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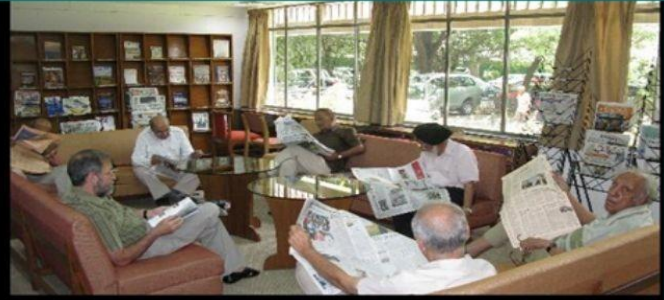


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**Title: Cowboy Heaven, in MOMA's Westerns Series**

**1. Source: New Yorker. 15th June 2026.**

**Link:**<https://www.newyorker.com/culture/goings-on/cowboy-heaven-in-momas-westerns-series>

**The series** “Universal Westerns,” at MOMA through July 3, reveals the fruitful cinematic idiosyncrasies that Universal Pictures, founded in 1912, fostered in its heyday. John Ford, the supreme director of the Western, got his start there, at age twenty-four; in his first feature, “**Straight Shooting**” (screening June 6 and June 16), from 1917, his artistic personality is already on sharp display. The story involves a family of homesteaders—small-time farmers portrayed as peaceful and law-abiding—facing the hired guns of a cattle rancher who wants their land for grazing. The lead gunman (Harry Carey) grows disgusted and changes sides, as does a young cowboy, resulting in romantic complications with a farmer’s daughter. Ford, a moralist of high principle, creates an instant legend with his lofty depictions of righteous violence—yet with his next film he quickly punctured the pomp of crowd-pleasing heroism. “**Hell Bent**” (June 6 and June 16), from 1918, starts with a Western novelist getting a letter from his publisher requesting realistic characters with mixed motives. The rest of the movie involves the novelist’s imaginings, featuring Carey as a gunman whose actions again—and even more ambiguously—veer between noble and ignoble.

**2. Title: Michael Arden Catches a Flight**

**Source: New Yorker. 15th June 2026.**

**Link:**<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2026/06/15/michael-arden-catches-a-flight>

The theatre director Michael Arden has a phobia of hand injuries and of flying, but you wouldn’t have known it when he showed up at iFLY, an indoor-skydiving facility in Queens, and the other day. Indoor skydiving involves lying prone in a vertical wind tunnel. “I was telling people at work that my biggest fear is just that I go in the tube and it doesn’t work,” Arden said while signing a safety waiver. His latest show, “The Lost Boys,” which was nominated for twelve Tonys, subjects its actors to a half-dozen intricate flying sequences, including a period of dangling upside down about forty feet above the stage. The skydiving would serve as a kind of “I wouldn’t ask you to do anything I wouldn’t do” directing tactic.

**3. Title: Inside the Creative Cavern of JR**

**Source: New Yorker. 15th June 2026.**

**Link:**<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2026/06/15/inside-the-creative-cavern-of-jr>

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Somewhere between Venice and Paris, just as afternoon tea was served—raspberry tartlets and biscotti squisiti, coffee poured from silver ewers into porcelain cups—JR, the French artist known for his public installations, was starting to freak out. He wasn't panicking and, in fact, maintained a façade as smooth and zippy as any of the trompe-l'oeil murals with which he has wrapped famous buildings around the world. Yet, as the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express barrelled west, through the Dolomites to Colico and Bergün and Brenner Pass, he contemplated the risks inherent in his latest project. He would begin installing it shortly after the train pulled into the Gare de l'Est.

4. **Title: Kurt Vile Gets the Feeling**

**Source: New Yorker: 15th June 2026.**

**Link:** <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2026/06/15/kurt-vile-gets-the-feeling>

Most years, Kurt Vile, the recording artist, plays months' worth of gigs, either with his band, the Violators, or with various friends and idols, so he's on the road a ton. But home is Philadelphia, as it's been for all but a couple of his forty-six years. The name of his latest album, his tenth, is "Philadelphia's Been Good to Me."

5. **Title: Gertrud**

**Source: Granta 175: Scandinav Spring 2026**

**Link:** <https://granta.com/gertrud/>

When Maja Daniels was a child, her grandparents in Älvdalen told her the story of Getrud Svendsotter, a twelve-year-old girl accused of walking on water in 1667. Under interrogation, the young shepherdess confessed to sorcery and to dining with the devil on the mythical island of Blåkulla. Her subsequent trial sparked *Det stora oväsendet* ("The Great Uproar"), a witch-hunt that rapidly spread through Sweden. More than three hundred people – mostly women – were executed.

6. **Title: Excerpts from the Five Volumes of *Diary of a Playwright***

**Source: Granta 175: Scandinav Spring 2026**

**Link:** <https://granta.com/excerpts-from-the-five-volumes-of-diary-of-a-playwright/>

Got up at half past six. Micha picked me up at eight. Then we drove to Kalmar, 450 kilometres – we only stopped once at a café outside Norrköping and then again in Småland to fill up the car. It was incredibly beautiful. But as soon as you stop and get out of the car you step into a foreign country and an incomprehensible language. Autumn is more serious further south. Micha was speeding, driving between 140 and 150 kilometres an hour, but it was a straight road and almost no traffic, just a German who passed us without seeing that a car in front was turning left, but Micha was able to brake in time. He drives a Volvo, a frighteningly fast car. He loves to drive fast. They only had bad Russian cars in Poland when he was young, and he always dreamt of owning a good car. We talked a lot, and didn't prepare at all for the visit to Kalmar Prison. We got there by 12.30 p.m. and had lunch at a restaurant near the prison, built by a peaceful lake in 1853. There are fifty-three inmates and a permanent staff of some sixty guards. Gunnar and Göran arrived late, a bit stressed – they had driven down from Alvesta.

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7. **Title: The fading influence of America's spy co-ordinator**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/united-states/2026/06/02/the-fading-influence-of-americas-spy-co-ordinator>

BILL PULTE, a 38-year-old Floridian, has run America's Federal Housing Finance Agency for little over a year, mostly in blessed obscurity. Now he is America's top spy. This might sound like the plot of a screwball comedy. Unfortunately it is not.

8. **Title: Meet the jailscrapper**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/united-states/2026/06/03/meet-the-jailscrapper>

CHARLES DICKENS was no stranger to grim prisons. When he was 12 his father was sent to a debtors' jail. The writer would later visit London prisons for research. Yet in 1842, when he went inside a New York City jail, he was horrified. "Such indecent and disgusting dungeons", Dickens wrote, "would bring disgrace upon the most despotic empire in the world!" Dark, cramped and prone to flooding, it acquired the nickname "The Tombs". Successive jails on the site would inherit it. In January ground was broken on the next generation of The Tombs. But rather than resembling a dungeon, the 1,000-inmate jail will reach to the sky. It will be 335 feet (102m) high, taller than the Statue of Liberty.

