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Struggle and Dialogue

--Paresh Chandra

On Permanent Revolution

--Kumarila

Trotsky's concept of permanent revolution is dialectical to the very core viewing revolution as a continuum embedding the particular in general and appearance in essence, with the latter necessarily getting represented through the former.

Discovering Nuclear Energy for Justifying Bad Deal

--Prabir Purkayastha

Not only is nuclear power more expensive, it will also have adverse effects on the entire electricity sector. Going in for huge investments for imported nuclear power plants – three times the cost of similar coal fired units -- would mean starving the Indian economy of other investments.

The Art of Naming: Meditations on Queer Activism in Delhi

--Akhil Katyal

Queer activism, here and now in Delhi, as I have lived through for the past three years, is composed of varied definitional excursions that are precisely that, definitional excursions, baggy monsters, simplifying technologies that take enormous and complicated raw material, lets say of the morass of human sexuality and try to produce, indeed with success, finished products, peculiarly sexualized individuals, gay or straight.

Q&A with Mahesh Rangarajan: On Ramanujan's 300 Ramayanas and the Controversy

--Paresh Chandra and Bhumika Chauhan

Mahesh Rangarajan, member of faculty of the Department of History, University of Delhi, speaks about Ramanujan's essay and the protest that followed the decision to include it in the syllabus of a BA Honors course.

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Without the clause of class-consciousness that makes the connection between career and exploitation plain resistance becomes a perverse (the usual) form of consumerism, the commodity bought and consumed is "peace of mind" and the cost is a few days out in the sun.

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--Abhinav Sinha

To counter the contraction of the space for students' politics on campus we need to think about a unified student-youth movement which will have equal and free education for all and employment for all as its central demands. Only such a movement will have the strength and potency to achieve such aims.

Beyond the Veil of Identity Politics – Preliminary Explorations through Categories of Caste and Class in Indian society 22

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Identity politics, based on the principle of homogenizations, segregation of social realities into unconnected, autonomous modules, has allowed the expansion of capital, thwarting any possibility of resistance against the system.

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The interview brings out some of the important issues dealt in the book 'Crisis in the Indian Subcontinent - Partition... Can it be undone?' along with Khan's perspective on the political situation and transformation in the subcontinent.

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Ever since the publication of Das Kapital bourgeois economists have tried to question the relevance and justification of Marx's concept of value for economic analysis simply because they have failed to understand his problematic as well as his method. Confronted with the demand to prove his labour theory of value his own answer given in one of his letters to Kugelmann remains the most devastatingly simple and cogent.

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