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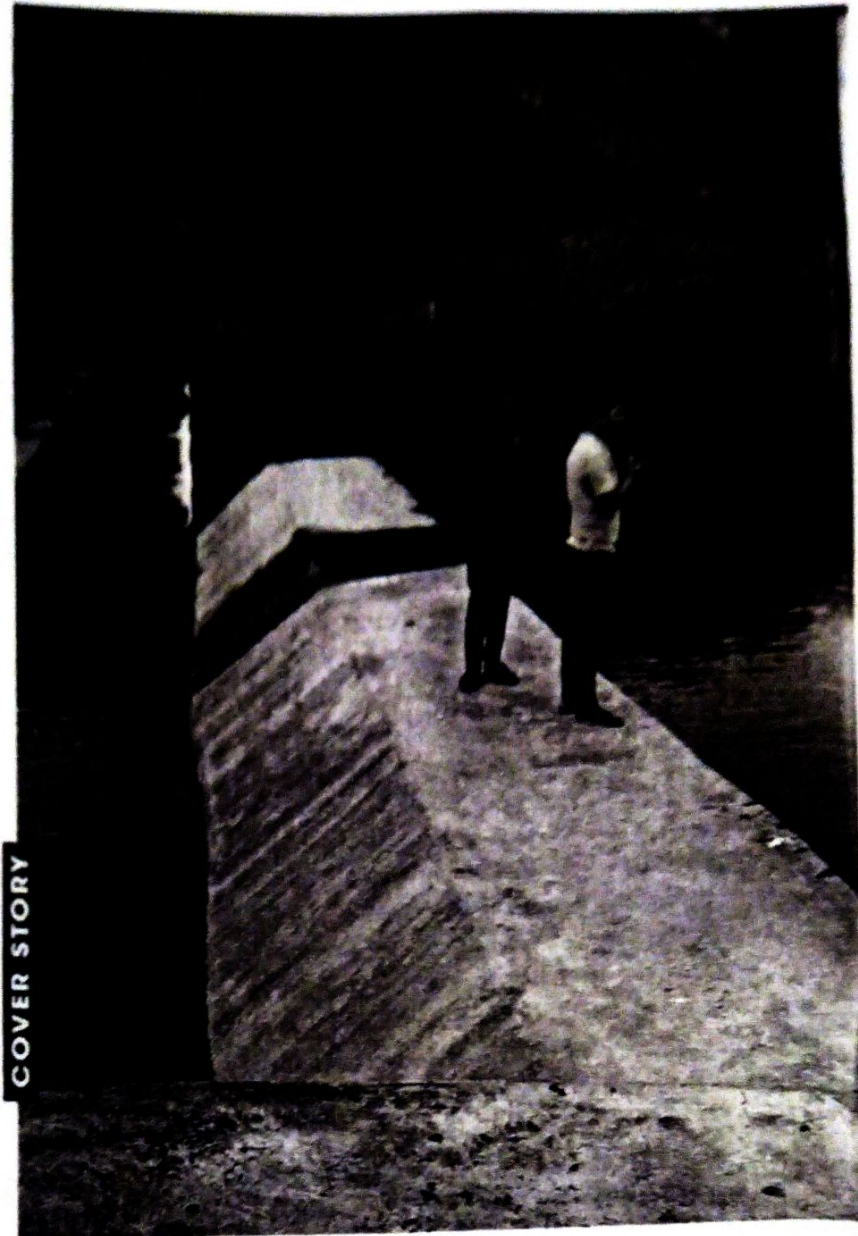
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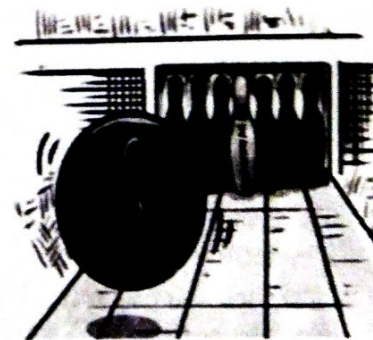
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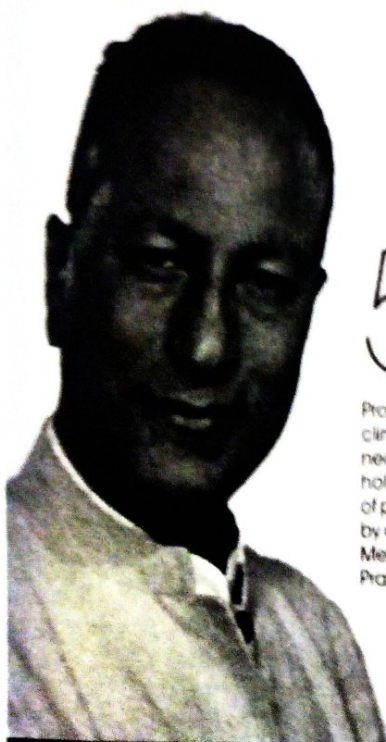
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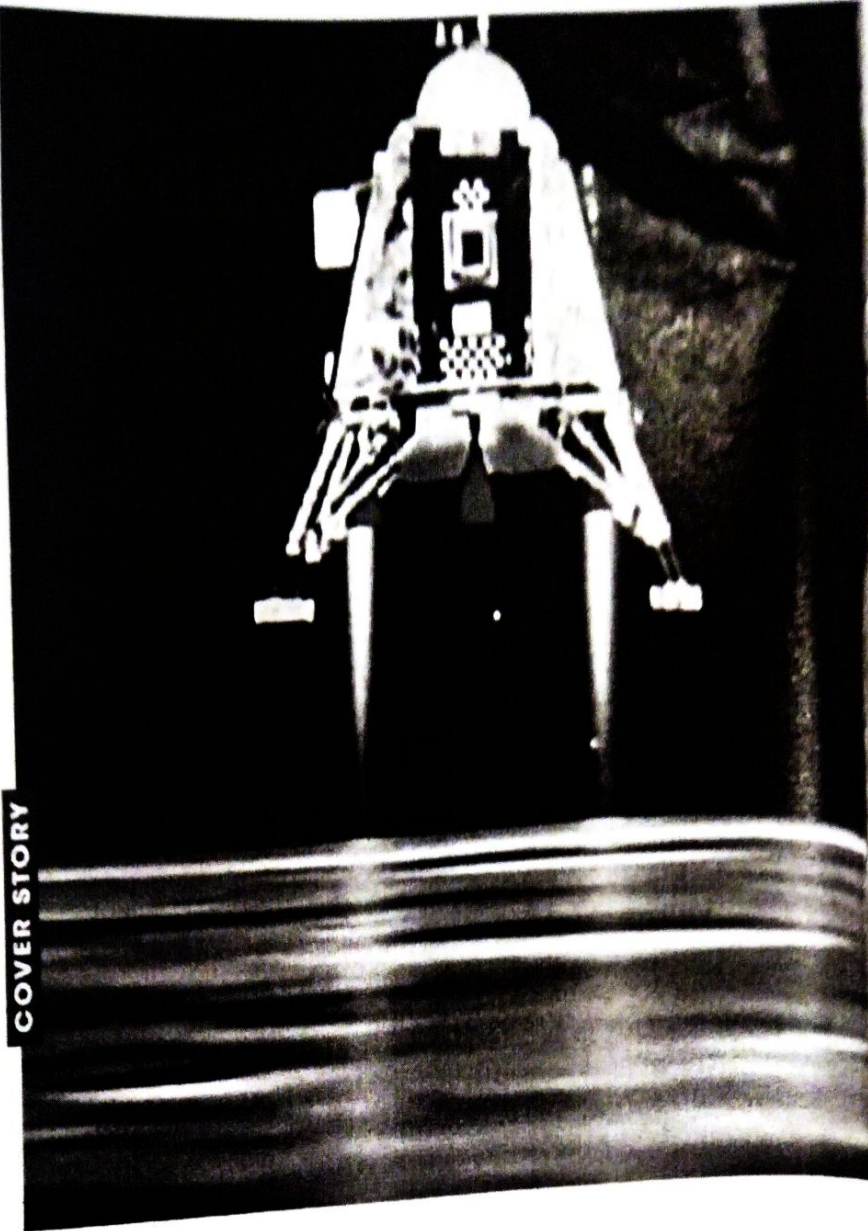