9. **Title: Lars Norén and the Power of Words**

**Source: Granta 175: Scandinav Spring 2026**

**Link:** <https://granta.com/lars-noren-and-the-power-of-words/>

The late playwright and writer Lars Norén was a household name in his native Sweden, and well known in the rest of Scandinavia and Continental Europe. The themes of his plays, only a few of which have been staged in English, reflect a lifelong fascination with outsiders – alcoholics, sex workers, criminals and the insane – but most are family dramas; characters talking past each other, hostile, unheard and misunderstood. Norén, who often directed or co-directed his own work, encouraged the actors to bare themselves onstage, and because the moments of confrontation in the dialogue were so sudden and maybe because people recognised something of their own emotional ambiguity in the text, audiences would often laugh. His collaborator Suzanne Osten noted the laughter and had the idea in the early 1980s of staging the plays like Woody Allen films, but there was always an undertone of bleak tragedy and existential loneliness in the scripts, alongside a profound sense of psychoanalytic doom. The characters, many of them sexualised and hard-drinking beings, seemed to be free-associating onstage. The psychoanalytic idea that there is a gap between what we do and what we say (or even think) we do was always part of it – and what follows from that is the unsettling idea that we don't quite know who we really are. The productions also have somewhat shifting and elusive identities since the playscripts are very long, and were cut and edited for each

individual production. Norén's writing, in that sense, was always a work in progress – there is a feeling both in the plays and in his diaries of perpetual renewal held fast by recurring themes.

## BUSINESS

**10. Title: Texas is America Inc's new centre of gravity**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/business/2026/05/31/texas-is-america-incs-new-centre-of-gravity>**

“Just when I thought I got him to fall in love with Tennessee, I shoulda known better than to take him back to Abilene.” So laments Ella Langley in “Choosin’ Texas”, a song that has ranked near the top of America’s music charts throughout 2026. Some of those listens may be coming from policymakers elsewhere in the country. Much like Ms Langley, they are losing to Texas.

**11. Title: BYD is losing its spark**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/business/2026/06/03/byd-is-losing-its-spark>**

For years visitors to the Shenzhen headquarters of BYD, the world’s largest maker of electric vehicles (EVs), have been treated to an explosive safety demonstration. As they peer into a chamber made with thick protective glass, a drill bores into a conventional EV battery, which erupts into flames. Then one of BYD’s signature “blade” batteries is similarly pierced—without the subsequent blast.

**12. Title: A new defence champion is rising from the Gulf**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/business/2026/06/04/a-new-defence-champion-is-rising-from-the-gulf>**

THE PETRO-MONARCHIES of the Gulf are celebrated big spenders—not least by the West’s defence industry. Their oil wealth pays for about a fifth of global arms imports, with a shopping list ranging from fighter jets to frigates. In a noisy, volatile neighbourhood, safety comes at a price.

**13. Title: Lego, Pokémon and the future of fun**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/business/2026/06/04/lego-pokemon-and-the-future-of-fun>**

Lego executives tried valiantly to present their latest products on June 2nd amid a din of chirping, croaking and snoring. The toy giant’s newest range is part of a collaboration with Pokémon, a Japanese brand that has evolved from video game to multi-media phenomenon. Built-in chips let the creatures train, battle and noisily chat when put near each other.

**14. Title: Two American tycoons are betting big on a casino revival**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/business/2026/06/04/two-american-tycoons-are-betting-big-on-a-casino-revival>

Chance plays a big role in Las Vegas. But two events in the space of a week seemed to be more than just coincidence. On May 28th Tilman Fertitta, a hospitality mogul, announced that he had agreed to buy Caesars Entertainment, a chain of more than 50 casino resorts, in a deal valuing the company at \$17.6bn. Four days later Barry Diller, the high-rolling owner of People Inc, a publishing business, upped the ante with a bid for MGM Resorts that valued the casino operator at over \$18bn.

**15. Title: Nvidia wants to supercharge your laptop**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:** <https://www.economist.com/business/2026/06/02/nvidia-wants-to-supercharge-your-laptop>

For the past few years, whenever Jensen Huang, boss of Nvidia, has taken the stage, he has followed a familiar script, unveiling ever more powerful semiconductors, software and systems for running artificial intelligence in data centres. No wonder: the AI boom has sparked a spending spree on giant server farms, and much of that money has flowed straight to the giant chipmaker. In the past four years, annual revenue at Nvidia's data-centre division has grown from \$11bn to \$194bn, pushing the firm's market value past \$5trn, more than any other company ever.

## ECONOMICS

**16. Title: Could Switzerland Become the First Country to Cap Its Population?**

**Source: New Yorker. 15th June 2026.**

**Link:**<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2026/06/15/could-switzerland-become-the-first-country-to-limit-its-population>

Once upon a time, in the town of Maienfeld, high up in the Swiss Alps, there lived an orphan with a heart of gold. A cruel aunt sent her off to seek her fortune in crowded, sooty Frankfurt, but city life nearly killed her, so she was swiftly returned to the fresh mountain air.

**17. Title: America's decaying Treasury market needs a fix**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/leaders/2026/06/04/americas-decaying-treasury-market-needs-a-fix>

SINCE RICHARD NIXON broke the link between the American dollar and gold in 1971, global finance has floated on a sea of Treasuries. No asset is more important than America's government debt. It provides a haven for investors at dangerous moments.

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Trillions of dollars of contracts and securities worldwide are priced with reference to Treasury bonds.

**18. Title: The pain to come in private credit**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/by-invitation/2026/06/01/the-pain-to-come-in-private-credit>

TO UNDERSTAND TODAY'S private-credit market, broadly defined as loans to private mid-size companies made by investment funds, you must start with a simple truth: the current environment was shaped by a decade of very low interest rates and abundant liquidity, which flattered leverage and suppressed risk. Those conditions are unwinding, with implications that extend well beyond credit markets, to portfolio allocation, valuation methodology and risk-pricing across asset classes.

**19. Title: Italy has tracked down Cosa Nostra's riches**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/europe/2026/06/04/italy-has-tracked-down-cosa-nostras-riches>

It began with a suspicious bank employee in Andorra, a mini-state between France and Spain. She wanted to know more about the €12m (\$14m) in the accounts of a client, an Italian woman whose son claimed she had inherited it from her late husband. A tip-off reached an officer at the Italian embassy in Madrid, sparking a global investigation that lasted almost three years. On May 28th it culminated in the arrest of the woman, her son and her ex-husband, Giacomo Tamburello, who was very much alive and living under house arrest in Sicily, following a conviction for drug-trafficking. It also led to one of the biggest seizures ever co-ordinated by Italian law enforcement: at least €200m spread across nine jurisdictions.

