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POLICY TO PRACTICE PODCAST

The CDPP launched the "Policy to Practice" podcast featuring development sector experts. The podcast aims to enlighten a diverse audience on global issues, fostering conversations with experts to simplify complex concepts related to social, cultural, economic, and technological development.

#5 Featuring Ms. Sonia Jorge & Ms. Kavitha Iyer



In this episode, we interview two guests, the renowned Policy Advisor Ms. Sonia Jorge & the prominent journalist Ms. Kavitha Iyer. This podcast focuses on the collective responsibility that all of us have as a digital citizen. We also discuss our individual responsibilities to make the internet a safer place. We address the systemic obstacles which people, especially women, in India face. Moreover, we explore the silver linings of digitization and the internet, highlighting their transformative potential. Join us as we unravel the complexities and potentials of our digital age!

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ONLINE BLOGS

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles via renowned platforms like Siasat and our official CDPP website. This month's articles covered diverse themes like Electoral practices, Multilateralism, and Nomadic Communities in India.

Corporate Funding in Politics Needs Transparency.



Corporate funding in Indian politics, from pre-independence to modern times, raises concerns about undue influence and public trust. Despite regulatory efforts, highlighted by recent events such as the banning of electoral bonds, issues persist. Transparency is crucial to prevent manipulation, ensure fair representation, and uphold democratic principles. Implementing stricter regulations, like donation caps and donor disclosure, is necessary to mitigate risks and foster public confidence in governance. Upholding integrity in political finance is essential for building trust in democratic institutions.

Democracy and Environmental Responsibility: Rethinking India's Electoral Practices



As India gears up for the General Elections amid pressing climate challenges, it grapples with the environmental impact of electoral activities. Rampant pollution, especially from non-biodegradable campaign materials, compounds existing waste management issues. Energy-intensive rallies further degrade the environment, posing risks to public health. By prioritizing green electoral processes, enforcing strict regulations, and raising public awareness, India can move towards sustainable democracy. Embracing environmental responsibility in elections ensures a future where democracy flourishes alongside environmental preservation.

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As Congress Focuses on Party Plan in Its Manifesto, BJP Tries to Sell “Modi Ki Guarantee” Vision



The paper compares the manifestos of the Congress and the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, highlighting their differing approaches to governance and development. The Congress focuses on social justice, inclusivity, and welfare measures, while the BJP emphasizes continuity, infrastructure development, and national security. The Congress proposes structural reforms to address youth unemployment and gender disparities, while the BJP aims to expand existing schemes and prioritize entrepreneurship and infrastructure. The manifestos reflect ideological disparities, offering distinct visions for India's future.

The Future of Multilateralism: Navigating Crossroads of Challenges and Cooperation



The paper explores the significance of multilateralism in addressing global challenges amidst increasing interconnectedness and severity of issues. It emphasizes understanding multiculturalism to navigate future challenges and cooperation. Highlighting major pillars and potentials, it stresses the need for collective efforts from governments, international organizations, civil society, and the public to strengthen collaboration and enhance global governance.

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Academics: A Falling Domain?



The article explores the difficulties that modern academia is experiencing, emphasizing a transition from enthusiastic exploration to administrative responsibilities and shallow interactions. The proposal suggests using qualitative assessment measures, promoting cooperation, strengthening research ethics, and pushing for academic integrity in order to restore academia's fundamental spirit of passionate inquiry and collaborative exploration.

Empowering Denotified and Nomadic Communities in India: Addressing Marginalisation and Promoting Social Inclusion



This article focuses on the marginalisation experienced by De-notified, Nomadic, and Semi-nomadic (DNT) communities in India, and the challenges they face in their efforts to be socially included. It highlights their exclusion from mainstream society in terms of social, economic, and political factors, which are attributed to a lack of recognition, documentation, and access to essential services. Various initiatives and recommendations aimed at addressing their marginalisation, including those suggested by national commissions and government schemes are also explored. It emphasises the need for multifaceted interventions to uplift DNT communities, and promote their meaningful participation in society and social inclusion.

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The Rise of European Right-Wing Populism and Its Implications for LGBTQ+ Rights: A Comparative Analysis of Poland Versus Sweden's Attitudes toward Queer Communities



This paper examines the factors causing some European Union (EU) member states to enforce queer rights while others do not, drawing on Sweden and Poland as countries on opposite ends of the LGBTQ+ norm pioneer spectrum. It finds Poland's corrosion of public trust through the Law and Justice party contrasts with Sweden, a country built on a foundation of social trust in democratic practices. The paper concludes that the EU must take action to enforce LGBTQ+ rights by earmarking a sector of its funds to uplift LGBTQ+ NGOs and conduct dialogue with member states like Poland that harbour oppressive policies.

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EVENTS

THE DIGITAL CITIZEN SUMMIT 2024

AI | ALGORITHM | ACCOUNTABILITY

The Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) and the Centre for Development Policy & Practice (CDPP) proudly announce the upcoming 6th Digital Citizenship Summit, themed "Algorithms, AI & Accountability." Following the success of the 5th summit in 2023, this event promises another enlightening experience, inviting researchers, scholars, and thought leaders to contribute their insights through paper submissions.

The summit will delve into crucial topics such as Algorithmic Bias and Discrimination, Ethical AI Development, Data Privacy and Security, Algorithms of Platform Companies & their impact on Gig Workers, and AI Regulation and Implementation. Submissions are welcomed until August 1, 2024, offering a unique opportunity to engage with the intellectual discourse surrounding today's digital landscape.

Authors are encouraged to adhere to submission guidelines and submit their papers to info@cdpp.co.in with the subject line "Paper Submission for 6th Digital Citizen Summit." Accepted submissions will be presented at the summit and considered for publication in the Journal of Development Policy and Practice's special issue on Technology and Society, further fostering dialogue and knowledge-sharing in this vital domain.

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