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One by one, persons credibly charged with Hindutva terror attacks since 2006 have been discharged by courts, always on grounds of shoddy police investigation. India’s criminal justice system has long been profoundly compromised by its deeply ingrained prejudice against India’s oppressed populations – Dalits, Adivasis, Muslims, women and the poor. Under the watch of successive governments, this institutional bias has corroded every arm of the justice system – the police, the prosecution and the courts. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2341

Bhat, Mohsin Alam and Shariff (May 18, 2019) Reservation must be based on a rigorous identification of economic backwardness. The Indian Express

The EWS reservations could add a desirable dimension to India’s reservation scheme. But this would depend on whether the policy is implemented scrupulously in line with the fundamental constitutional precepts. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2451


On 6 December 2018, three female law students from Pune filed a public-interest litigation in the Delhi high court, seeking the entry of women to the inner precinct of the Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya dargah in the capital. The PIL was filed barely weeks after a five-judge bench of the Supreme Court lifted the ban on women’s entry into the Sabarimala temple in Kerala. Evidently, the Sabarimala judgement has had a cascading effect, with the Supreme Court now hearing another PIL, filed by a Muslim couple, demanding that the prohibition on the entry of Muslim women in any mosque be declared illegal in India. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2479


Through this paper we identify the local static informal service providers which have been with any local community for more than two years across India or other emerging economies but may not have enough “formality” to access the financial services. In this paper we will discuss the reasons for such exclusion and a strategy involving a socio-technical transition which can make the intended transformation to financial inclusion of the static workers in the informal economy. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2413
Prime minister Narendra Modi's political genius was on full display last week when, in a short TV address, he declared India's emergence as the fourth nation to enter the elite space power. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2314

India ranks among top countries as far as incidents of cyberbullying are concerned. Yet, specific and stringent laws to tackle the menace are missing, and the enforcement of existing laws remains a huge problem. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2578

The Donald Trump administration’s announcement last Monday that it is ending waivers allowing the eight remaining countries, including India, Japan and South Korea, to keep importing Iranian crude is likely to create a deep economic problem for the Islamic regime in Iran, while creating more tensions in the Persian Gulf region. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2389

Jahanbegloo, Ramin (May 02, 2019). *Washington’s confrontation with Tehran over oil is unlikely to force a regime change*. The Indian Express.
US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo recently announced that the Trump administration was ending all the waivers granted to eight countries including Greece, Italy, India, Japan, China, Turkey and South Korea to wean them away from Iranian oil. The US had granted these countries temporary waivers to import Iranian oil when the Trump administration re-imposed sanctions on Tehran in November. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2434

Rajkumar, C. and Chockalingam, Ravikumar (April 30, 2019). *A healthy signal a genuine desire to provide equitable healthcare will reinforce to voters that they matter to political parties*. The Indian Express.
As the country votes for a new government, equitable and accessible healthcare is being talked about. The next big promise of healthcare for the poor is pitched to be the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY). The proposed plan, while facilitating access to a subset of the population, will cost roughly $1.7 billion. However, the PMJAY, which promises health through insurance for millions of vulnerable Indians, will do little to strengthen our public sector while redirecting spending to the unregulated private sector. As the decibel level from the campaign soars, it is time to place comprehensive healthcare reform on the agenda for change. With only weeks left for voting to conclude, it is critical to understand the role of healthcare in alleviating poverty and improving human development. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/239
Sen, Jhuma (April 25, 2019). *Courting #MeToo: conspiracies and conundrums.* Livelaw.in

In 2014, when sexual harassment charges were brought before Justice Swatanter Kumar, retired Supreme Court judge, who was then functioning as the chairperson of the National Green Tribunal, he was quick to point out that the allegations were part of a deep rooted 'sinister' conspiracy to adversely impact his work as the chair of the tribunal where he dealt with 'sensitive' matters on a daily basis. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2431