**20. Title: China's high-tech rise is leaving much of the country behind**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/china/2026/06/02/chinas-high-tech-rise-is-leaving-much-of-the-country-behind>

LIKE MANY cities in China's hinterland, Tianshui, in the western province of Gansu, is full of dusty and disused factories. But over the past decade it has also become an unlikely high-tech hub. New industrial parks have sprouted, offering companies cheap energy, financing and land deals. The city has already built an exhibition hall to display the zippy products it hopes to make in the future, called "Tianshui Industry 2050".

**21. Title: China's delivery drivers are its most obvious underclass**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:** <https://www.economist.com/china/2026/06/01/chinas-delivery-drivers-are-its-most-obvious-underclass>

CHINESE CITIES can look like a tableau of bold colours as delivery drivers on scooters—some yellow, orange or blue—zip through traffic bearing cargo to waiting customers. It is in the distant outskirts that the colours come to a rest. Amid the warrens of buildings,

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drivers rent cheap rooms, parking their scooters in the narrow streets and hanging their matching jackets from windows to air them out.

**22. Title: Gen-Z socialism, from Zohran to Zack and beyond**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2026/06/04/gen-z-socialism-from-zohran-to-zack-and-beyond>

DIFFERENT TIMES inspire different sets of leftist ideas. After the Second World War, especially in Europe, socialism drew strength from heavily unionised heavy industry. It aimed not to abolish capitalism but to manage it, by nationalising utilities and redistributing income widely. After the financial crisis of 2007-09 “millennial socialists”, as The Economist dubbed them, argued that the post-war European model had created leaders too distant from ordinary workers and too complacent about climate change. Their solution was to put workers on company boards, create employee-owned co-operatives and subsidise green technology, all to create a more durable, fairer and greener capitalism.

**23. Title: Indians can now bet on the monsoon**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2026/06/04/indians-can-now-bet-on-the-monsoon>

BY THE MIDDLE of June Mumbai, India’s financial capital, should be drenched. The south-west monsoon, the seasonal storm which provides most of the year’s water in South Asia, will bring torrential downpours to the city. Street food-hawkers and builders will curse. Slum-dwelling migrant workers may head home to villages to wait for the rains to pass. Some businesspeople and financiers, meanwhile, will be patting damp pockets full of rupees. On May 29th India’s National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) allowed traders to start placing financial bets on whether each month of this year’s monsoon will be wetter or drier in Mumbai than the average of the past 30 years.

**24. Title: Want to know the future? Don’t trust the stock market**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:** <https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2026/06/02/want-to-know-the-future-dont-trust-the-stockmarket>

“If economists wished to study the horse,” a dismal scientist once joked, “they wouldn’t go and look at horses. They’d sit in their studies and say to themselves: ‘What would I do if I were a horse?’” But at least horses tend to be spared such attention; finance types are not. And one economic idea is especially liable to get them snorting with impatience and asking whether the person who cites it has been near a trading floor.

**25. Title: A Welcome Mission for Cotton Productivity**

**Source: Economic & Political Weekly. Vol.61. No-61. 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link:**<https://www.epw.in/journal/editorials/welcome-mission-cotton-productivity.html>

The new Mission for Cotton Productivity was approved by the union cabinet in May 2026. It also earmarked ₹5,659 crore for funding the mission over the five years from 2026–27

to 2030–31. The primary aim of the mission is to improve both the quality and quantity of cotton production in the country by developing high-yielding, pest-resistant seeds and scaling up other production technologies, and raising cotton productivity, measured in kilograms (kg) per hectare (ha), from the current level of around 440 to 755, roughly the global average. This is to raise total cotton output from about 300 lakh bales of 170 kg to 498 lakh bales by 2031.

**26. Title: The Monetary Theory of Production**

**Source: Economic & Political Weekly. Vol.61. No-61. 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link:**<https://www.epw.in/journal/h-t-parekh-finance-column/monetary-theory-production.html>

The monetary circuit theory, under the monetary theory of production, is a research agenda devoted to developing the insights of J M Keynes drawn less from the *General Theory* and more from the *Treatise on Money* and other writings. Indeed, in the ferment surrounding the revolutionary import of the theory of output of the *General Theory*, the backing of the quantity theory of money was unheralded (Vernengo 2022). Earlier, in the *Treatise*, Keynes grappled with the cumulative monetary processes of the great Swede Knut Wicksell. Grand internal debates between the giants of the so-called Stockholm School of Economics, of which he was a pioneer, were mirrored in the later absorbing exchanges between Keynes and his contemporaries, including members of the Stockholm School. The Stockholm School petered out for reasons that included defining equilibrium in disequilibrium sequences, but not before the lasting impression left by Gunnar Myrdal. Myrdal contributed the hint that the real rate of interest was not free of the patina of money. Later, Keynes was to advance the theorem that the interest rate was a monetary phenomenon. No consensus was arrived at on the meaning of the natural or the neutral rate of interest. Independently, Michał Kalecki used Marxian categories to prove Keynes's propositions simply and clearly. One line of thinking in the monetary theory of production develops the Kalecki connection (Hein 2024).

## EDUCATION

**27. Title: The impact of taxing British private-school fees starts to show**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/britain/2026/06/04/the-impact-of-taxing-british-private-school-fees-starts-to-show>

MORE THAN 500 children attend St Joseph's College, a private school in Reading that prides itself on providing the "best value" education in its area. In mid-May it announced that, unless it can find a big cash injection, it will close in July. The school has blamed years of rising costs—worsened by the Labour government's decision to make private schools start paying full business rates and to levy value-added tax on their fees. Martyn Cook is among hundreds of parents now racing to find new schools for their children; having spent 20 years as an army officer, he has experience getting out of scrapes. "But when you have a problem and your kids are upset, emotionally it's very hard."