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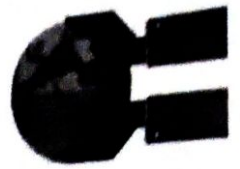
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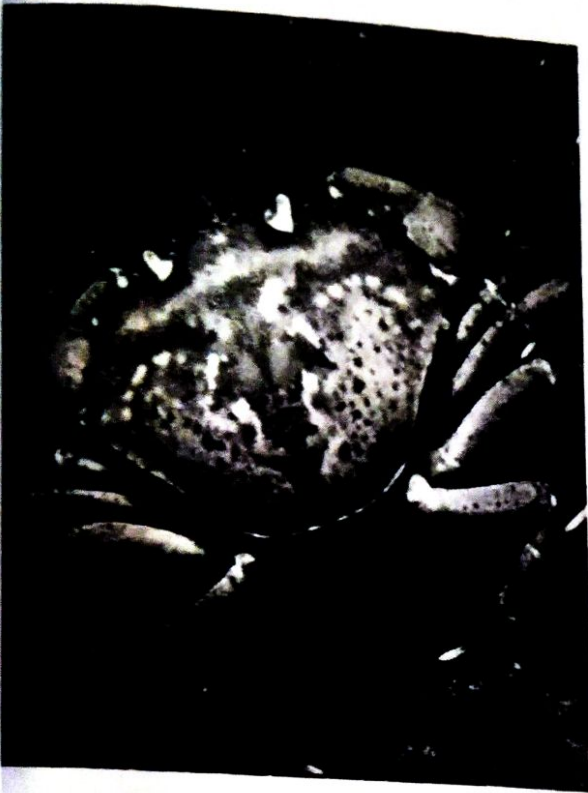
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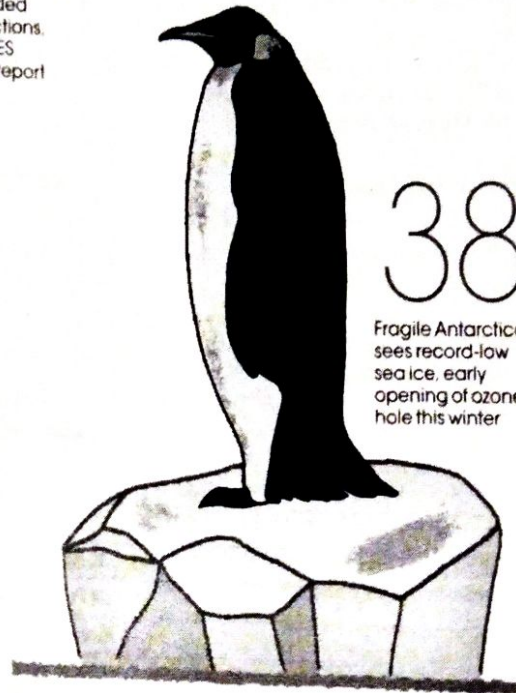