On March 26, the Press Trust of India reported that the People's Republic of China has destroyed some 30,000 old maps. Printed in China, the allegedly "incorrect" maps had depicted Taiwan as a separate state and Arunachal Pradesh as part of India. Such unprecedented, large-scale map burning mimics State-sponsored rewriting of history textbooks. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2394


The sports industry is growing from strength to strength around the world including India. As a result of growth of sports as an industry there is an increased demand for world class professionals across different sectors. Sports lawyers is one of those sectors. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2313

Star, Shaun and Watson-Lynn, Erin (May 10,2019). *The growing influence of celebrity politics in India.* The Interpreter-Lowy Institute

From Bollywood to cricket heroes, stars can do much more than simply encourage people to vote. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2441

Star, Shaun and Jha, Pankaj (2019). *An Australian perspective In "India in APEC: views from the Indo-Pacific" (Report).* Australia: Perth USAsia Centre.

Much has changed in the Indo-Pacific region since the inception of APEC in 1989. India's liberalisation process started in the early 1990s, and it has since become not only one of the leading economic powers in the Indo-Pacific but also the world. However, India is still not a member of APEC, despite compelling arguments for its inclusion in the forum. Indeed, many significant APEC members, including China, Japan, Russia and the United States, have all supported India's interest in joining. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2417

The Delhi HC, recently in the case of Raj Rewal v. UOI, went on to define the scope of Moral Rights under Section 57 of the Copyright Act in relation to the superset of Works of Art in an overarching manner and specifically with respect to subset of: Works of Architecture. This article takes in a step by step analysis of all the contended issues and its relationship with respect to the statutory provisions and the prevailing precedents making up the status quo of Moral Rights. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2567

Aravind, Athul (June 18, 2019). *Solving the dilemma of dual residence*. taxguru.in.

This paper aims at analysing the tie-breaker test in determining residence in the OECD as prescribed under Article 4(3) and how it is evolved. It analyses the 2017 update to the OECD which prescribes the Mutual Agreement Procedure (MAP). The paper finally provides a method of properly implementing MAP and how it can be effectively done so through arbitration by choosing the correct method. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2575

Arora, Mitali and Mohan, Deepanshu (April 30, 2019). *Why most Indians purchase counterfeits: a look at the factors that influence such choices, based on a recent study*. Fortune India.

Based on a four-month study, undertaken by the Centre for New Economics Studies at O.P. Jindal University, we made an effort to study the nature of counterfeit goods sold at some of the markets across Delhi and to understand what factors shape (or influence) the rising demand for counterfeit products among different kinds of consumers. Here, we discuss the latter in context of Palika Bazaar, one of the markets studied. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2422

Chaudhari, Samarth (May 27, 2019). *Taxation as a form of regulating cryptocurrencies in India*. Retrieved from www.indiacorplaw.in

Cryptocurrencies, derived from the innovation of blockchain technology, can function as a reliable online payment method with several benefits. However, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has unambiguously prohibited all financial institutions regulated by it from dealing in cryptocurrencies and its related services. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2562


Guyana government's budget for 2019 continues to project a disturbing trend. It continues to shape a future in which the government is not accountable to taxpayers, where corruption and political nepotism are entrenched, and future oil revenues benefit only the governing political class. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2446
Sen, Nayonika (April 18, 2019). *In conversation with Adhunika Prakash: the founder of breastfeeding support for Indian mothers [Interview by N. Sen]*. feminisminindia.com

In countries like India, nursing or breastfeeding in public has been very much a part of women’s daily lives. They have historically been doing it and are continuing to do so without any hassle from other parties. However, a few incidents of objections raised by the public to mothers breastfeeding in public places has necessitated dialogue and conversation with stakeholders. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2425


This paper aims to look at the use of rape as a weapon of war in conflict areas around the world. The paper not only looks at why the perpetrators believe this is an effective way of torture and intimidation of the general public but also the result of the same on the survivors and their families. The case of Kunan-Poshpora is a specific sub-topic that traces the history of the issue and the struggle of the people against impunity provided to the state armed forces. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2594