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- 28. Title: St. John's College Is Weird. Maybe Yours Should Be More Like It.**  
**Source: Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol-72. No-20. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**Link: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/st-johns-college-is-weird-maybe-yours-should-be-more-like-it>**  
On a bitterly cold January night in Annapolis, Md., students in puffer coats and hoodies made their way along the wind-whipped sidewalks of St. John's College and into McDowell Hall, an imposing brick building at the heart of campus, for their twice-weekly Great Books seminar.
- 29. Title: The University That Chose to Shrink**  
**Source: Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol-72. No-20. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**Link: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/the-university-that-chose-to-shrink>**  
Save for the occasional interruption of Air Force jets overhead, the University of Arizona's spring feels idyllic. Students sunbathe, take graduation photos, and dodge anthropomorphic food-delivery robots. It's not too early in the season to enjoy un raspado
- 30. Title: College, Piece by Piece: Maricopa Community Colleges bet on micro credentials and certificates to lure students.**  
**Source: Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol-72. No-20. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**Link: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/college-piece-by-piece>**  
Nolan Cottingham always knew he'd find a better-paying job and more fulfilling career after In-N-Out Burger. Still, his reluctance to take on tens of thousands of dollars in college-loan debt kept him donning his apron and clocking in year after year.
- 31. Title: For Enrollment-Strapped Small Colleges, 'Flat Is the New Growth'**  
**Source: Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol-72. No-20. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**Link: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/for-enrollment-strapped-small-colleges-flat-is-the-new-growth>**  
Recruiting college-bound students in Michigan used to be pretty straightforward. There were the high-strivers headed down an expressway straight to the flagship, the University of Michigan, and the state's R1 land-grant, Michigan State University. The most congested road was packed with students going to a regional four-year public, like Western Michigan or Central Michigan Universities. Smaller country roads led to the state's 20-plus private four-year colleges, where the attraction was intimate classes and a broad liberal-arts education. Once a student picked a road, they tended to stay on it, even if they got off at a different exit than first planned.
- 32. Title: The Ungovernable University**  
**Source: Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol-72. No-20. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**Link: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/the-ungovernable-university>**  
Last month, Kevin Guskiewicz took a pay cut to leave Michigan State University's presidency for the top job at Clemson University. He lobbed a grenade on the way out by criticizing the institution's trustees, a group of eight elected officials who in recent years have been accused of dysfunction and backbiting. It's the latest example of how partisan governing boards, willing to throw their weight around in new ways, are making presidents uncomfortable. Are those boards overstepping their bounds?

**33. Title: Has the Left Ruined the Humanities?**

**Source: Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol-72. No-20. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/has-the-left-ruined-the-humanities>**

The humanities and social sciences have been corrupted by political aims, and their disciplines have tossed out rigorous research standards in favor of advancing social-justice causes favored by the political left. This has made for an impoverished scholarly landscape, filled with laughable claims and obscure jargon.

**34. Title: A Flagship's Civics Center Saw Low Enrollment. Now Students Will Be Required to Take Classes There.**

**Source: Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol-72. No-20. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/a-flagships-civics-center-saw-low-enrollment-now-students-will-be-required-to-take-classes-there>**

The University of Iowa's Center for Intellectual Freedom got a slow start. Created by legislation passed last year, the center offered two one-credit classes this spring — one on American culture and one on political and economic systems — but they saw a combined enrollment of less than 20 students.

**35. Title: A Professor Was Ejected From a Conference for Criticizing the Trump Administration. He Says He Was 'Shocked.'**

**Source: Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol-72. No-20. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/a-professor-was-ejected-from-a-conference-for-criticizing-the-trump-administration-he-says-he-was-shocked>**

Five members of the American Diabetes Association were removed from the organization's annual conference on Friday by police for handing out copies of an opinion essay criticizing the Trump administration outside the hall where Jay Bhattacharya, director of the National Institutes of Health, was scheduled to speak. The essay had been published in

**36. Title: My Students Can't Read**

**Source: Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol-72. No-20. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/my-students-cant-read>**

Six weeks into the term, I assigned my rhetoric and writing students a 20-page article. It was the same length I had assigned for five years and the same length I had read without complaint as an undergraduate a decade ago. Not one student finished it.

**37. Title: In Praise of Easy Conversations**

**Source: Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol-72. No-20. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/beware-the-civility-industrial-complex>**

“Hard conversations” are having a moment. Under banners like Dialogue Across Difference, Brave Conversations, and Think Again, colleges across the country are trying to help students with different views navigate tricky discussions on fraught topics.

**38. Title: How Our Growth-Obsessed Universities Spiraled Out of Control**

**Source: Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol-72. No-20. 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/how-our-growth-obsessed-universities-spiraled-out-of-control>**

Imagine if the Mayo Clinic suddenly announced that it planned to field a professional football team, or if the Dallas Cowboys broke ground on a hospital, or if Pfizer launched a liberal-arts college. Well, no need to imagine, really. Simply enter into the world of the contemporary American research university.

**39. Title: The NEET Fiasco**

**Source: Economic & Political Weekly. Vol.61. No-61. 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link: <https://www.epw.in/journal/commentary/neet-fiasco.html>**

Much of the discussion about the NEET fiasco has correctly highlighted the governance failures associated with the testing and the urgent need to remedy this. But as the problems run deeper, many of the measures currently proposed, including computerisation, are unlikely to solve this recurrent challenge. We need to rethink merit as an abstract and inherent property of individual students, uncovered by a single multiple-choice-questions-based national examination. We should use this opportunity to align the processes of selection, training, and certification in healthcare education with creating professionals who can respond with empathy to the healthcare needs of people.

## ENVIRONMENT

**40. Title: Great Nicobar's blueprint for 'development at any cost'**

**Source: Frontline 30th June 2026**

**Link: <https://frontline.thehindu.com/environment/great-nicobar-ngt-environmental-clearance-tribal-rights-concerns/article71033097.ece>**

The debates and judicial proceedings around the Rs.90,000 crore Great Nicobar Island (GNI) project have not run out of steam. The mega project spanning 166 square kilometres at the southernmost tip of the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago includes plans for an International Container Transshipment Port at Galathea Bay, a civil defence airport, a township, and a 450 MVA gas and solar-based power plant. The project requires widespread destruction of rainforests and will result in the loss of habitat of endemic species and the violation of the indigenous rights of the Shompen and the Nicobarese communities.

## FOOD

**41. Title: Cote and the Risks of the Clubstaurant**

**Source: New Yorker. 15th June 2026.**

**Link:** <https://www.newyorker.com/culture/the-food-scene/cote-and-the-risks-of-the-clubstaurant>

The restaurateur Simon Kim opened Cote in the Flatiron district, in 2017, with an alluring conceit: a marriage of two of the great beef-worshipping restaurant genres, the Korean-barbecue joint and the American steak house. He borrowed Cote's format from the former, with grills inset into tabletops and a classic Korean menu of meat, marinades, and banchan. From the American steak house, he adopted a certain slick-edged expense-account swagger, with dark-leather décor, a dry-aging program, a serious wine list, and European-inspired hospitality. The name itself carried a double meaning—*cote*, in Korean, means “flower,” or “essence,” but the word also evokes “*côte de boeuf*,” the French term for a standing rib roast. Within a year, Kim's restaurant became the first Korean-barbecue place in the world to earn a Michelin star. In the time since, Kim and his company, Gracious Hospitality Management, have taken Cote global, opening outposts in Miami, Singapore, and Las Vegas—and, as of April, in midtown.

