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## Short-sightedness of Farm Loan Waivers

- 8 The deep-rooted agrarian distress necessitates effective long-term solutions.

## Ambedkar's Feminism

- 10 Any hope for the emancipation of India's women would also impinge upon the destruction of the caste system. — *Karin Kapadia*

## Politics of Defections and BJP Strategy in Karnataka

- 13 Defection and re-election of the members of the legislative assembly in Karnataka is part of the Bharatiya Janata Party's larger strategy in the state. — *Valerian Rodrigues*

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- 16 The Supreme Court ruling has put the future of Vodafone-Idea at serious risk, but, what is the real issue that ails the sector? — *Yugank Goyal*

## Assessing the 25th Conference of Parties

- 22 In an attempt to sideline the equity and climate justice-related perspectives of the developing countries, the developed countries are seeking to manipulate the science-policy interface. — *T Jayaraman*

## Remedies for India's Ailing Statistical System

- 31 The protracted belligerence over the new series of gross domestic product data has dented the long-standing credibility of our statistical system. There is a need to not only come out of the present predicament, but also to find a way for enhancing the credibility of official statistics. — *R B Barman*

## Interpretations and Implications of Increasing Obesity

- 37 The National Family Health Survey-3 and 4 data reveal that in the past 10 years, overweight/obesity among women in terms of Body Mass Index has increased quite sharply, necessitating an overhaul of India's food programmes to ensure comprehensive energy and nutrient adequacy. — *Sourindra Mohan Ghosh, Imrana Qadeer*

## Where Is All Our Health Data Going?

- 46 The collection of digital personal health data could facilitate healthcare and referral services, but a strong and sensitive governance structure is needed to be put in place to enable its optimal use and to ensure that the data is not used to further the agendas of surveillance and control. — *Sundeep Sahay, Arunima Mukherjee*

## Probing into the Freedoms of Queer Liberation in India

- 54 Rather than making a rupture with the contemporary majoritarian political climate, the reading down by the Supreme Court of Section 377 is, in fact, a continuation of a longer nationalist project aimed at consolidating the ideal citizen subject of the Indian nation state. — *Jason Keith Fernandes*

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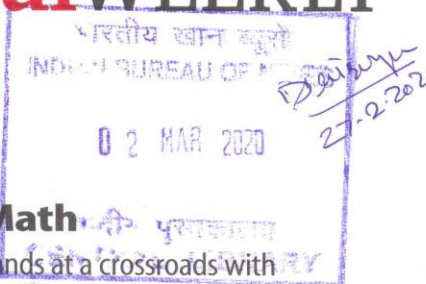
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## India's Fiscal Math

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## Manoeuvring Statistics

What do the incidents of suppression of statistics reflect upon: the dwindling credibility of India's official statisticians, or a failing political will? **page 10**

## Indigeneity Puzzle of the North East

The government's discriminatory citizenship policies towards the "indigenous" communities in Manipur and Assam reaffirm that the answer to this cultural conundrum is essentially political. **pages 18, 61**

## Pay to Use

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## Growing City, Dying River

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## Recent Shenanigans in Indian Statistics

- 10 The instances of data suppression and leaks, in recent times, inadvertently reaffirm the integrity and professionalism of the official statisticians, but categorically indicate towards ministerial obtrusion in data dissemination. — *Pronab Sen*

## Indian Fiscal Federalism at the Crossroads

- 14 The changing contours of union-state fiscal relations discussed in the context of the release of a recent book *Indian Fiscal Federalism* by Y V Reddy and G R Reddy are presented here. — *Lekha Chakraborty*

## The Politics of Inner Line Permit Extension to Manipur

- 18 The extension of the Inner Line Permit by the Bharatiya Janata Party government at the centre to Manipur is an attempt to weaken the anticipated strong protests in the state against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 and also, possibly, a means to negotiate the Meiteis' opposition to the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah)'s intricate demand for Greater Nagalim. — *Batskhem Myrboh*

## Comparing Floods in Kerala and the Himalayas

- 26 Similarities and differences between the Kerala floods in 2018 and 2019 and the Himalayan floods of Uttarakhand and Kashmir in 2013 and 2014, respectively, are discussed to suggest a holistic view towards addressing floods and dam management in these regions. — *Shekhar Pathak*

## Ahmedabad's Impact on the Sabarmati River

- 33 The Sabarmati river water quality, upstream and downstream of Ahmedabad, is analysed to assess the impact of the city on the river water quality using monthly data from April 2011 to March 2017. The findings point out that the impacts of water pollution caused by the city are borne by residents in the peri-urban areas. — *Neeru Bansal, R Parthasarathy*

