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How do Indians spend money? Insights from the long-awaited CE Survey



The Consumption Expenditure Survey 2022-23 in India indicates notable gaps in household spending between rural and urban areas, with urban areas showing 71% higher Monthly Per Capita Expenditure. The survey analyzes spending on both food and non-food items, revealing different patterns in expenditure distribution. However, changes in survey methodology suggest a need for caution when interpreting these findings. The forthcoming final report is expected to offer deeper insights into the socio-economic status and living standards of Indian households.

Protests of farmers rise in EU; they target climate change and agri-policies



Global farmer protests, seen recently in India and Europe put a spotlight on the discontent with agricultural policies. European farmers resist climate regulations, aligning with far-right parties. Despite declining GDP contributions, high-income countries face income drops and diverse agricultural crises. The protests reveal a historic struggle against neo-colonialism, emphasizing the need for equitable and sustainable farming practices.

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Targeted action on child malnutrition is needed urgently



Malnutrition in India presents a multifaceted challenge, affecting millions of children. Recent studies highlight alarming rates of "zero-food children," while NFHS-5 data underscores pervasive issues of stunting, wasting, and underweight prevalence. Tailored interventions, community engagement, and stakeholder collaboration are crucial for addressing this complex crisis effectively.

Transgender community and higher education in India



This article traces the historical evolution of the transgender community in India. Apart from the historical context, it focuses on contemporary legal advancements, such as the 2014 Supreme Court ruling and the 2019 Transgender Person (Protection of Rights) Act.

Citizenship (Amendment) Act rules, 2024 – understanding its origins



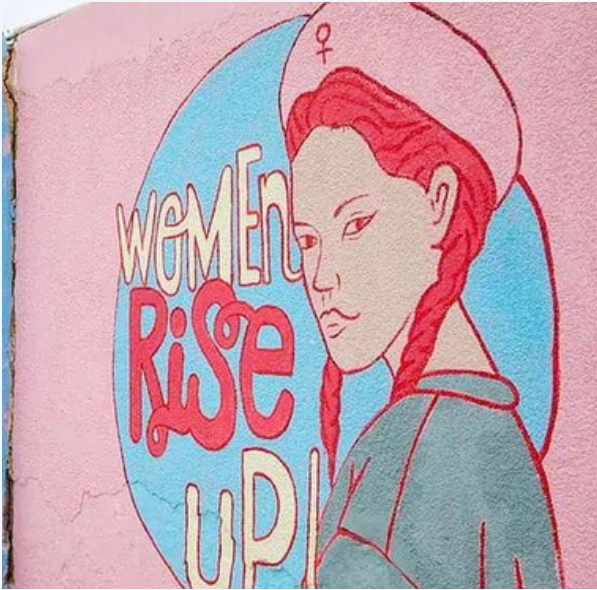
The Citizenship (Amendment) Act expedites citizenship for persecuted minorities in India, excluding Muslims. Stemming from post-partition migrations, especially the Bangladesh Liberation War, it intersects with BJP's electoral promises but faces protests in Assam over demographic concerns. Questions persist regarding its impact on secularism, statelessness, and socio-cultural dynamics.

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Empowering women: A call to action for inclusive growth



This op-ed mentions the National Conference on Gender and Inclusion hosted by the Centre for Development Policy and Practice in collaboration with Goonj, Presidency University, Digital Empowerment Foundation, and MANUU held on 14 March 2024. It discusses the challenges such as the gender wage gap and intersectional discrimination, emphasizing the need for data-driven solutions, legislative support, and digital empowerment. The article also stresses the economic benefits of gender diversity and calls for societal attitude shifts. It concludes with a call to action for collective efforts towards gender equality and announces plans for future discussions on leveraging technology for women's empowerment.

Indian budget series : Budget for health



Health sector budgeting in India, crucially highlighted during the pandemic, ensures comprehensive healthcare for its 1.4 billion population. It enables strategic investments in infrastructure, research, and vaccination campaigns. Despite positive initiatives like NHM and PMJAY, gaps persist, underscoring the need for increased public health expenditure and improved healthcare accessibility.

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WORKING PAPER: ISSUE 1

Diversity and Disparities: A Study on Caste, Religion, Gender, and Disability in Higher Education in India



Higher education plays a pivotal role in shaping individuals and societies. However, barriers such as socio-economic disparities, and discrimination based on identity factors like religion, caste, gender, and disability hinder inclusivity. These obstacles prevent equal access to opportunities, limiting the diverse representation crucial for a comprehensive and enriched educational environment. This working paper explores how different factors like religion, caste, gender, and disability affect access to quality higher education in India. It looks at these inequalities closely using existing secondary research to understand their impact on educational opportunities. Additionally, the paper proposes an inclusive policy framework rooted in an intersectional approach. By suggesting this approach, the paper aims to shed light on these inequalities and promote an inclusive policy framework for higher education.

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EVENTS

VIRIAH KI KAHAANI



Book Discussion
Viriah ki Kahaani
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Viriah recounts a lifelong quest to trace the author's ancestor among 1.3 million Indians sent as indentured labor to British colonies. A poignant tale of resilience and heritage.

