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URBAN DEVELOPMENT



Vytilla Mobility Hub

Getting around in Kochi is a hassle these days owing to traffic congestion and roadblocks. However, a solution is soon in sight with construction of the proposed Vytilla Mobility Hub underway. Centre for Public Policy Research (CPPR) undertook the research and prepared a plan for the hub, which is envisioned as a long-term solution to the city's transportation problems.

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Widespread lack of insurance has compounded the healthcare challenges that India faces. For the middle class, there is some form of healthcare insurance provided by government and private employers, but in general a majority of the health insurance schemes are inaccessible to below poverty line (BPL) Indian citizens.

With the public insurance model failing, private players have started to gain a foothold in the health insurance market with innovative schemes. Public-private partnership schemes like 'Yeshaswini Insurance Scheme' for BPL families in Karnataka have been a huge success. With a subscriber list of around 1.4 million families, it has generated a surplus of Rs 1.86 crores in its first year of operation in 2002.

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Shaping the Future of India

On the surface, my address is a quest. On a more profound level, my address is a dream. It reflects an irrepressible ambition. To take India, Indian enterprises and the Indian economy to the top of the global ladder. One sixth of humanity lives in India. Every Indian wants to live a better life. In this age of rising aspirations and instant communication, there can be no peace if a billion plus people are discontented, deprived, unhappy and therefore, angry. Consequently, India needs to follow a unique developmental model to achieve equitable economic success. Not only for her own sake, but also for the benefit of the whole world.

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Qaddafi's Departure is not Easy

After the fall of Tunisia and Egypt, it seemed that the Libyan strongman Colonel Muammar Qaddafi, faced with huge public anger, will soon be forced to step down. Iran and many European countries were named as potential refuge for Qaddafi. Reports were abound that Qaddafi has put a proposal



This report analyses the major provisions of the main legislations concerning waste in India. It is an examination of the provisions that would be relevant to companies and enterprises engaged in activities and industries which are capable of producing waste. One such is the Environment Protection Act, which aims to establish a protection system and gives power to the central government to regulate all forms of waste and to tackle specific problems that may present themselves. Similarly, the 'Environmental Protection Rules 1986' allows the government to give more detailed direction on a specific topic. This detailed direction may be changed without the necessity of having to amend the principal Act.

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before the rebels that he was ready to leave the country, provided no harm is done to him or his family and all his property and gold will remain with him. But the reliability of all such reports becomes questionable when either Qaddafi or his son is seen on TV saying, "I am Libya, I will fight, and I will die here."

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OPINION



Riots in Egypt about Food and Jobs

In the wake of the Great Recession of 2008-9, riots erupted all over the world, from Thailand to the Ivory Coast and from Yemen to Albania. For some reason, the demonstrations in Tunisia and Egypt were singled out by the international media and cast as the Middle-Eastern equivalents of the French Revolution involving the overthrow of stale dictators and the eternal cry for freedom and 'democracy'. Why would Egyptians and Tunisians who have never experienced either freedom or democracy clamour for both was left unexplored.

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The Binayak Sen Judgement

Inferior Court judgements are not generally topics of study for law students. And so, it usually does not get debated in the intellectual circles. Many lower court judgements are worth praise and several would be packed with flaws. The recent conviction of Binayak Sen on grounds of conspiracy to commit sedition and subsequent award of life sentence by a Raipur Sessions Court has raised many eyebrows, mainly due to the fact that it was flawed. The ground on which the noted human rights activist is convicted is still questioned.

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Art in Times of Violence

To make an artistic intervention in a situation made critical by politicians is hard. It is more so in the Kashmir Valley where performers have gone into hiding and painters are scared to dip their brushes in paint for their works might evoke the wrath of Mullahs. But there are some diehard activists who are not scared of doing the right thing in dark times. Rising above the personal loss and pain caused by the unending cycles of violence they try to give palliatives through their works of art. MK Raina has been doing theatre projects in the Valley during summers since the eighties.

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