## Sanitation and User Charges in Indian Slums

- 38 Despite the efforts of successive governments, sanitation coverage remains low in India. While several studies have explored the impact of user financing on the improvement of sanitation facilities, this article looks at the conditions of housing, infrastructure and the surroundings of slums, under which different sanitation arrangements are made. — *Indranil De*

## Working Conditions of Ayahs in Private Healthcare

- 46 Ayahs in private hospitals face a precarious life and poor working conditions. As caregivers, their work benefits patients and their families as well as the hospitals, but the issues they face are paid scant attention to by all the beneficiaries. — *Hemantika Basu*

## Subsidies, Merit Goods and the Fiscal Space for Reviving Growth

- 52 Rationalising non-merit subsidies is one of several deep fiscal reform measures that could together free up massive fiscal space that can be used to finance an inclusive growth revival strategy. — *Sudipto Mundle, Satadru Sikdar*

## Assam's Politics and the NRC

- 61 A response to "Assam's 2019 Verdict and the Anti-CAB Mobilisations" by Akhil Ranjan Dutta (*EPW*, 28 December 2019) points to long-run strategies that the Bharatiya Janata Party and its parent organisation have used to consolidate power in Assam. — *Deepankar Basu, Debarshi Das*

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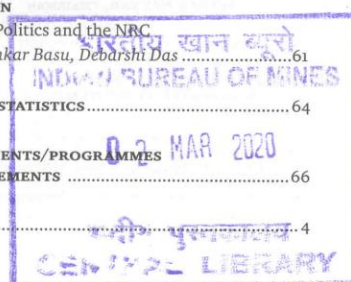
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### India in 2047

An exercise in envisioning India's future considers the trajectory that education and the intellectual culture are likely to traverse along the evolving social and political realities in the country. [page 29](#)

### National Medical Commission Bill

The introduction of an undefined new category of "community health providers" in the 2019 NMC Bill invites the apprehension that medical practice by unqualified personnel may get legitimised. [page 13](#)

### A New Political Era

The protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the National Register of Citizens have brought a new political idiom into circulation, espousing values of the Constitution, humanism, and non-sectarian politics. [page 16](#)

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## An Epistemic Change? Reading the CAA–NRC Protests

- 10 An analysis of how the protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the National Register of Citizens points to the epistemic change in the political idiom in India. — *G N Devy*

## Addressing Primary Healthcare Deficiencies

- 13 The National Medical Commission Bill, 2019 has neither given an unambiguous definition of community health workers nor spelt out how they could be effectively utilised for primary healthcare. — *Sharmila Mary Joseph*

## Can Maharashtra's New Government Prioritise Gender Responsive Budgets?

- 16 Major gender-related policies in Maharashtra are analysed, and the expectations from the new government in the state regarding provisions for women are outlined. — *Sujata Gothoskar, Seema Kulkarni*

## Chhapaak: Of Corrosive Mindsets and the Undying Will of the Survivors

- 20 The newly released film *Chhapaak* is used as a vehicle to comment on acid attacks as a heinous act and how the survivors brave the brutalities meted out to them. — *Swati Sehgal*

## Envisioning the India of 2047

- 29 The graduates of universities eventually fit, by and large, into social positions as solid citizens, in spite of the deep uneasiness some of them may continue to have with the society. — *Shyam Menon*

## National Family Health Survey-4

Seven articles use data from the National Family Health Survey to critically assessed issues related to health, fertility and social progress.

## Quality of Data in NFHS-4 Compared to Earlier Rounds

- 40 The quality of data from the National Family Health Survey-4 is likely to be affected by overstretching of the number of questions administered and the increased involvement of commercial agencies. — *K Srinivasan, Rakesh Mishra*

## Trends, Differentials and Determinants of Child Marriage in India

- 53 The government's conditional cash transfer scheme to enhance the value of the girl child needs revamping, and is recommended to be routed through the educational system in the form of fellowships for the girls, rather than disbursing cash incentives to the family. — *Sanjay Kumar*

## Frequently Asked Questions on Child Anthropometric Failures

- 59 An analysis of child anthropometric failure in India finds non-response of economic growth on nutritional well-being and greater burden among the poor as two fundamental concerns. — *Sunil Rajpal, Rockli Kim, Rajan Sankar, Alok Kumar, William Joe & S V Subramanian*

## Stagnancy in the Unmet Need for Family Planning in India

- 65 Trends in the level and nature of the unmet need for contraception, whether for spacing or limiting, are examined here on the basis of the data from the series of NFHS rounds. — *Purushottam M Kulkarni*

## Intimate Partner Violence: Effects on Maternity Care and Pregnancy Outcomes

- 71 Using the National Family Health Survey 2015–16, it is found that intimate partner violence has adverse impacts on the pregnancy outcomes, maternal and newborns' health, and related healthcare access. — *Srinivas Goli, Md Juel Rana & Jitendra Gouda*