## HEALTH

- 42. Title: Efficacy and safety of oral semaglutide 14 mg (flexible dose) in early-stage symptomatic Alzheimer's disease (evoked and evoked+): two phase 3, randomised, placebo-controlled trials.**

**Source: Lancet. Vol.407. No-10544. 30<sup>th</sup> May-5<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link:**[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(26\)00459-9/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(26)00459-9/fulltext)

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disease characterised by gradual cognitive and functional decline and is the leading cause of dementia worldwide.<sup>1</sup> Therapeutic interventions targeting the early stages of cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's disease could have substantial clinical, economic, and socioeconomic consequences for patients, care partners, and society in delaying progression of disease and forestalling disability.<sup>2</sup> Neuroinflammation and neuroimmune dysfunction have been identified as key factors in the pathophysiology of Alzheimer's disease and occur at early disease stages with microglial and astrocytic activation and activation of the innate and adaptive immune systems with cytokine release.<sup>3–5</sup> Neurovascular dysfunction resulting from cerebral amyloid angiopathy and vessel inflammation can compromise blood–brain barrier integrity in early Alzheimer's disease and might contribute to disease progression.<sup>6</sup> Microvascular dysfunction has also been associated with Alzheimer's disease progression in mouse models.<sup>7</sup>

- 43. Title: Efficacy and safety of a bodyweight-adjusted higher dose of ocrelizumab in relapsing (MUSSETTE) and primary progressive (GAVOTTE) multiple sclerosis: two multicentre, randomised, double-blind, parallel-group phase 3b trials**

**Source: Lancet. Vol.407. No-10544. 30<sup>th</sup> May-5<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link:**[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(26\)00147-9/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(26)00147-9/fulltext)

Ocrelizumab is a humanised anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody approved for people with relapsing (RMS) or primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS). In a post-hoc analysis of phase 3 trials in RMS and PPMS using a 600 mg dose, higher exposure to ocrelizumab was associated with greater B-cell depletion and lower risk of confirmed disability progression. Here, we prospectively assessed the efficacy and safety of a high dose of ocrelizumab in patients with RMS or PPMS.

- 44. Title: Efficacy and safety of ocrelizumab in primary progressive multiple sclerosis, including older patients and those with more advanced disease (ORATORIO-HAND): a multicentre, double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled, phase 3b study**

**Source: Lancet. Vol.407. No-10544. 30<sup>th</sup> May-5<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link:**[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(26\)00617-3/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(26)00617-3/fulltext)

The ORATORIO trial showed that ocrelizumab reduced the risk of disability progression versus placebo in patients with primary progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS). We aimed to elucidate the effect of ocrelizumab in older and more disabled patients with PPMS, particularly regarding hand function preservation.

- 45. Title: Alzheimer's disease neuropathology plasma biomarkers and cognition in midlife: a community-based cohort study**

**Source: Lancet. Vol.407. No-10544. 30<sup>th</sup> May-5<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link:**[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(26\)00515-5/abstract](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(26)00515-5/abstract)

Alzheimer's disease neuropathology, characterised by amyloid  $\beta$  ( $A\beta$ ) and phosphorylated-tau (p-tau) protein accumulation, has primarily been assessed with biomarkers in clinical samples of older adults. Less is known about plasma biomarkers of Alzheimer's disease neuropathology and their associations with cognitive outcomes in midlife in diverse community-based samples. Our goal was to address these gaps.

- 46. Title: Comparison of [18F]flortaucipir and [18F]MK6240 for the detection of tau pathology in Alzheimer's disease (HEAD): a multicentre, prospective, cross-sectional, within-participant study**

**Source: Lancet. Vol.407. No-10544. 30<sup>th</sup> May-5<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link:**[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(26\)00417-4/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(26)00417-4/fulltext)

We conducted a prospective, multicentre, non-randomised, within-participant comparison of [18F]flortaucipir (Tauvid), currently used in clinical settings in the USA and Europe, and [18F]MK6240, an investigational tau PET tracer. Participants were recruited from eight north American sites and underwent tau PET, amyloid- $\beta$  ( $A\beta$ ) PET, and detailed cognitive assessments. Tau PET with both agents was acquired within a 45-day window. Coprimary outcomes were the discriminative accuracy for Alzheimer's disease-related cognitive impairment and the frequency of tau positivity in early medial

temporal lobe (MTL) and late neocortical regions. The study is registered with ClinicalTrials.gov, NCT05361382.

- 47. Title: Efficacy and safety of intravenous prasinezumab in individuals with early-stage Parkinson's disease on stable symptomatic monotherapy (PADOVA): a phase 2b, multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled study**

**Source: Lancet. Vol.407. No-10544. 30<sup>th</sup> May-5<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link:**[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(26\)00865-2/abstract](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(26)00865-2/abstract)

Prasinezumab has previously shown potential for reducing the progression of motor signs (Movement Disorder Society-sponsored Revision of the Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale [MDS-UPDRS] Part III) in patients with early-stage Parkinson's disease who were treatment-naïve or receiving monoamine oxidase type B (MAO-B) inhibitors. The aim of the PADOVA trial was to evaluate the efficacy and safety of prasinezumab in a broader population of patients receiving stable symptomatic medication.

## HISTORY

- 48. Title: Tagore's living inheritance**

**Source: Frontline 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://frontline.thehindu.com/books/tagore-santiniketan-history-uma-das-gupta-cosmopolitan-education/article71052485.ece>

A renowned scholar who has devoted her life to studying the writings and thoughts of Rabindranath Tagore, Uma Das Gupta has a formidable body of work to her credit. Her major publications include Rabindranath Tagore: My Life in My Words; Friendships of 'Largeness and Freedom': Andrews, Tagore, and Gandhi, An Epistolary Account, 1912–1940; A Difficult Friendship: Letters of Edward Thompson and Tagore 1913–1940; and recently, A History of Sriniketan: Rabindranath Tagore's Pioneering Work in Rural Reconstruction. Her latest book documents Tagore's role in the creation and evolution of Santiniketan, drawing on Das Gupta's decades of involvement with both the institution and Tagore's work

- 49. Title: Her name was Pankajam**

**Source: Frontline 30th June 2026**

**Link:** <https://frontline.thehindu.com/books/a-woman-of-no-consequence-pankajam-kalpana-karunakaran-memoir/article71047576.ece>

Every individual's life is given daily problems which, in solving, we may come across the solution to the riddle of life itself."—Pankajam, 1949.

Kalpana Karunakaran's memoir about the life of her maternal grandmother Pankajam (1911–2007) is a moving reconstruction of the inner life of a remarkable Tamil woman in early 20th century south India. It demonstrates how intellectual curiosity and stubborn resistance could push back against the tight constraints of patriarchy.

