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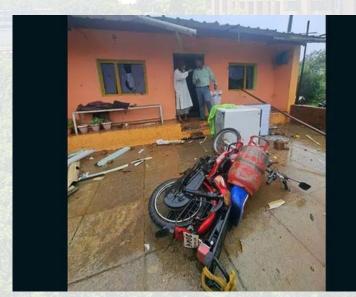
CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles via renowned platforms like Siasat. This month's articles covered diverse themes new criminal laws, communal violence, and the budget.



New Criminal Laws, Decolonisation and Everyday Legality in India

On July 1, 2024, three new criminal laws—the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA)—came into effect, replacing colonial-era laws in India. While the government promotes these changes as a move toward justice and gender parity, many legal experts express concerns about potential drawbacks, such as increased discretionary power for police and confusion due to the coexistence of old and new legal systems.

The article critiques the implementation process, questions the adequacy of the new laws, and emphasizes the impact on marginalised communities. It highlights the loss of familiar legal language, which could hinder access to justice and exacerbate existing inequalities in the legal system.



Challenges in Tackling Communal Violence Cases in Kolhapur, Maharashtra

Kolhapur, the land of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, known for its progressive values, has recently experienced two major incidents of communal violence, raising concerns about law and order in Maharashtra. A peaceful protest on July 14, 2024, erupted into chaos, resulting in extensive property damage and highlighting a worrying trend of hate speech and vigilante actions. With 41 communal incidents reported in the state and a lack of effective police intervention, the atmosphere remains volatile.

The article explores the absence of specific laws addressing communal violence, the failure of the police, and the need for stronger accountability measures. It urges political leaders and civil society to advocate for legislative solutions to restore harmony in the region.

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ONLINE ARTICLES

Centre is Apathetic towards Minority Budget, Telangana shows Interest in Its Development



The 2024–25 Union budget, touted as a "dream budget," reveals alarming cuts to funding for minority communities, despite a nominal increase for the Ministry of Minority Affairs. Allocations have dropped from Rs. 5,020.50 crores in 2022–23 to Rs. 3,183.24 crores, amid worsening socioeconomic conditions. The Periodic Labour Force Survey indicates a significant decline in regular wage employment for Muslims, while skill development and education funding has drastically reduced.

In stark contrast, Telangana's budget prioritises minority welfare, increasing allocations significantly. This article explores the contrasting approaches towards inclusivity and equitable development in India.

Breaking down Union Budget 2024–25: Allocations and Implications



The 2024–25 Union budget emphasises employment, skill development, and support for MSMEs, with total expenditure projected at Rs 48.2 lakh crores. Key initiatives include three Employment Linked Incentive schemes aimed at creating up to 50 lakh new jobs and increasing women's workforce participation. The budget also allocates Rs. 10 lakh crores for housing under PM Awas Yojana Urban 2.0 and significantly increases funding for renewable energy initiatives.

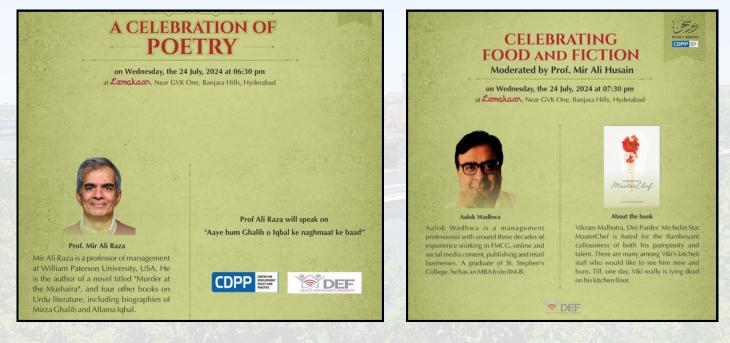
However, concerns arise on the lack of assistance for flood and ongoing violence in Manipur. This article examines the budget's priorities and misses.

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EVENTS Bazm-e-Sukhan



The Bazm-e-Sukhan is a weekly gathering where people who treasure Urdu poetry and stories come together. It started in December 2018 and takes place at Lamakaan in Hyderabad every second Wednesday of the month. The attendees mainly consist of literature enthusiasts who love discussing art and Urdu poetry. Scholars of Urdu help explain tricky words, and share verses from their cherished poets, receiving praise from seasoned admirers who also share their memories of traditional poetry gatherings.



In July, two Bazm events took place. The first event honoured the life and contributions of the renowned poet Sulaiman Khateeb. The second event held two separate discussions. The first titled "A Celebration of Poetry," featured Prof. Mir Ali Raza speaking on "Aaye hum Ghalib o Iqbal ke Naghmaat ke Baad" and the second discussion was by Mr. Aalok Wadhwa who spoke on his book "The Murder of a Masterchef."

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EVENTS

Workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis

The Presidency University and the Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) jointly organised a 3day intensive workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis. This workshop was conducted by the Research and Development Cell from 25th to 27th July 2024 at the Presidencv University, Bangalore campus. The workshop focused on topics like data management, research methodology, data analysis and visualisation, and lab sessions on data management.







CDPP Board Meeting

The CDPP board meeting took place on July 24th, marking the annual gathering with governing council members. The agenda included reviewing projects completed by CDPP up to 2024 and discussing recommendations for future initiatives and improving the dissemination of research findings moving forward.

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UPCOMING EVENTS





Union Budget 2024

We are excited to have an insightful event featuring a deep dive into the Union Budget 2024, with economist Dr. Rathin Roy and in conversation with Ananth Maringanti on **1st August 2024 at CDPP office and Lamakaan.**

Understanding the Manipur Crisis: A Policy and Human Rights Perspective



Founder, Karwan e Mohabbat



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On Monday, 5th August, 2024 at 10:30 am at CDPP Private Limited Masab Tank Hyderabad

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on Love in the Time of Hate: In the Mirror of Urdu



Dr. Rakshanda Jalil

Dr. Rakhshanda Jalil is a writer, critic, and literary historian with over 30 published bools and 50 academic papers. She has edited six volumes of short stories, including "Urdu Stories" (2002). Neither Night Nor Day' (2007), "New Urdu Writings" (2013), "Pigeons of the Dome" (2015), and "Preeto & Other Dome" (2015), she authored a collection of essays titled "Invisible City' (2008, revised 2011) and co-authored "Partness in Freedom" (2006) and "Journey to a Holy Land" (2009), Dr. Jalil coedited the journal Third Frame and edited "Quratulain Hyder and the River of Fire" (2010).



This is a book about love—love for one's country and for all that goes to make it one we can be proud of. Poetry, it has been said, flourishes when all else is uncertain/With that in mind, renowned literary historian and translator, Rakhshanda Jalil uses Urdu poetry to look at how the social fabric of secular India is changing.

On Thursday, 8th August, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Lamakaan Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

Understanding the Manipur Crisis: A Policy and Human Rights Perspective

We are pleased to host an important event focused on the ongoing Manipur crisis. This thought-provoking talk will take place on **August 5th**, **2024, from 10:30 AM onwards.** Join us as we bring together a distinguished panel of speakers who will share their insights and expertise on this issue.

Book Discussion - On Love in the Time of Hate : In the Mirror of Urdu

Join us on **August 8th at 6:00 p.m**. in Lamakaan, for an enlightening evening as Dr. Rakshanda Jalil leads a thoughtprovoking discussion on her compelling new book, Love in the Time of Hate.

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