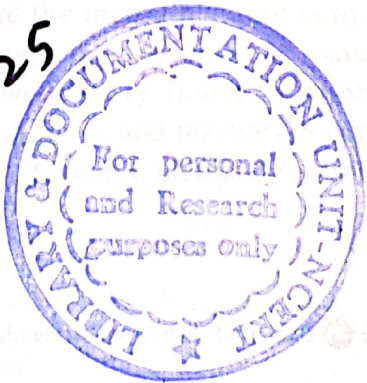
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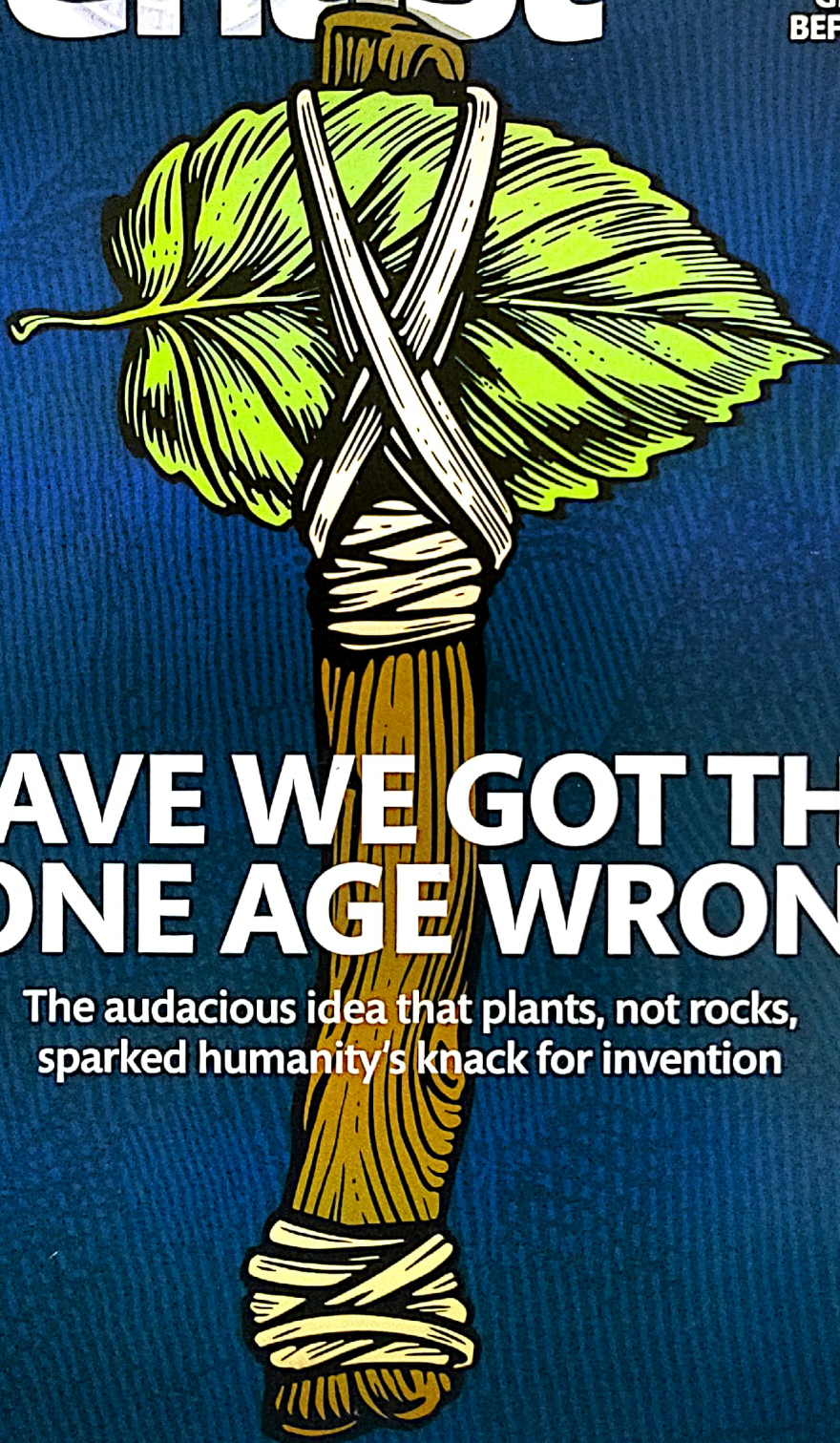
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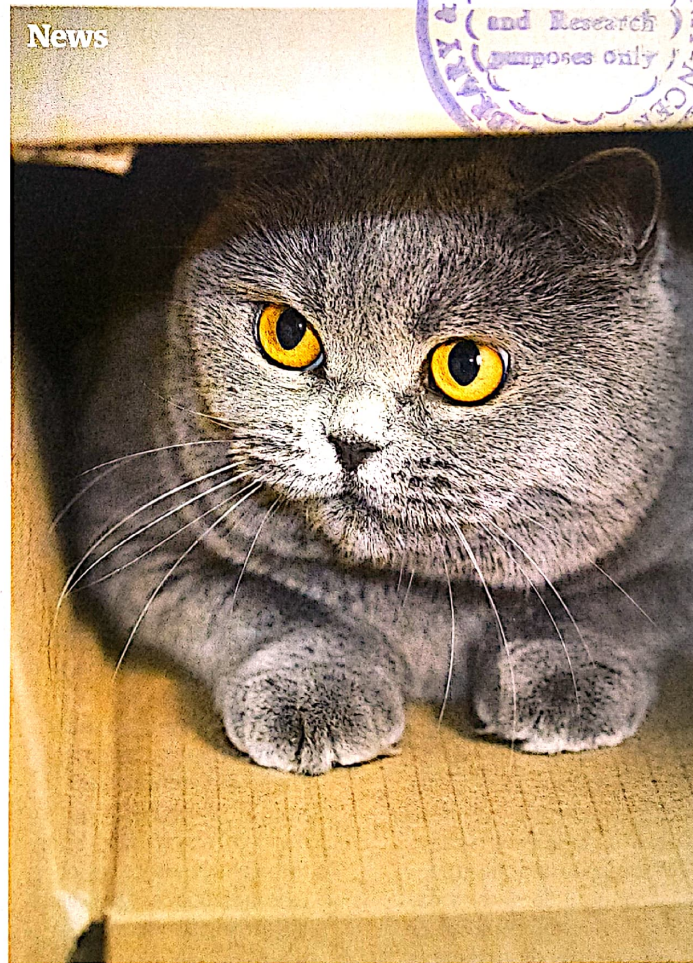
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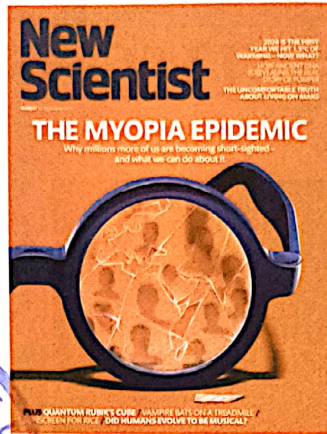
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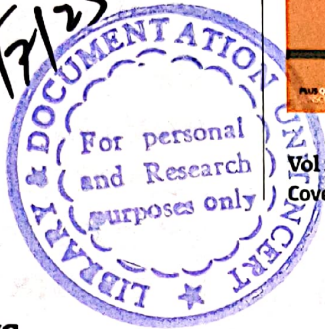
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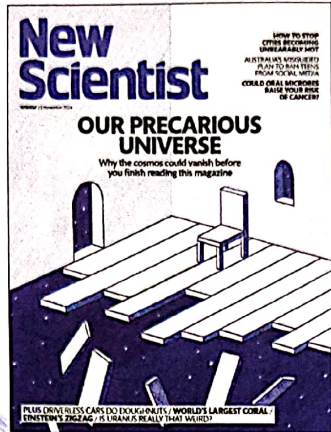