**50. Title: Less Than Robust Family Health Report**

**Source: Economic & Political Weekly. Vol.61. No-61. 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link:**<https://www.epw.in/journal/editorials/less-robust-family-health-report.html>

The factsheet of the sixth round of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS), conducted in 2023–24, presents a broad trend of consistent, incremental gains for the country, particularly in maternal health and child vaccinations. India’s total fertility rate has stabilised below the replacement level at 2.0, institutional deliveries have increased from 78% in 2015–16 (NFHS-4) to 90%, and full immunisation coverage for children aged 12–23 months has gone up from 62% in 2015–16 to 82%. However, there are some disquieting patterns, besides the missing data on conflict-ridden Manipur, and for several key indicators.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**51. Title: Ukraine is now Europe’s war. Survival can’t be the only aim**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:** <https://www.economist.com/europe/2026/06/01/ukraine-is-now-europes-war-survival-cant-be-the-only-aim>

“This is a moment of truth for Europe,” declared Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission, when Vladimir Putin’s tanks rolled into Ukraine in 2022. Now, after years of dallying, Europe might finally mean it. European Union members, plus other European countries such as Britain, are today responsible for almost all aid to Ukraine (see chart). Military integration is moving ahead, and a Franco-British initiative to police a notional ceasefire has been set up. A €90bn (\$105bn) loan to Ukraine will start flowing this month. Sanctions on Russia are growing tougher.

**52. Title: Even if America and Iran find an accord, don’t expect it to last**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/middle-east-and-africa/2026/06/03/even-if-america-and-iran-find-an-accord-dont-expect-it-to-last>

IT WAS another dramatic yet desultory week on “The Hormuz Apprentice”, a poorly rated reality-television show about Donald Trump’s war with Iran. America’s president said he was close to deciding on a deal to extend the ceasefire, only to demand more changes. Iran hinted it might abandon talks. Mr Trump said he too might “go silent”. They kept talking anyway. Missiles flew from both sides, as they have for weeks, despite a nominal truce.

**53. Title: Can Donald Trump save Israel from itself in Lebanon?**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/middle-east-and-africa/2026/06/02/can-donald-trump-save-israel-from-itself-in-lebanon>

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FIRST CAME the announcement on June 1st from Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, and his defence minister, Israel Katz, that they had ordered the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) to "attack terror targets" in Dahiyeh in Beirut, Lebanon's capital. Then came more threats of attacks and a warning from the IDF telling residents of Dahiyeh, a stronghold of Hizbullah, the Iranian-backed Shia militia, to evacuate. Thousands had already fled. But for once Israel did not drop its bombs.

**54. Title: The parable of the tshukudu, Goma's quintessential transport**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/middle-east-and-africa/2026/06/04/the-parable-of-the-tshukudu-gomas-quintessential-transport>

For many outsiders the symbol of Goma is a young man with an automatic rifle. Last year the city in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo was captured by M23, rebels backed by next-door Rwanda. It remains occupied or, according to M23, "liberated". Recently its name may also have evoked images of health workers in hazmat suits, because of the Ebola outbreak that has spread from the province to the north.

**55. Title: Pakistan is battling two insurgencies**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/asia/2026/06/04/pakistan-is-battling-two-insurgencies>

TROUBLE AT HOME is bringing Asim Munir, Pakistan's military chief and de facto ruler, down to earth with a thump. Lately he has been playing the globe-trotting peacemaker. On May 22nd he was in Tehran, Iran's capital, for a second time in two months—visiting in an effort to help stop the conflict between America and Iran. Three days later he was in Beijing updating China's president, Xi Jinping.

**56. Title: The rise of One Nation is melting Australian politics**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/asia/2026/06/04/the-rise-of-one-nation-is-melting-australian-politics>

SEVEN YEARS have passed since Tony Abbott, an arch-conservative who served as Australia's prime minister from 2013 to 2015, lost his seat to an independent. Last month his stint in the political wilderness came to an end. On May 29th the Liberal Party, now in opposition, elected him as its president. Its members are counting on Mr Abbott and Angus Taylor, the party's parliamentary leader, to achieve an urgent mission: to help the right-of-centre Liberal-National coalition survive the stunning rise of Pauline Hanson, and her anti-immigration One Nation party.

**57. Title: America's secretary of war pulls his punches on China**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/asia/2026/06/04/americas-secretary-of-war-pulls-his-punches-on-china>

FOR MORE than 20 years America's secretaries of defence have trekked to the Shangri-La Dialogue—a gathering of defence officials and analysts held annually at a hotel in Singapore—to give speeches that lay out their Asia strategy. When Pete Hegseth, the man

currently in that job, spoke at the event last year he was a mere four months into his tenure. Much of the Trump administration's thinking was at the time still being forged. So on May 30th brass from dozens of countries crowded once again into a ballroom just north of the equator in the hope of understanding, as well as possible, how America's approach to Asia is developing. They left with only greater doubts about that country's commitments to its Asian allies, and in particular to Taiwan.

## LITERATURE

**58. Title: A Dad Story, or, After Six Beers**

**Source: New Yorker. 15th June 2026.**

**Link:** <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2026/06/15/a-dad-story-or-after-six-beers>

**59. Title: Constellation**

**Source: New Yorker. 15th June 2026**

**Link:** <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2026/06/15/constellation-fiction-andrea-bajani>

**60. Title: Six Stories**

**Source: Granta 175: Scandinav Spring 2026**

**Link:** <https://granta.com/six-stories/>

Sometime that spring, during the period when I was writing my thesis, I got into the habit of walking down to the harbour every day after lunch. I would sit and smoke on a bench there, watching the sailing crowd as they came in and went ashore to buy provisions on the quay. When the weather was fine I would take off my coat to enjoy the sunshine on my arms. Mostly though it was cloudy, at least that's how I remember it.

**61. Title: Untitled**

**Source: Granta 175: Scandinav Spring 2026**

**Link:** <https://granta.com/untitled-nordenhof/>

**62. Title: Ioseb**

**Source: Granta 175: Scandinav Spring 2026**

**Link:** <https://granta.com/ioseb/>

**63. Title: Vaim Hotel**

**Source: Granta 175: Scandinav Spring 2026**

**Link:** <https://granta.com/vaim-hotel/>

**64. Title: The Aviary**

**Source: Granta 175: Scandinav Spring 2026**

Link:[https://granta.com/the-aviary/?\\_cf\\_chl\\_tk=452tFmtwKb3njP1TE\\_zfykCfdND2BWC1IiN5g1hDI-M-1781180626-1.0.1.1-d4iSGoWP9oyaK5LoVWz62QisigoGBOF1XdehEeIx7B4](https://granta.com/the-aviary/?_cf_chl_tk=452tFmtwKb3njP1TE_zfykCfdND2BWC1IiN5g1hDI-M-1781180626-1.0.1.1-d4iSGoWP9oyaK5LoVWz62QisigoGBOF1XdehEeIx7B4)

## MILITARY SCIENCE

**65. Title: Why France is uneasy about German rearmament**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/europe/2026/06/03/why-france-is-uneasy-about-german-rearmament>

When Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022 France and Germany spent nearly the same amount on defence. By 2029 Germany’s defence budget is expected to swell to at least €150bn (\$174bn)—roughly double France’s. For European security, German rearmament is plainly welcome. Yet in Paris the prospect also prompts discomfort. The risk, General Fabien Mandon, head of the armed forces, told a Senate hearing last month, is that in five years France “falls behind” its neighbour in the field it has hitherto dominated.