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## Combining CAA with NRC–NPR

The linking of the National Population Register and the National Register of Citizens threatens to disenfranchise crores of people, rendering them stateless and without rights. [page 25](#)

## Addressing the Urban Water Crisis

To help mitigate the water crisis for urban inhabitants, a straightforward formula is provided for calculating rainwater harvesting targets in major South Asian cities. [page 14](#)

## Bihar's Undertrials

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## Muslim League in Kerala

Resisting majoritarian communalism as well as countering new mobilisations based on a radical Islamic identity requires arriving at more substantive conceptions of "being secular." [page 50](#)

## Lapses of Indian Pharma

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## Supreme Court Judgment on Reservations

- 7 The implementation of reservations is constitutionally mandated and cannot be left to the state's discretion.

## LIC's Stake Sale

- 8 Is the proposed public offering of LIC's stake anything more than a political stance?

## Climate Change Is Uninsurable, So, What Should We Do?

- 10 With climate change disasters being uninsurable, the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage can be a possible solution.  
— Avinash D Persaud

## Curbing Stubble Burning: Examining Possible Policy Interventions

- 11 The root cause of stubble burning and the lapses on the part of the central and state governments in controlling it are examined. — Devinder Sharma

## Rainwater Harvesting Benchmarks

- 14 Carefully designed rainwater harvesting systems can reduce water stress and help in the management of water crises in major South Asian cities, home to about a quarter of a billion people. — Achintya Ray

## Between Adhyatmik and Political Hindutva

- 17 Notwithstanding the inclusive character of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi's articulation of "Adhyatmik Hindutva," its electoral feasibility and social desirability remain questionable. — P Manikanta

## CAA-NRC-NPR and Its Discontents

- 25 The combination of CAA with NPR-NRC would produce consequences that are detrimental to the stable and harmonious functioning of our society and policy.  
— Mihir Desai

## Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana: A Critical Analysis

- 31 Analysing the available data, the performance of the PMMY against its objectives is assessed, and it is observed that the PMMY has not altered secular trends in lending to the target segments. — Deepti George

## Undertrial Prisoners in Bihar: A Study of Liquor Ban Arrests

- 38 Following the liquor ban in Bihar in 2016, many people from Dalit and Adivasi backgrounds who were arrested have been behind bars under exaggerated charges or because of procedural lapses by visiting legal aid lawyers.  
— Praveen Kumar, Vijay Raghavan

## FDI Spillovers on Technical Efficiency of Manufacturing Firms

- 42 Using stochastic frontier analysis, the impact of foreign direct investment on technical efficiency of Indian manufacturing firms during two sub-periods, 1994-2001 and 2002-10, is investigated. — Manoj Pant, Sanghita Mondal

## Muslim League in Kerala: Exploring the Question of 'Being Secular'

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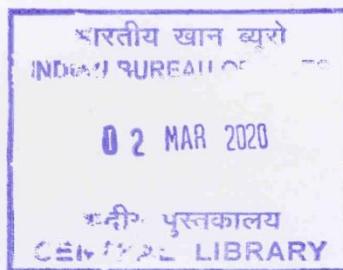
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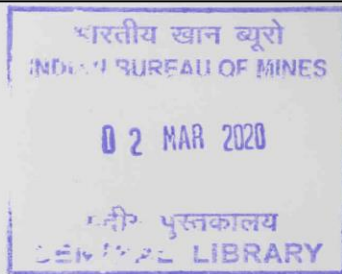
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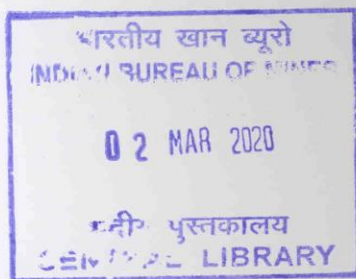
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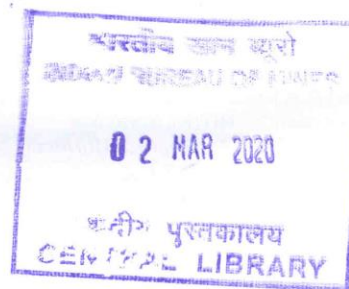
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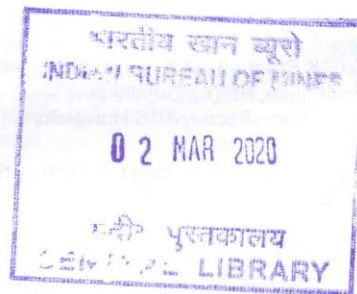
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