Krishna Gubili
DATA AND AI CONSULTANT

8 March, 2024
6:30 PM
Dinner Follows

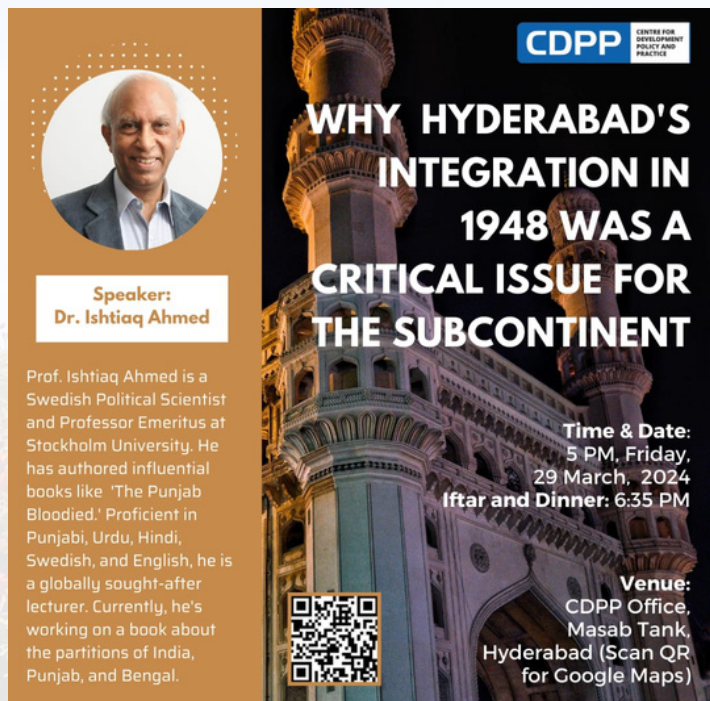
Venue: Lamakaan, Hyderabad
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A book discussion was held in Lamakaan on the 8th of March to release the urdu translated book of Viriah. The book recounts a lifelong quest to trace the ancestors among 1.3 million Indians sent as indentured labors to British colonies.

Why Hyderabad's integration in 1948 was a critical issue for the sub-continent?



CDPP CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE

WHY HYDERABAD'S INTEGRATION IN 1948 WAS A CRITICAL ISSUE FOR THE SUBCONTINENT

Speaker:
Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmed

Prof. Ishtiaq Ahmed is a Swedish Political Scientist and Professor Emeritus at Stockholm University. He has authored influential books like 'The Punjab Bloodied.' Proficient in Punjabi, Urdu, Hindi, Swedish, and English, he is a globally sought-after lecturer. Currently, he's working on a book about the partitions of India, Punjab, and Bengal.

Time & Date:
5 PM, Friday,
29 March, 2024
Iftar and Dinner: 6:35 PM

Venue:
CDPP Office,
Masab Tank,
Hyderabad (Scan QR for Google Maps)

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A talk by Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmed was held in the CDPP office on the 29th of March.

Dr. Ishtiaque Ahmed led a discussion emphasizing the importance of listening to non-mainstream voices in cities. He explored Lord Mountbatten's tenure, India's post-WWII challenges, and the 1945-46 elections' political dynamics. The discourse delved into the complexities of Hyderabad's integration and Jinnah's role, highlighting the enduring impact on socio-political landscapes and the quest for inclusive governance.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER AND INCLUSION: **Women in the workforce**

The National Conference on Gender and Inclusion hosted by the Centre for Development Policy and Practice in collaboration with Goonj, Presidency University, Digital Empowerment Foundation, and MANUU was held on 14 March 2024. The various panels discussed the ongoing gender disparities in the workforce and advocated for inclusive measures to empower women and drive economic growth. The discussion highlighted challenges such as the gender wage gap and intersectional discrimination, emphasizing the need for data-driven solutions, legislative support, and digital empowerment.



The conference was a success with its stellar line-up of eminent speakers: Chief Guest Ms. Vinita Bali, Global Leader & Former MD, Britannia, Dr. Gayathri Vasudevan, Chief Impact Officer of Sambhav Foundation & Chairperson of LabourNet, Ms. Rukmini S., author and independent data journalist, Dr. Abusaleh Shariff, Executive Director and Chief Scholar at the US-India Policy Institute, Dr. Subhashini Muthukrishnan, Registrar and Professor at St. Joseph College of Commerce, Bengaluru, Dr. Priyanka Dwivedi, Assistant Professor at Chanakya University, Bengaluru, Dr. Sridevi Tandle, ML Solutions Evangelist, Renowned Speaker & Educator, Ms. Puja Marwaha, CEO of CRY (Child Rights and You), Dr. Vinod Vyasulu, a Senior Economist and Professor, Ms. Soma Wadhwa, a Senior Research Fellow at CDPP and Associate Professor at the School of Modern Media, UPES, Mr. Anshu Gupta, Founder of Goonj, Ms. Kamini Kumari, Secretary of Aapka Aanchal, Bihar, Ms. Uthara Narayanan, Founder of Buzz Women, Bengaluru, and Ms. Hemlata Rajput from Shrijan Kalyan Samiti, Raipur, Ms. Meenakshi Gupta, Co-Founder, Goonj.

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