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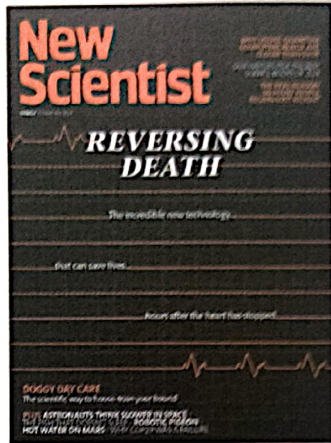
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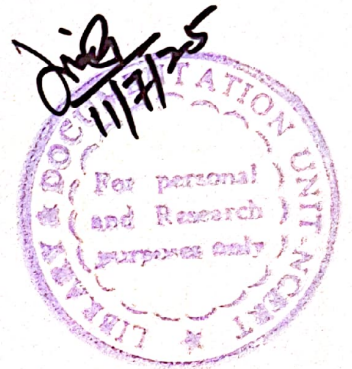
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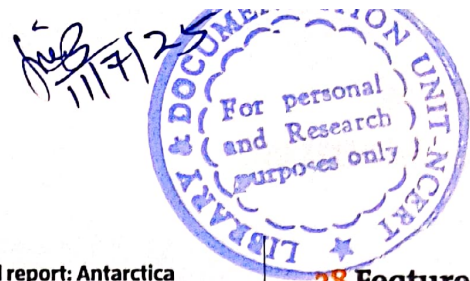


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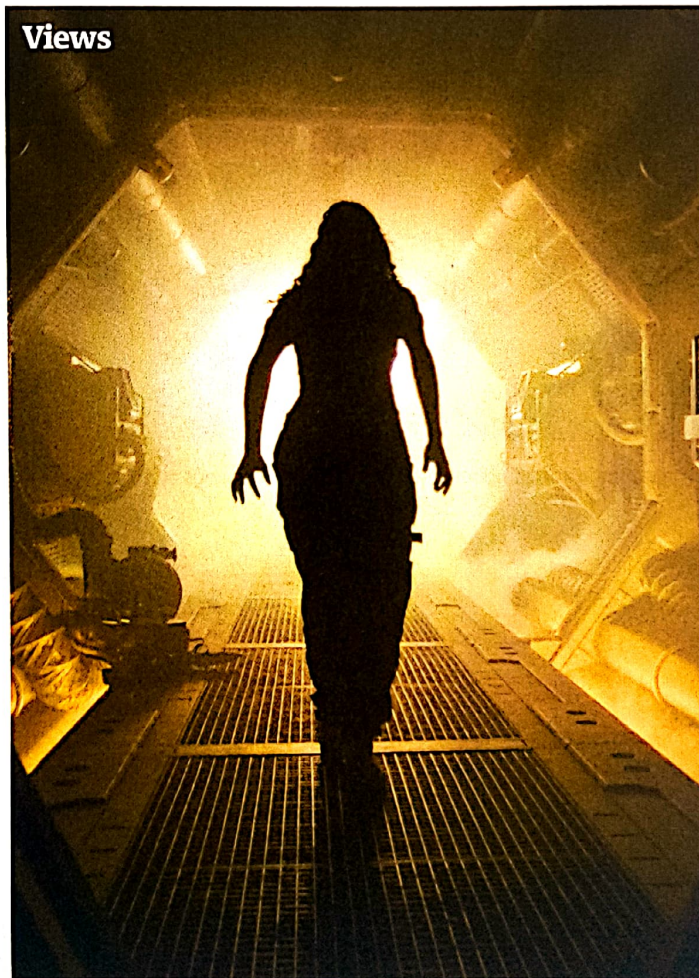
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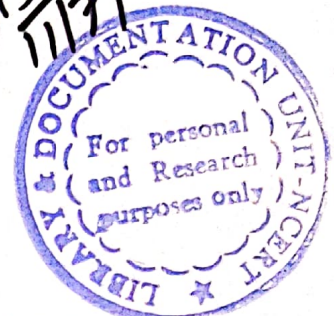
