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- 15 A most common way to estimate jobs that can be performed from home is by carrying out surveys. However, unavailability of surveys in the home country compels researchers to estimate a work from home index using other countries' surveys. — *Mohit Sharma, Sargam Gupta & Xavier Estupinan*

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- 30 There is an urgent need to issue a policy resolution to ensure the social security and safety of sugar cane migrant labourers in the light of COVID-19 crisis. — *Prashant Bansode*

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- 43 Malaysian Indians form 7% of Malaysia's population and 80% of them are descendants of the British Empire's "coolies." Though an integral part of the nation's polity, they are a marginalised underclass. The coolies' plight can be resolved through a class-based policy strategy that addresses the root cause of their social and economic precarity. — *Viswanathan Selvaratnam*

Reimagining Region and Culture in Telangana

- 51 The return of patronage culture in Telangana calls for a re-examination of democratic claims made on behalf of "Telangana's cultural turn." Marginalised groups are also unable to move towards a common ethical and moral standard as culture is seen from the restricted logic of politics of representation. — *Imtiaz Quadri*

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Financial Fragility in 'Mature' Markets

- 10 With rising non-financial corporate debt and evidence of elevated borrowing levels among non-bank financial companies, the fragility resulting from excess leverage has returned to haunt developed country financial markets. — *C P Chandrasekhar*

Is India Moving Up the Global Value Chain?

- 12 India's participation in global value chains is investigated, focusing on its exports. — *Deeparghya Mukherjee*

D L Sheth (1932–2021): Activist and Intellectual

- 16 An intellectual's quest to reinvent social and political theory based on innovations coming from India — *Peter Ronald deSouza*

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- 19 The article is a tribute to R P Misra—the social scientist—who did seminal work in regional planning and brought in innovation in the academic institution he built. — *V K Natraj*

COVID-19 and India's Sexual Hierarchy

- 26 The COVID-19 pandemic and its concomitant socio-economic shocks have severely affected the lives of sex workers and members of the transgender community. — *Roshni Chakraborty*

Money, Banking and Finance

- 32 A set of five articles discussing topical issues pertaining to monetary policy and finance, initiatives for stressed asset resolution and the problems besieging the Indian corporate bond market — *Partha Ray*

Evolving Contours of Monetary Policy

- 34 Monetary policy has emerged as an important tool of economic policy, both in developed and developing economies. — *C Rangarajan*

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- 43 This paper engages with a standard text in financial economics. — *Romar Correa*

ARCs and the Bad Debt of Indian Banks

- 51 The finance minister's budget speech 2021 revealed the government's plans to establish an Asset Reconstruction Company to take over bad debt from the books of public sector banks for eventual disposal. — *C P Chandrasekhar*

Inflation and Terms-of-trades

- 59 This paper argues that, over the longer run, the intertemporal path of inflation in an economy is affected by secular changes in the intersectoral terms-of-trade, which in turn is closely linked to the stages of structural change. — *Subhasankar Chattopadhyay*

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- 67 The Indian corporate bond market has remained small in size despite a long history, several committee recommendations, and continuous reforms. — *Geetima Das Krishna, Biswajit Nag*

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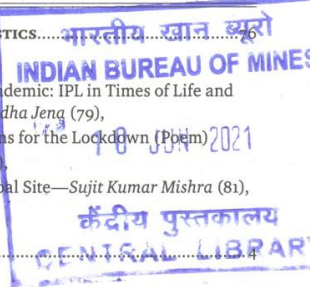
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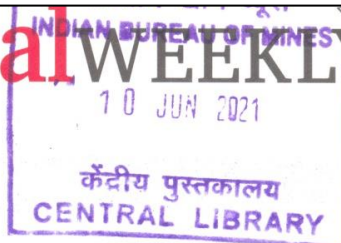
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- 10 The Supreme Court's constitution bench judgment striking down the Maharashtra government's reservations for Marathas has applied well-accepted tests laid down in the Indra Sawhney judgment but missed an opportunity to re-examine the artificially imposed 50% limit on reservations in jobs and seats. — *Alok Prasanna Kumar*

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- 13 The focus on the pandemic must not take our attention away from the larger concerns around the conduct of the Election Commission and their implications for trust in the institution and electoral integrity. — *Anupama Roy, Ujjwal Kumar Singh*

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- 17 A possible reason for India's economy being badly hit by COVID-19 is the limited fiscal support despite a stringent lockdown, with most of the heavy lifting done through monetary measures. — *Alok Sheel*

Farm Reforms, Protests and By-election in Haryana

- 21 Due to opposition from farmers and political parties to the so-called new farm reforms, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party and Jannayak Janata Party coalition in Haryana has remarkably lost its vote share and an opportunity to win a rural constituency by-election. — *Ramphul Ohlan*

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- 23 As a people's economist and courageous bureaucrat, Tajamul Haque devoted his life and work to land reforms in India. — *Pranab Ranjan Choudhury, Varsha Ganguly*

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- 32 As India struggles to curb the COVID-19 outbreak, it is important to look back and examine how a major pandemic that occurred nearly 100 years ago was tackled by the then colonial administration, specifically in Mysore. — *T V Sekher*

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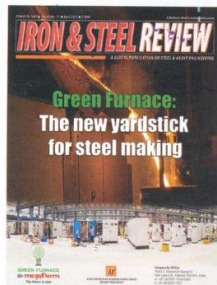
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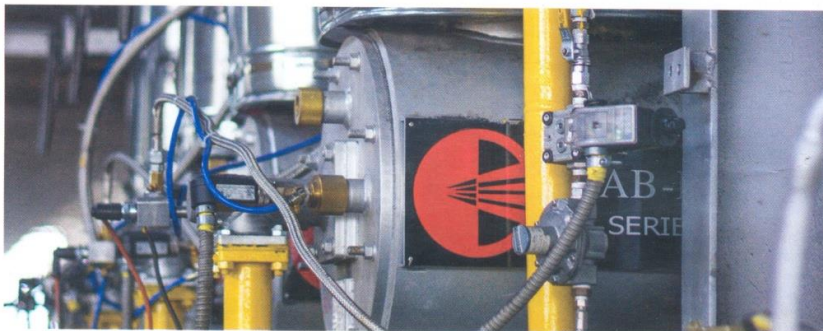
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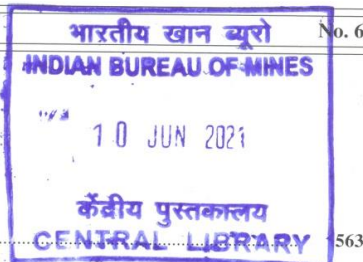
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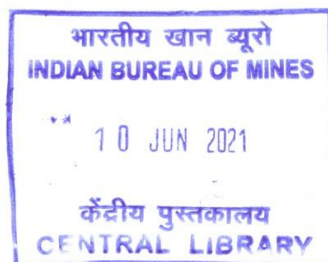
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