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Insights for Caste Census

Accurate and comprehensive caste-wise data collection calls for the recognition of caste-name variations, utilisation of local languages, engaging regional experts, including questions about home language and professed religion, and pre-testing caste census procedures. **page 36**

Politics of 'Voluntary' Relocation

The dominant conception of "inviolable spaces," upheld by the state and sections of the conservation establishment, needs to give way to community-centred approaches that foreground coexistence, bio-cultural landscapes, and historically embedded conservation practices. **page 23**

Financial Inclusion of Women

While India has travelled a significant distance in enhancing access to bank deposits for women, their usage for savings remains low among female-headed households and needs to be enhanced. **page 135**

Impeachment of Judges

The understanding of the Lok Sabha speaker—that impeachment proceedings stand closed once the judge in question resigns—defeats the constitutional intent of these proceedings. **page 10**

IMO's Carbon Levy

The proposed levy by the International Maritime Organization represents a significant paradigm shift for the Indian shipping industry, generating complex legal, fiscal, and regulatory challenges. **page 27**

Flaws in the Impeachment of Judges

- 10 Justice Yashwant Verma's resignation midway through the impeachment process has exposed a major deficiency of the process prescribed under the Constitution to remove a judge of the high court. — *Alok Prasanna Kumar*

Recasting Disaster Governance

- 13 The Disaster Management (Amendment) Act, 2025 marks a shift from relief-centric approaches towards anticipatory, science-based, and development-oriented disaster governance aimed at enhancing India's long-term resilience. — *Dinesh Kumar Aswal*

Dissent under Siege

- 16 The systematic constitutional erosion of the right to protest in India needs closer examination, as Articles 19(1)(a) and 19(1)(b) are being undermined through legislative overreach, judicial innovation beyond constitutional bounds, and administrative arbitrariness. — *Samparna Tripathy, Sheikh Mohammad Sufiyan*

Conversion and the Scheduled Caste Status

- 20 The Supreme Court's denial of Scheduled Caste status to Christians and Muslims, its colonial and scripture-centric legal foundations, and the Court's conflation of social and religious identity need to be unpacked. — *Iqbal Ahmad*

Politics of 'Voluntary' Relocation in Mudumalai

- 23 As the experiences of the Kattu Naickars show, voluntariness is often produced through the denial of amenities, services, forest access and rights rather than through informed consent. — *Senkathirvanan K, Ajit Menon*

IMO's Carbon Levy

- 27 The International Maritime Organization's proposed global carbon levy marks a significant shift in maritime climate governance and raises important questions for India's taxation framework. — *Manoj Kumar Singh, Niranjana J Anil*

Insights from Karnataka for a Caste Census

- 36 Learnings from Karnataka help understand the complexities of caste identities, providing tangible examples to better inform the conduct of a future caste census. — *Suresh Patil, Aditi Bhowmick*

Sub-national Export Performance

- 119 The determinants of export performance across states and union territories are examined. There emerges a significant linkage between FDI inflows and export growth, while logistics and industrial ecosystems strongly influence competitiveness. Greater state participation in external economic engagement can strengthen India's export performance. — *Amlan Ray, Tridivesh Singh Maini*

Cultural Literacy and Epistemic Justice in Rural Classrooms

- 127 What does it mean for a child in a Punjabi village to see their language, history and knowledge left out of the classroom? English-dominated schooling often marginalises students' local knowledge and voices. Although culturally responsive practices demonstrate transformative potential, exam pressure, rigid curricula and language hierarchies continue to limit meaningful inclusion and educational equity. — *Preksha, Kanwalpreet Kaur*

Financial Inclusion of Women: Beyond Deposit Access

- 135 With access to bank deposits as the basic benchmark, there is a need to expand the understanding and assessment of women's financial inclusion. While deposit access has grown significantly for women, women's usage of bank deposits and other formal instruments remains much lower. In 2025, the credit-to-deposit ratio for women was only 43% as compared to 93% for men. — *Sandeep Kaur, Pallavi Chavan & Riddhi Lakhiani*

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