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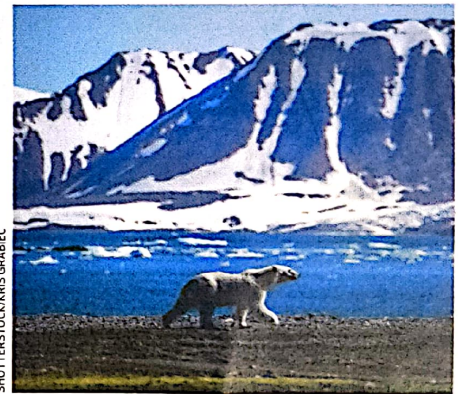
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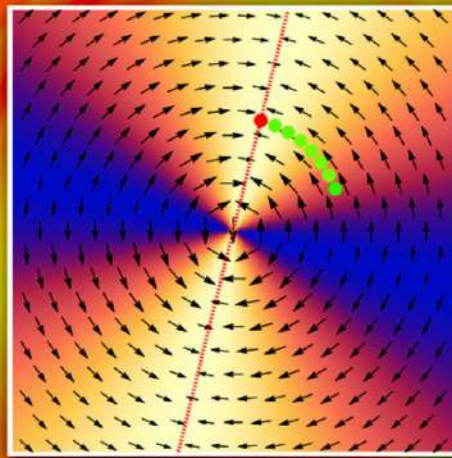
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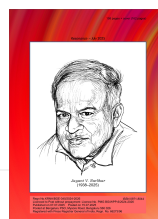
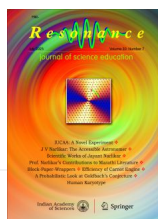
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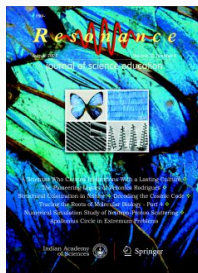