There are several harrowing facets to Brunei’s administration that resemble a backslide into archaic intolerance. The new stoning law is one among them. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2415


This essay reveals the lack of uniformity with the issue of right to religious freedom within countries, and the interpretation of the same by the international courts and foras. Furthermore, the Courts have taken a narrow-minded perspective evident from the lack of consideration for political and religious identity and the forced assimilation in the European way of life and feminism. This essay discusses the important considerations, courts forget to look into, before concluding this issue. It shows forcible assimilation in the European way of life and further discusses how it not only takes away the right to manifest religion but, it also encroaches upon their personal identity and group identity. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2591

Yadav, Archna (April 22, 2019). *Meaning and scope of supply*. Taxguru.in

The year 2017 will be known as the year in which the most important economic reform was introduced in the country—the Goods and Services Tax. The idea of GST was to subsume various indirect taxes levied by Centre like Central Excise Duty, Countervailing Duty etc. and indirect taxes levied by State like octroi, entry tax, luxury tax etc. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2432
Supply consists of elements that can be separated in time, like purchase order/agreement, despatch (of goods), delivery of goods or provision or performance of service, an entry in the records payment and entry of payment in the records or deposit in the bank. So, at which of these points of time will GST become payable? Full text link:
http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2433

This paper argues that the early Congress drew opposition from the Muslim elite due to its contradictory imagination of Indian nationhood and demand for representative bodies. The Congress not only imagined the Indian nation in civic terms but also viewed it as a federation of internally sovereign religious groups. So, one could refuse to be counted into it as a member of a religious unit. The Muslim elite did the same since they felt that representative bodies in an Indian context will be majoritarian. This fear perhaps derived from the reality of cultural contestations breaking out in the urban spaces as the democratic principle was introduced into municipal administration. In response, the Congress variously tried to reassure its Muslim opposition. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2386


With the development of technological innovation and global economic integration, high-tech enterprises across the world have formed numerous innovation ecosystems with similar natural ecological characteristics. As a result, competition has shifted from single enterprise to supply chain network, and ultimately, to innovation ecosystem, which involves more participants and roles across multiple industries. The current study distinguished two innovation capabilities (internal innovation potential and collaborative open innovation), and two sources of innovation capabilities (internal integration and external integration) along with discussing the specific relationships among integration activities, innovation capabilities, and Hi-tech SME’s financing performance. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2322


This study empirically investigates the impact of energy consumption (electricity consumption) and economic growth (in terms of real Gross Domestic Product) on the environmental degradation in form of CO2 emissions. The study aims to identify the interrelationship among the three variables viz. real GDP, electricity consumption & CO2 emissions. The analysis is based on the time series annual data for the period of 1971-2017. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2468

Social participation for elderly has been identified as a salient activity for the successful aging and hence needs to be invigorated. ICT usage results in the social participation of elderly are reported in prior studies. However, literature is silent on its mechanism. Understanding the mechanism by which ICT use lead to social participation will help us know the underlying reasons that are necessary in this process. We develop a conceptual framework considering two prominent IS theories, actor-network theory (ANT) and activity theory (AT), by incorporating four social participation-oriented factors namely; ICT use, social participation, social isolation, and loneliness. A quantitative approach based on the cross-sectional survey was used to collect data from 240 elderly. http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2472

In the beginning of the 19th century, when the French army under Napoleon subjugated other powers in Europe, Britain continued to dominate the seas and generate substantive financial resources through maritime trade operations with the rest of the world (including its own colonies). To erode Britain’s comparative advantages in trade at sea, Napoleon “at the peak of his military might” in 1806-07, erected the Continental Blockade, restraining any territory he ruled to trade with Britain. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2358


In the political landscape, whether it is the far-left or far-right, there is always a friction observed in groups trying to push for market reforms with an agenda to accrue more benefits for market-agents (i.e. players involved in the market) than allow the market forces to work on their own. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2391

Mohan, Deepanshu and Arora, Mitali (April 30,2019). *Why most Indians purchase counterfeits: a look at the factors that influence such choices, based on a recent study*. Fortune India.