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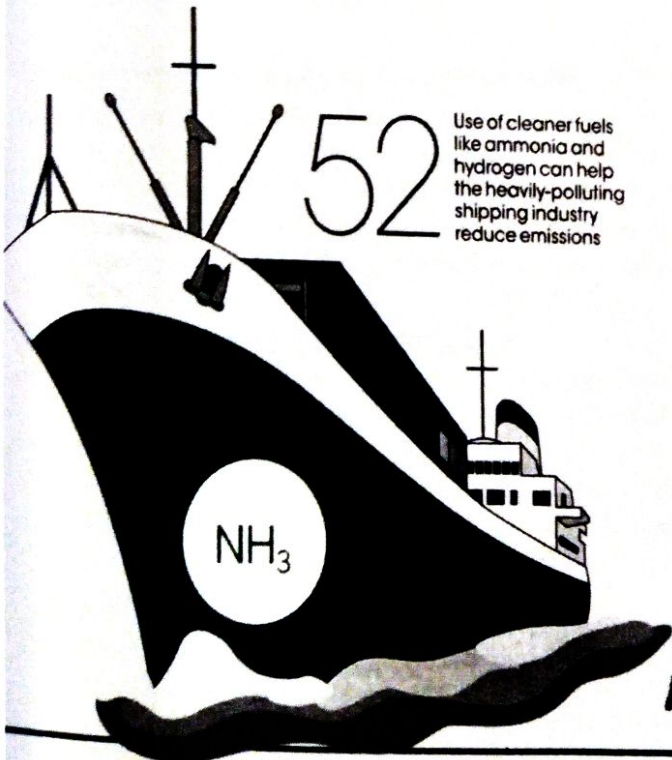
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From Aadhaar Mandate to Mass Job Card Deletions