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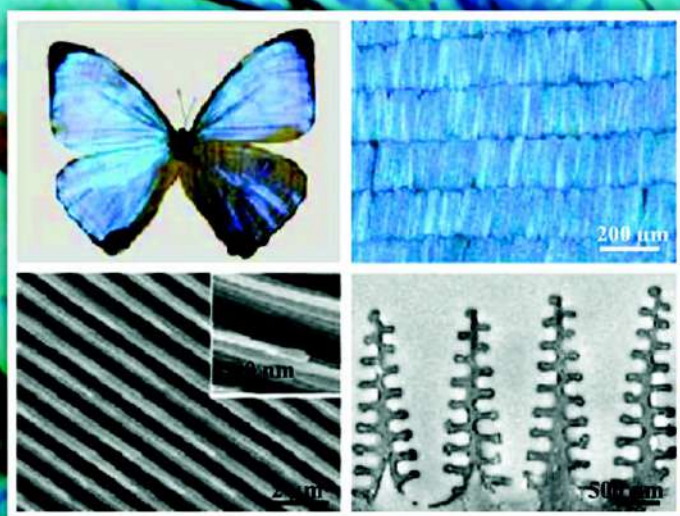
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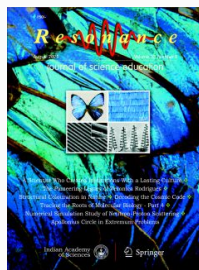
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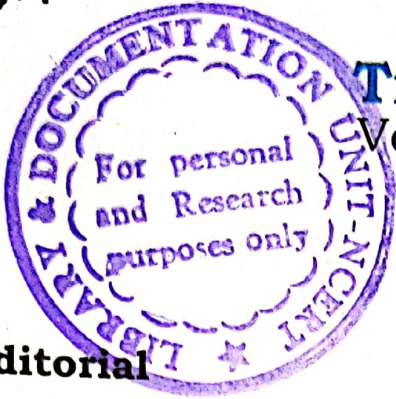
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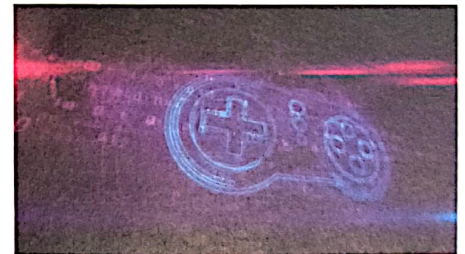
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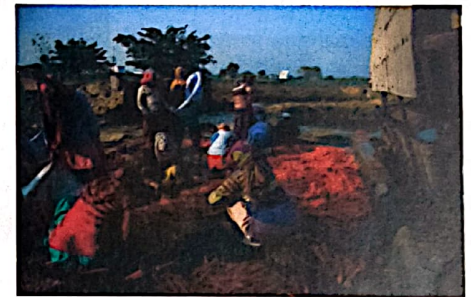
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