## POLITICAL SCIENCE & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**66. Title: For the Nation’s Birthday, Making It Harder to Become an American**

**Source: New Yorker 15th June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2026/06/15/for-the-nations-birthday-making-it-harder-to-become-an-american>

Shortly after taking office for the second time, Donald Trump created the White House Task Force on Celebrating America’s 250th Birthday, naming himself—“the man who some say is the Greatest President in History”—as its chair. The celebrations start this month, but the party planners seem to have faltered. Musical performers largely pulled out of a concert, so Trump is staging a rally, and a U.F.C. cage match will grace the South Lawn. It is a heady moment to be asking existential questions about what it means to be American. But, as it happens, another member of the task force has spent the past year and a half preparing a diligent and thorough answer on behalf of the President.

**67. Title: Andrew Tate’s Empire of Abuse**

**Source: New Yorker 15th June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2026/06/15/andrew-tates-empire-of-abuse>

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Just north of Bucharest is a neat development of red-gabled houses known as American Village. It is an unlikely place to be the center of an international criminal intrigue, but on its western border is a sprawling compound, patrolled by armed guards, that belongs to the British American influencer Andrew Tate and his younger brother, Tristan. The Tates moved to Romania a decade ago to build an online-pornography empire, and American Village was where they kept their recruits.

**68. Title: Ukraine is not a charity case**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/leaders/2026/06/04/ukraine-is-not-a-charity-case>

GIVE EUROPE credit for stepping up when many doubted it could. Since Donald Trump cut American military aid to Ukraine, Europe has managed to fill the breach. It is accelerating the flow of money and arms eastward, while stiffening sanctions on the Russian aggressor. Partly as a result of European help, Russia's grim losses on the battlefield are putting pressure on Vladimir Putin. With American diplomatic efforts to end the war fizzling, some in Europe are asking whether it is time for them to take the lead and talk to the Russian leader.

**69. Title: Britain is wrong to ban speakers like Hasan Piker**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:** <https://www.economist.com/leaders/2026/06/02/britain-is-wrong-to-ban-speakers-like-hasan-piker>

"I've been banned for criticising Israel. Are we free any more?" Cenk Uygur's question, posed to his followers on X this week, has some merit. Mr Uygur and Hasan Piker, two controversial American left-wing influencers, were both blocked by the British government from entering the country to speak at the SXSW festival in London and at Oxford University. The decision is shabby behaviour for a country that sees itself as the birthplace of free speech, one of the fundamental pillars of liberal democracy. That people should be able to say and think what they want is not just a right for citizens; it is a cultural norm that is eroded if speakers from abroad are regularly turned away at the border.

**70. Title: British politics has passed peak Palestine**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/britain/2026/06/04/british-politics-has-passed-peak-palestine>

"First of all, they are very complicit in the genocide in Gaza," says Ishan, a young Muslim in Manchester, asked about the Labour government. "That's a big thing." As the conflict in Gaza has ground on, Britons' views of Israel have hardened. Fury at the Labour Party for its handling of the issue has fuelled the rise of pro-Gaza independent MPs, in constituencies with many Muslims, and of the Green Party elsewhere. But despite the passions around the matter, relatively few voters name Israel or Palestine as their most important concern. There are signs that the war is beginning to fade from people's minds. Still, advocacy for Gaza has created a cohort of (often young) left-populist voters.

**71. Title: Britain's government prefers visa bans to free speech**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/britain/2026/06/04/britains-government-prefers-visa-bans-to-free-speech>

Sir Keir Starmer is not known for his decisiveness. But there is one issue that his Labour government has approached with uncharacteristic proactivity: free speech. In the most recent example his home secretary, Shabana Mahmood, banned Cenk Uygur and Hasan Piker, two left-wing American commentators, from entering Britain, days before they were to speak at a festival in London.

**72. Title: How long can Pedro Sánchez last?**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/europe/2026/06/04/how-long-can-pedro-sanchez-last>

Eight years ago this week Pedro Sánchez became Spain's prime minister after he organised and won a parliamentary censure motion against Mariano Rajoy, the conservative incumbent. The prompt was the conviction for corruption of former officials in Mr Rajoy's centre-right People's Party (PP). Now Spanish politics has come almost full circle. Having promised to regenerate Spanish democracy, Mr Sánchez finds himself weakened by scandals involving leading figures in his own Socialist Party. He faces calls for a general election that polls suggest the right would win. But he insists that his left-of-centre government will carry on until the end of the current parliament's term in July 2027 "and beyond".

**73. Title: California is on the cusp of its "Becerra era"**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/united-states/2026/06/04/california-is-on-the-cusp-of-its-becerra-era>

On election night Xavier Becerra seemed to admit that his success in the primary to become California's next governor was a surprise. "Here in Hollywood's hometown, we love a good underdog story," he told supporters in Los Angeles on June 2nd. The location of his celebration was apt: the Plaza de Cultura y Artes, near where Los Angeles was founded as a Spanish pueblo in 1781. If current trends hold, Mr Becerra could become the first Latino elected governor of California.

**74. Title: Nigeria's Christian groups scramble to win over Trump's America**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/middle-east-and-africa/2026/06/04/nigerias-christian-groups-scramble-to-win-over-trumps-america>

ABILL currently being considered by America's House of Representatives would attach new conditions to financial aid sent to Nigeria. Republicans in Congress say they want Nigeria's government to do more about the violence in the northern and "Middle Belt"

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states of the country. Specifically, they want it to ensure better protection of Nigerian Christians against “brutal persecution”.

**75. Title: Brazil’s high-tech voting system is losing voters’ trust**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/the-americas/2026/05/31/brazils-high-tech-voting-system-is-losing-voters-trust>**

It is the only country in the world where all elections are entirely electronic. To celebrate the Brazilian system’s 30th anniversary in May, the country’s Superior Electoral Court (TSE), which oversees general elections, launched a mascot, Pilili, a friendly-looking voting machine with big round eyes. Yet Pilili and the court’s extensive outreach to Brazilians have not shored up sagging trust in their voting system.

**76. Title: Protesters have controlled Bolivia’s capital for a month**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/the-americas/2026/06/04/protesters-have-controlled-bolivias-capital-for-a-month>**

When Túpac Katari, an indigenous leader, laid siege to La Paz for more than 100 days in 1781, the city folk were reduced to eating cats and dogs. La Paz today is not there yet. But its people are becoming increasingly desperate.

