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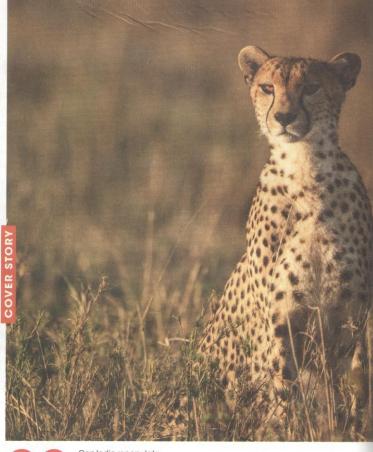
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Pharma Freebies, Free from Regulation

Large-scale freebies are provided by pharmaceutical companies to docto the absence of a legally enforced regulation of unethical promotion. - Abhay Shukla

Empowering the Visually Challenged

With the emergence of screen readers and user-friendly technology visually challenged persons, a debate started over the relevance of Braille as a means of education. - Nikhil Jain

Energy: A Greater Common Good

This article attempts to identify the key factors influencing the adoption of energy-efficient measures and analyse the reasons for the non-adoption of energy audit recommendations. - Jayaraman Chillayil

Sanctions in Ukraine War

The regime of international sanctions in the context of the recent Russia-Ukraine war is studied. — Debangana Chatterjee

India's Contract Farming Act

The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 is an important legislative landmark in the context of Indian agricultural policy. This paper critically examines the various provisions contained in the act to assess its potential in mitigating the key concerns in adopting the practice of contract farming in India. - Sthanu R Nair, Reddy Sai Shiva Jayanth & Deva Prasad M

impact of Lockdown on Employment and Earnings

The Periodic Labour Force Survey is an important official source of data on the labour force. In this paper, we make use of the data on activity statuses according to the daily, weekly, and the principal usual status approaches and the earnings data from PLFS 2019-20 to study the impact of the lockdown on employment and earnings. - P C Mohanan, Aloke Kar

Politics of Cultural Misrecognitions in West Bengal

This paper explores the mechanisms of the Trinamool Congress's percolation among the ethnic and religious minorities through "cultural misrecognition." Through an ethnographic work on the promotion of cultural expressions and necess ethnic conflicts, it is argued that West Bengal is observing a rapid rise of primordial identity-based political practices. — Suman Nath

Functional Efficiency of e-NAM in Odisha

The impact of the Electronic National Agriculture Market on market arrival and price of the commodities in the selected Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees and on the incomes of the farmers are analysed in this paper. It also highlights the difficulties faced by farmers to market their agricultural produce. — Trinadh Nookathoti, Biswanath Behera

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— T Prahhakar Reddy

Enablers of Successful Fiscal Decentralisation

Kerala is among the few states that have a successful record in fiscal decentralisation. This study qualitatively analyses primary data from three gram panchayats in Kerala to identify the factors that enable successful decentralised fiscal governance through panchayati raj.

— Parvathy Sailesh, Padmini Ram

The Periodic Labour Force Survey and Socio-economic Inequalities

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— Manoj Jatav, Deepika Jajoria

FPIS, MITRA Scheme and India's Textile Sector

Taking the global fibre consumption of man-made fabrics and natural fibre as a base, this paper analyses how the production-linked incentive scheme can contribute in increasing India's share in global textile and apparel exports. Further, the role of the Mega Investment Textiles Parks scheme in positioning India as a fully integrated, globally competitive manufacturing and exports hub is analysed. — Shilpy Verma, Bhawna Kakkar

Electronic Market and Market Failures in Agriculture

This paper examines the performance of agricultural markets through analysing the primary data from 856 farm households in six states along with secondary data. It argues that adequate physical and storage infrastructure is crucial even for the functioning of the electronic market, and other related policy measures are needed to have a significant improvement in agricultural marketing. — Chandra Sekhara Rao N, Yogesh Bhatt & Susanto K Beero

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— Praveen Jha, Paris Yeros

Politics of Identity Contra Anti-caste Social Visions

46 The intricate relations between caste-based identity politics and anti-caste social associations and visions in West Bengal are unravelled in this paper. In-depth interviews too were conducted with Namasudra leaders, the anti-caste Matua sect, and Matua dals (village associations) in Nadia and North 24 Parganas districts. — Rajat Roy

Determinants of Child Labour in India

This paper aims to explore and analyse both the demand- and supply-side determinants of child labour in India. The availability of government schools is an insignificant factor in reducing child labour in the rural areas, whereas the urban areas of districts with higher per capita district domestic product have more child labour. — Satyaki Dasgupta, Annesha Mukherjee

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