In financial year 2022–23, more than five crore workers were deleted from the MGNREGA database—a 247% increase compared to the previous FY.
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Anti-caste Legislations in Seattle and California

Marking a historic moment in the global struggle against caste injustice, recent legislations in Seattle and California explicitly ban caste discrimination.
—Purvi Mehta

The Politics of Delimitation in Assam

The delimitation exercise in Assam has not only redrawn the boundaries of the constituencies but also the political fault lines of the state.
—Parvin Sultana

Mid-level Healthcare Providers

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—Alacrity Muktor, Daksha Parmar

Interstate Variations in the COVID-19 Outcomes

The variations in COVID-19 infections and deaths reported in Indian states as of 31 March 2021 have been analysed in this paper. While the proportion of people living in densely populated areas, per capita net state domestic product, and proportion of aged people explained the variations in COVID-19 infections, in the case of deaths, an additional contributing factor was identified in per capita public health infrastructure. —M Dinesh Kumar, Saurabh Kumar, Nitin Bassi, Ajath Sanjeev & Sujit Raman

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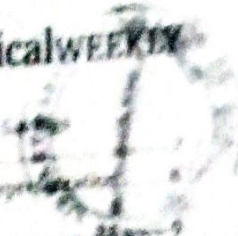
The economics of contract versus non-contract potato farming in West Bengal is explored using primary data collected from a household survey of 263 farmers. While the proponents of contract farming argue that fixed prices and secure markets provide farmers with better returns, this paper shows that non-contract farmers actually obtained a much higher farm investment income per acre than contract farmers. —Prasenjit Barik, Rajshree Bedamatta

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The document is a rendering of excerpts from the autobiographical essay by Poromesh Acharya, "Ak Naasteek Breddher Jabaanbandee" ("Statement of an Old Atheist"), that appeared in *Anustup*. The focus is on Acharya's East Bengal years and his political activism of the 1940s in Mymensingh town—in particular, his "baptism" in the communist movement. —Poromesh Acharya

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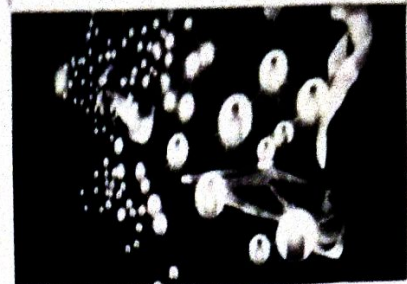
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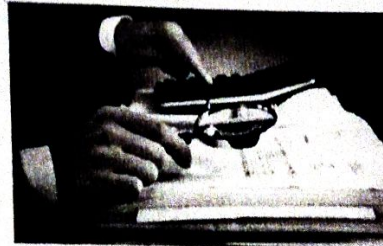
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