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Nations in different stages of development, may intensify market forces to efficiently allocate (scarce) resources across sectors to create economic opportunities that citizens find reason to value. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2444


In August 2017, security forces in Burma’s Rakhine state staged a harsh and extended crackdown on the Rohingya - a deeply marginalized and persecuted Muslim minority community. Thousands are estimated to have died, while more than half a million fled to neighboring Bangladesh. United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres described the tragedy as ethnic cleansing. At this event, Dr. Nehginpao Kipgen, a top expert on Burma, will discuss developments involving the Rohingya since the 2017 crackdown, including key recent events, and what might be in store next for the troubled community. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2268

For Professor V. S. Mani, eschewing violence was the precondition for international legal order of which courts and tribunals are a central feature. Disputes among states, for Mani, were inevitable. Such inevitability calls for the peaceful settlement of international disputes (PSOd) through negotiation, inquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, judicial settlement, resort to regional agencies or arrangements or other peaceful means. Mani’s argued that States are continuously obliged to strive for peaceful settlement of a dispute; the obligation remains unfulfilled so long as the dispute remains unresolved. Mani’s doctrine of "continuous obligation" is essentially the postcolonial side of Hersch Lauterpacht’s articulation of the doctrine of the judicialization of political disputes. The article presents a reading of Mani’s body of work through an International Relations perspective. The paper concludes by pointing out to Mani’s role in the Nauru case. Full text link- [http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2251](http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2251)


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We cannot fathom the phenomena of this world completely by simply relying or putting our faith on the yardstick of theories of globalisation. It is true that it has given birth to the global community, creating a sense of utter interdependence and responsible management of political affairs. But, it also has led to the emergence of various factions between and around certain regions, intensifying the probability of emergence of conflicts due to economic, militaristic, humanitarian incongruency of ideologies. 


Noticing the gap in the existing literature, this article attempts to argue that status-seeking motives do not necessarily result in zero-sum games and hence tries to summarise conditions for status-seekers to manage conflicts and realise cooperation with one another through creative use of social mobility and creativity strategies. As a case study, this article examines the evolving relations between India and China since 2013 and demonstrates how relations between these two status-seeking states can become confrontational with conflicting status-seeking incentives. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2593


Sri Lankans are more resolute than ever to continue building a peaceful nation. They are all too aware that the cowardly suicide bomb attackers have no ideology and are carried out by a faithless few. They have belief that their over 300,000 strong tri-forces have the knowhow, support and will to extinguish any threat and bring about normality once again. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2430

Fernando, Srimal and Bhana, Kirtan (May 10, 2019). Resilient Sri Lanka on road to recovery. www.southasiamonitor.org

Sri Lankan authorities are working to stabilize the situation in the country and bring order and routine. Special concessions are being made to restore confidence in the tourism sector. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2443
Gupta, Pritish (April 22, 2019). *Greta Thunberg: the wunderkind at work!*. Retrieved from cafedissensusblog.com

For decades, the issue of climate change has taken a backseat and there has been no concrete plan of action in place to deal with the catastrophe. The Paris Agreement promises a lot but the progress is very slow. With activists such as Al Gore, Leonardo DiCaprio stressing the need to deal with the crisis, it just didn’t resonate with the world, despite repeated efforts. Perhaps the debate had become so tired and self-referential that an outsider was needed. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2584

Malhotra, Ankit (April, 2019). *India beats the drums on war paraphernalia*. India Link International Magazine (Print), 26(02), 17.

