



EDITORIAL

The world is back to normal post the covid-19 catastrophe with hopefully a little less fear of the virus. The Government of India successfully vaccinated 90% of its adult population and the life as well as the lifestyle of the people is back to usual. Ofcourse, the loss of lives and peace will haunt us for several years to come.

The geo-politics will continue to impact the internal policy-making as well as external diplomacy. Amidst all these, the Government is trying to maintain the equilibrium between social welfare and inflation, its stance between the global power play and its role in maintaining peace internally as well as outside. With this thought in mind, we bring to you the second edition of this year which covers a variety of topics on relevant issues.

The first article on bridging the gender equity gap sheds a light on the gender inequality that continues to remain a major barrier to human development. The write-up also highlights the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Report 2021 seeking urgent action in this regard.

Under Health Watch, the author covers the contribution of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and their successful endeavour in India's public health experiment which is rooted in village community.

Guest Talk on water security for socio-economic development and economic growth highlights the water woes in India and the author's anecdotes.

The spotlight for this edition is on the Government's Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) programme enabling the socio-economic development in India. The article cites the World Bank study on the impact of the programme as well as other studies.

The viewpoint on Indian losing the industrial race dwells on how India a millennium back in 1000 as the golden bird had a share of 30 % in world's GDP now dwindled to 4.2% after Independence?

The article on India's foreign policy covers the challenges of the present time in post covid-19 situation. Furthermore, an article on the theory of democratic decentralization and local governance administration explains the concept, approaches and perspectives on decentralization.

The write-up on Mission Karmayogi explains the importance of training to government officials citing a case study of police force and their in-service training. It emphasizes the idea of training as the most important component of the employee's personality development and capacity building that can only be possible through the regular interval of in-service training.

The edition ends with the information on the recent policy announced by the Government of India i.e. National Air Sports Policy 2022 followed by Governance@Work.

Hope you find this an interesting read. ■

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