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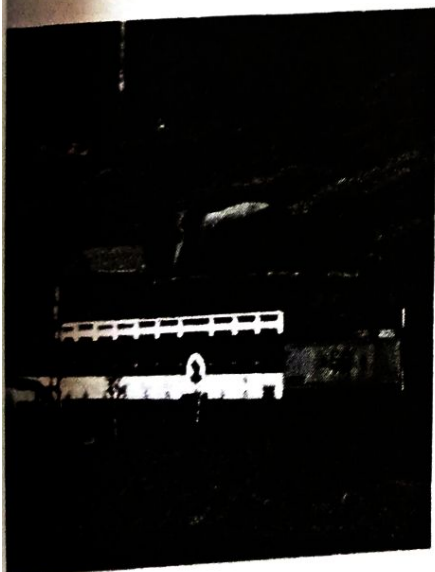
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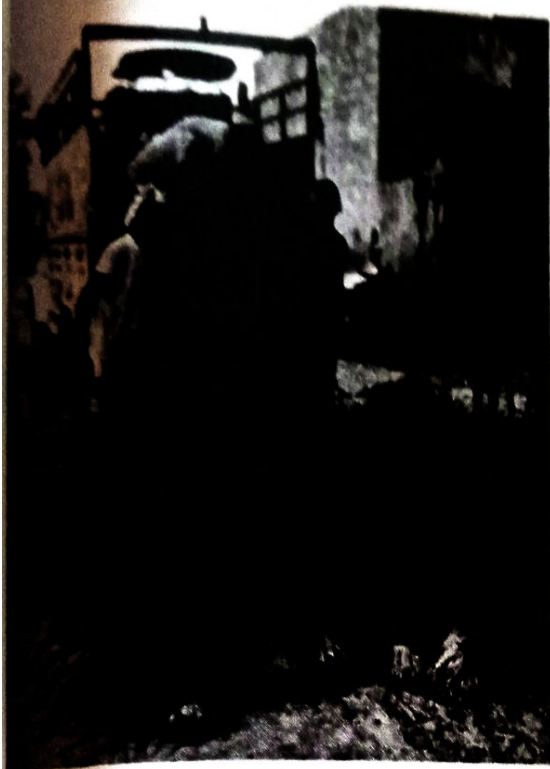


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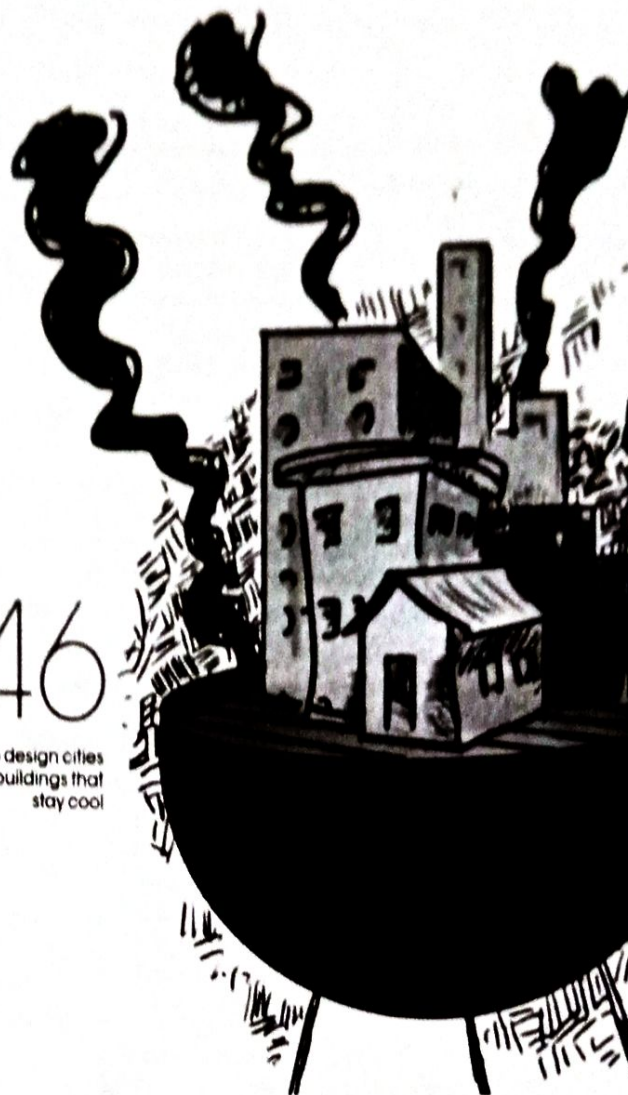
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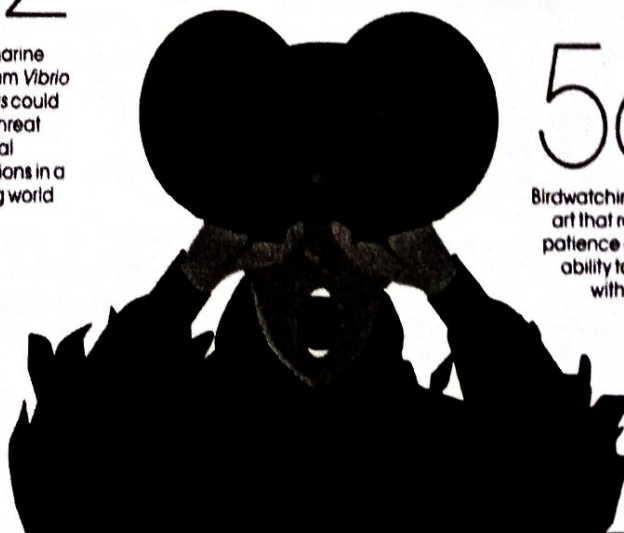
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The Possibility of the Aragalaya Movement