The talk on the Indian airwaves is of war with Pakistan. Again last week a suicide bomber killed 40 Indian soldiers in Kashmir. A militant group based in Pakistan Jaesh-Mohammed has claimed responsibility for the worst such attack in more than 70 years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government in New Delhi has accused the Pakistani government of backing the group. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2574

With access to data communication networks and the prevalence of informal work, workers in the global South are rapidly inching closer to confronting the impact of automated or digitally enabled non-standard employment. What are the social and political responses required to face this shifting engagement with the means of automated production and the experience of digital work mediated through privately owned global technology platforms? By examining India’s job market, with a focus on the country’s information technology (IT) industry, this chapter assesses whether the International Labour Organization’s (ILO) focus on labour rights and social protection is suited to addressing the potential for capital-labour substitution and the new ecosystem of software-mediated work. The chapter suggests a new engagement with digital labour, closer scrutiny of unregulated working conditions, and democratic control over tech-enabled digital platforms. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2488

This book provides an innovative contribution to the emerging field of culture and development through the lens of cultural rights, arguing in favour of a fruitful dialogue between human rights, development studies, critical cultural studies, and concerns about the protection and preservation of cultural diversity. It breaks with established approaches by introducing the themes of aesthetics, embodiment, narrative and peace studies into the field of culture and development. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2416


This book gives the huge and exciting scholarship on the Ganga a systematic and relevant chronology across disciplines. If ever Sen, an university academic, offers an elective course on studying the river, this reader would be the first to sign up for it, hoping he’s not the only one. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2423

Jayaram, Rahul (May 10, 2019). *Pakistan and India are united in their disgrace: but is it only their governments that are to blame*? www.newslaundry.com

Since their birth, India and Pakistan have been blots on the human civilisation and on the tenets of humanism. They have indulged in wars, million internal mutinies, perennial sabre-rattling, blood-shedding over Kashmir and across the border. While one country calls itself the world's largest democracy, the other struggles to be a middling one. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2445
Gupta, Sahima (May 01, 2019). *Sex politics in India: Why is “female pleasure” still a taboo?* Feminisminindia.com

Female sexuality has always been a very elusive and contentious subject. For several decades now there's been an inherent enigma that sounds it, resulting in manifestations such as women are insatiable or have low levels of sexual desires. This notion has led to the understanding that women do not want, or even need sexual gratification. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2424


Diverse perspectives on the idea of “Indo-Pacific” are resulting in a lack of clarity on this concept. As a framework, the Indo-Pacific seeks to create a connected multipolar Asia that must be governed by commonly agreed international norms, rules and practices. But what is the Indo-Pacific? This paper examines developing idea of the Indo-Pacific. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2610

Knitting together India’s many political subcultures, represented as castes, is key to democratic success. Caste is the unspeakable reality that also happens to be the great unavoidable in the Indian electoral scene. Early in his campaign, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for the ostracism of everybody who talked caste. The government existed to serve all, “irrespective of caste, creed and other factors”, he pronounced while laying the foundation stone for a memorial at the birthplace of Ravidas, medieval poet-saint and icon of Dalit identity. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2349


India needs to go beyond token homage to the cause of Palestinian freedom. With criminal indictment imminent on charges of corruption, Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pulled off a fourth consecutive win in general elections to the Knesset on April 9. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2350

Muralidharan, Sukumar (April 26, 2019). *In the name of caste, soldiers and faith*. The Hindu Business Line.

Despite bans and other warnings from the Election Commission, campaign rhetoric this poll season remains divisive and inflammatory. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2426


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Partition histories are being invoked in election campaigning to deepen social schisms. If history is an act of remembering, it is equally one of forgetting. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2442


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A rejuvenation of the nationalist spirit, constructed in narrow terms of primordial identity is what the ruling party promises in its campaign for the Lok Sabha election. Though secularism was never a clearly defined or practised principle, the explicit signals of retreat from the promise of formal equality represent a clear and perilous regress. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2461

Muralidharan, Sukumar (June 8, 2019) Caste politics, the family way. BLink, The Hindu Business Line P. 2

