

Editorial

Amidst the eventfulness, we bring to you the third edition of this year with a variety of topics covering current and relevant issues. The edition begins with an article on the idea of nation and nationalism which traces the transition from patriotism to nationalism. Moving ahead, we have a case study and learnings from Gujarat showcasing emergence of newer techniques in managing water woes in the write-up on emerging water governance in India.

Judiciary has once again played an important role in bringing out environmental laws that protects all. In the recent times, India has not only implemented environmental legislation effectively but also incorporated a new fundamental right to clean and healthy environment in the Indian Constitution. A feature on Judicial Activism visa-a-vis environmental law explains the concept, opinions, doctrines and principles evolved by Indian courts and jurists to deal with environmental issues.

Similarly, another feature on rebooting Indian Judiciary that kick started reforms in criminal judicial system in India throws a light on the new Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill of 2022. The Bill will not only decolonize Indian judiciary but also upgrade the system with technological innovations and professionalization of legal agencies.

Talking about technological innovation, the write-up on AI-Analytics for banks emphasizes on the infusion of artificial intelligence, machine learning and big data in banking today that has entrepreneurial and public service advantages.

India and Canada shared a great bilateral relationship in the past and will hopefully continue to flourish further. How both countries overcame their past challenges and what could be the way forward has been explicated in the write-up on India-Canada relations' its current trends and a way forward.

How Geopolitics affects Geoeconomics is explained in another write-up with the mention of recent examples. Likewise, citing illustrations of the existing model on people's participation in the local governance, an article on citizen participation as the pulse of local governance is expounded. The edition also has an excerpts of an interview with the present Vice Chairman & MD of CIDCO of Maharashtra ,mentioning about its plan to further develop the Navi Mumbai region. A World Bank report in this edition on Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan in India highlights the progress of the initiative.

The edition ends with the benefits of the Agnipath scheme launched to aid recruitment in armed forces followed by the synopsis of recent initiatives taken by the government for the citizens' welfare.

Hope the readers will find this an interesting read. ■

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