Between April and July 2022, there emerged an unprecedented political opening in the modern history of Sri Lanka—the Aragalaya movement, which brought together a new alliance of forces against the government. — Geethika Dharmasinghe

Livelihood Vulnerability and Coping Strategies

The livelihood vulnerability experienced by the informal workers in Kerala in terms of employment and income shortfalls during the first three months of the COVID-19 crisis are examined in this article. — Mohammed Kasim C, Lagesh M A & Asad P

Impact of Conflict on Labour Migrants in Kashmir

The Kashmir Valley is an abode to countless number of migrants from different states and union territories of India. The impact of the conflict on these migrants along with the reasons behind this migration pull and their survival strategies are examined here. — Aijaz Ahmad Turrey

Hiring Reforms and the Composition of Lower Judiciary

Examining the impacts of changes in the composition of district courts, it was found that the hiring reforms have lowered the age-at-entry of new judges by over 2.2 years and improved women's representation. — Vastav Ratra, Dev Gupta & Rishi Kumar

Public and Private Capital Formation in Indian Agriculture

Using the decennial All-India Debt and Investment Survey, the spatial and temporal trends of private fixed capital expenditure among rural households are studied in this paper. It also examines the impact of public investment and input subsidy on private agricultural investment. — Anjani Kumar, Seema Bathla & Smriti Verma

Mapping Water Scarcity

Water is a state subject in India, and the provision of reliable, safe, and sustainable supply of water has emerged as a challenge due to geographical and institutional constraints. Water scarcity in 11 major states is evaluated through 20 variables that capture the multidimensional aspects of scarcity and the water poverty index. — Ashish Chopra, Parthasarathy Ramachandran

Relative Efficiency of the Sharecropper Revisited

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ChatGPT and Copyright in India

The use of artificial intelligence platforms like ChatGPT cannot be defended by invoking the conventional principles of copyright law in India. — Amisha Mittal

Savarna Solidarities and Same-sex Marriage

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Multidimensional Deprivation in Rural India

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Digital Readiness of States for Direct Benefit Transfer

In the case of fertilisers, unlike other forms of subsidy, the government provides subsidy to the manufacturers and not the farmers, allowing inefficient production units to thrive in the system. The Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers was convened in March 2020 to recognise these challenges and it recommended direct cash transfers into farmers' accounts. — **Aakash Mehrotra, Aishwarya Sivaramakrishnan, Monica Dutta & Ritesh Rautela**

Non-beneficiary Tenant Farming under the RBS

The Rythu Bandhu scheme gives financial support to farmers towards meeting the cost of inputs and other initial needs to support farming. Still, it cannot provide sufficient support to tenant farmers who are fragile and not in a situation to pay rent and meet the costs of farming. — **Y Sreenivasulu**

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Political Economy of (De)Carbonisation

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The Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act, 2023

Marked by incoherence, conflict with the other laws covering the field, and undefined expressions, the act is not only an affront to the rule of law but a vehicle for exploitation of forests. — **Amita Punj**

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Turning affiliated colleges into autonomous institutions might disrupt, degrade, and downsize the existing system, engendering a huge loss in enrolment, learning outcomes, and educational entitlements. — **Rabbani Attar**

Poly Crisis or Organic Crisis?

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Do Policies Targeting Poor Districts Work?

The impact of the Backward Regions Grant Fund on change in access to amenities for more than 5,000 subdistricts is investigated in this paper by using data from the Census of India, 2001 and 2011. Using the covariate balancing propensity score-weighted matching method, this paper shows that the BRGF programme failed to improve the access to public goods in backward areas. — **Annmary Jose**

Skewed Food Policies and Distorted Inter-crop Parity

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