Growing cynicism about hereditary privileges along with the fission and fusion of political parties driven by contingent interests has altered voting patterns. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2537


Mutant definitions of news have led to conflicting accounts of social media’s impact on the recent elections. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2538


Politics is always first on the order of business of the Indian press, the calendar in a complex, federal polity being packed with electoral contests at some level or the other. Five keenly contested elections to state legislative assemblies in the latter half of 2018 were a prelude to the seven-stage poll by which India will elect its 17th Lok Sabha, or lower house of parliament, by May 23, 2019. But the polling process in the world’s largest democracy took place against a backdrop of serious allegations of bias in the Indian media and the growing problem of fake news. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2418


The greatest weakness of Indian electoral politics, as practised within the Westminster model adopted at independence, is the reward it offers for the politics of exclusion. Several reforms are possible in the electoral system to ensure that the politics of polarisation is not advantageous. If India is not to become a republic of privilege where many are denied basic rights, this aspect must be addressed. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2276

Aiming to reduce flatness (Total Thickness Variation, TTV) defects in the lapping process of the silicon wafer manufacturing, it is crucial to understand and eliminate the root cause(s). Financial losses resulting from TTV defects make the lapping process unsustainable. DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyse, Improve and Control), which is a Six Sigma methodology, was implemented to improve the quality of the silicon wafer manufacturing process. The study design and the choice of procedures were contingent on customer requirements and customised to ensure maximum satisfaction; which is the underlying principle of the rigorous, statistical technique of Six Sigma. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2590


Post completion of twenty years of the 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) standard of mobile technology, it is opportune to revisit the progress we have witnessed in speed, reach, accessibility and technical sophistication of mobile technology. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2278

Ratna Ghosh was born and brought up within a multicultural milieu in Shillong, a beautiful hill station in the Eastern Hills of India where the majority population is from the Khasi tribe, quite distinct from mainstream Indian cultural and religious groups. An indigenous group whose language belongs to the Austroasiatic group of languages, the Khasis are largely Christian of many denominations. The big difference from the rest of India is that the Khasi people follow the matrilineal system of descent and inheritance. Classified under the Indian Constitution as a Scheduled Tribe they are now among the most educated groups in India. Although she is not a Khasi herself, Ghosh grew up in a milieu where women were educated and powerful. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2414

With the onset of the second term of Modi government at the centre, education is deemed to be an important area where a number of changes are expected to be made. The budget for education is bound to go up several notches. However, in this kind of scenario, the quality of education being imparted and the possibilities available do deserve our attention. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2553

Batra, Jagdish (April 22, 2019). Correcting the abusive political discourse (Reader's blog). Times of India

It was a wag who wrote about the prevailing party divisions in the 18th century England: “Even cats and dogs these days belong to some political party or the other.” It seems an apt description of the contemporary electoral scene in India too! But what should be of utmost concern to us with regard to the norms of civic life today and tomorrow is the nosediving political discourse. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2449

Batra, Jagdish (May 6, 2019) Personality cult to the fore (Reader's Blog) Times of India.

Much against what one would like to have, this election too, like most earlier elections, has veered towards personality cult rather than issues or ideologies. The single refrain on the lips of all opposition parties is ‘Narendra Modi’ and there is hardly any mention of a viable alternative by any opposition leader. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2448

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Batra, Jagdish (June 4, 2019). What election results mean for Haryana [Readers Blog]. Times of India

The parliamentary elections in Haryana threw up many surprises which have the potential to change the voting habits of the people of Haryana for future too. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2551

The spectre of global warming has shaken mankind like never before. Uncontrolled urbanization and industrialization coupled with emissions from vehicles, air conditioners, etc. on the one hand and senseless deforestation and exploitation of natural resources on the other have brought us face to face with a daunting scenario. My paper explores the domain of Indian English Fiction and critically studies works by eminent authors like Amitav Ghosh, Kiran Desai, Arundhati Roy and some not-so-eminent ones and concludes common concern even as these deal with life in different areas affected by different types of problems and practicing different cultures. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2521

Batra, Jagdish (June 16, 2019). Deadwood in Haryana colleges and universities. timesofindia.indiatimes.com

The recent report of ‘cut-and-paste’ job done in the case of the question paper set by the Haryana Public Service Commission for the recruitment of college teachers in the subject of English is shocking. After the second attempt at which the candidates were allowed on June 12, they were served with the wrong answer key. That is adding insult to injury, to say the least. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2525

Batra, Jagdish (June 27, 2019) Yogyakarta -- the unique cultural mix. The Times of India

Indonesia has been in the news for a very good reason — holding the Asian Games the second time, and also for some very bad reasons – the devastating earthquake and the Boeing 737 plane crash. It is better to remind ourselves of the beauty and cultural heritage of Indonesia that binds it to India. Jogjakarta or Yogyakarta, some 450 Kms. away from Jakarta is the old capital of Indonesia and also the site of two world-famous ancient places of worship – one Buddhist stupa and the other a Hindu temple. Recently, the writer of these lines had the occasion to visit this city while attending a literary conference. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2539


The research shows that of all the considerations, a translation is, broadly speaking, a three-pronged strategy, being linguistic, cultural and political act at the same time. The paper takes up case studies of translations into English of some native language/dialects texts and analyses them from the aforesaid angles, bringing out the benefits and underlining the pitfalls on the way. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2501
Batra, Jagdish (2019) *Foreword to “Bride Swap” by Rajbir Deswal*

While writing about Mr Rajbir Deswal’s latest book Bride Swap, I shall not go into the question often posed by friends regarding how he managed both -- the demands of his rigorous job as a super-cop and his passion for literature. That remains till today a mystery for us all until the time comes when he chooses to unravel it! Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2497


The Narendra Modi-led government has taken a slew of measures to ensure better health of citizens. These includes schemes to provide insurance cover to ordinary people for hospitalization and cheaper medicines, better fuel option to rural women, etc. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2524

This book is an outcome of the efforts of all the contributors who have been past employees of The British Council in India. The book is a limited edition print, which aims to highlight the learning and training that all of us have been through in the corridors of Jor Bagh, Rafi Marg and Kasturba Gandhi Marg not forgetting short stints in the UK. The articles are the sort of experience sharing that I aimed to manifest through the book.

Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2550


What services and resources that academic libraries should offer, are primarily driven by the "business' of its parent institution members of which constitutes its main clienteles, although many of the established libraries do extend their services to people outside their campuses. Institutions of higher education (IHE) have to keep pace with the development in the society. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2549


The purpose of the formative study is to bring out the comparative features distinctively of KOHA –Serial management, CORAL database management tool for electronic resources and VuFind. The purpose to evaluate the different open source software and its characteristics with possibility to integrate the best available resources. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2459


This study points out to the behavioural changes brought about in the contemporary information seekers and discovery of Virtual Reference as an appropriate tool suitable for digital natives. It further explores the definition of Virtual Reference as given by different authors and the broad categories under which it can be divided. New technology is a structured and sequenced process and development is inevitable. The chapter also encompasses the list of present day software available and the factors to be taken into consideration while estimating the usability of these software. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2460

A recent print media report suggested that the government has asked the Army to take action against commanders in whose jurisdictions the terrorist attacks took place i.e. at Uri, Nagrota and Sunjuwan camps, with considerable loss of lives. This is speculation at the moment, there being no corroboration from official levels. Nevertheless, the issue highlighted by the report is important and sensitive, with serious ramifications. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2596


It is essential that steps to assess and combat the depletion of our natural resources be taken. Environmental accounting can help detect that it is essential that steps to assess and combat the depletion of our natural resources be taken. Full text link- http://hdl.handle.net/10739/2428