**77. Title: Abelardo de la Espriella is now the front-runner in Colombia**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/the-americas/2026/06/01/abelardo-de-la-espriella-is-now-the-front-runner-in-colombia>**

PITY THE traditional centrist politician in Latin America. Time and again they campaign claiming that voters are tired of extremes. And time and again, from Argentina to Chile and now in Colombia, they get hammered. In the first round of Colombia’s presidential election on May 31st nearly 85% of voters chose either the right-wing populist Abelardo de la Espriella or the deeply leftist Iván Cepeda. Mr de la Espriella is now the favourite to win the run-off on June 21st. He surprised pollsters by winning almost three percentage points more of the vote than Mr Cepeda, who had been leading in the polls. The establishment centre-right candidate, Paloma Valencia, who was polling close to Mr de la Espriella a few weeks ago, crashed out, taking less than 7% of the ballot. Far from being tired of extremes, Colombians seem tired of the traditional centre.

**78. Title: Donald Trump could be the man to save Cuba**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/international/2026/06/02/donald-trump-could-be-the-man-to-save-cuba>**

FOR TOO long, dreams of heroic purity have harmed ordinary Cubans, both on the island and in exile. Cuba’s dwindling population of perhaps 9m rose this morning to yet another day of sweltering, man-made misery. With food, medicine, electrical power and clean water in short supply, Cubans can expect no swift relief from the ruling Communist Party. The island’s leaders are stubborn, lonely men. Fearing that openness will cost them

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control of their failed revolutionary project, they are trapped in a stance of fist-shaking resistance towards the world's richest country, less than 200km away.

**79. Title: Xi Jinping gives China's crack scientists new jobs inside government**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/china/2026/06/04/xi-jinping-gives-chinas-crack-scientists-new-jobs-inside-government>

IT IS OFTEN said that China is ruled by engineers. In fact, it is ruled by people with engineering degrees. President Xi Jinping, who studied chemical engineering, has probably not looked at a flow chart since his university days. Upon leaving school he went to work in the government for one of his father's old pals. Like Mr Xi, most of China's top leaders have spent their adult lives climbing the ranks of the Communist Party. Now, as China races to beat America to new technologies, true boffins are being given more power.

**80. Title: Rethinking representation**

**Source: Frontline 30th June 2026**

**Link:**<https://frontline.thehindu.com/politics/why-india-needs-federal-reforms-before-next-delimitation/article71048558.ece>

India's constitutional design gave fuller expression to citizen equality than to State dignity. This imbalance reflected the Republic's birth amid Partition, uncertainty, one-party dominance, and the integration of 14 provinces and 552 princely states of extraordinary disparity, with future territorial reorganisation still in contemplation.

**81. Title: Inside a constitutional 'black box'**

**Source: Frontline 30th June 2026**

**Link:**<https://frontline.thehindu.com/politics/reforming-delimitation-process-and-electoral-boundaries-india-democracy/article71056369.ece>

Delimitation is not an exercise in drawing electoral maps. It is a key process that determines how the citizens of India are represented in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies and also how political power is distributed among political parties, regions, and communities.

**82. Title: Pir Panjal and the Politics of Erasure in Jammu and Kashmir**

**Source: Economic & Political Weekly. Vol.61. No-61. 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link:**<https://www.epw.in/journal/commentary/pir-panjal-and-politics-erasure-jammu-and-kashmir.html>

Despite its historical centrality to the conflict and its significant population share, the hill-border belt remains unevenly served in the higher education and tertiary healthcare infrastructure. State responses to border volatility have largely centred on security measures, compensation, and morale-building initiatives, while long-term civilian investment in education, healthcare, and diversified employment has proceeded unevenly. The politics of erasure in Pir Panjal, the article suggests, lies in the recurrent subsumption of a distinct subregion within broader regional categories, with consequences for how development priorities are framed and addressed.

**83. Title: Clean Cities, Contaminated Water**

**Source: Economic & Political Weekly. Vol.61. No-61. 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link: <https://www.epw.in/journal/commentary/clean-cities-contaminated-water.html>**

The case of drinking water contamination in Indore in early 2026 reveals the widening gap between performative urban governance and the realities of basic municipal service provisioning. As Indian cities compete through rankings and certifications, the reliability of essential infrastructures, such as drinking water systems, remains precarious, thereby increasing the vulnerabilities for the urban poor. This raises crucial questions about the institutional, financial, and governance constraints faced by urban local bodies in managing urban drinking water systems.

**Title: Political Justice in the Constitution and the Imminent Delimitation**

**Source: Economic & Political Weekly. Vol.61. No-61. 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link: <https://www.epw.in/journal/special-articles/political-justice-constitution-and-imminent.html>**

The constitutional value of political justice should guide the forthcoming constituency delimitation and seat apportionment. Prevailing debates centred on the “north–south” divide have obscured a parallel and serious concern: gerrymandering. Neither gerrymandering nor malapportionment can be adequately addressed through political compromise; both require constitutionally grounded solutions. Political justice, understood through the principles of sharedness and effective representation, provides a normative framework for apportionment and remedying partisan boundary-making. The paper addresses two gaps: it proposes a constitutional value to orient future delimitation exercises and clarifies the substantive content of political justice as a constitutional commitment.

## SCIENCE

**84. Title: Feeding 10 billion people will require new technology**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/science-and-technology/2026/06/04/feeding-10-billion-people-will-require-new-technology>**

Global investments in agricultural innovation topped \$16bn in 2025, according to a report by Agfunder, a venture-capital company. Of this, \$9bn went to new research into boosting farm yields, up from \$2.5bn in 2016.

**85. Title: Rocket goes boom; so do moon plans**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/science-and-technology/2026/06/03/rocket-goes-boom-so-do-moon-plans>**

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ROCKET LAUNCHES are always spectacular, but this was something else. On May 28th Blue Origin, a rocket firm owned by Jeff Bezos, was testing one of its New Glenn rockets at Cape Canaveral, in Florida. As its engines ignited a series of flashes could be seen. Then the entire rocket detonated, leaving an angry mushroom cloud looming above the launch site.

**86. Title: How to bring down cheap, low-flying drones**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/science-and-technology/2026/06/01/how-to-bring-down-cheap-low-flying-drones>

SMALL DRONES are everywhere. Not just in Ukraine, but flying over air bases in mainland America and Britain, and hitting targets across the Middle East. The technology is cheap, easy to use and accessible, with groups like Hizbullah enthusiastically deploying small quadcopters to hit Israeli tanks. To make matters worse, existing air-defence sensors have been mostly designed to spot bigger threats like manned aircraft and missiles.

**87. Title: Defections: A Quintessential Violation of the Democratic Mandate**

**Source: Economic & Political Weekly. Vol.61. No-61. 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**Link:**<https://www.epw.in/journal/editorials/defections-quintessential-violation-democratic.html>

Defections violate the democratic pact between voters and their elected representatives. More often than not, a candidate wins office not in their individual capacity but as a representative of a political party, which stands for a certain set of principles and values and professes a programme that embodies those principles and values. Having won the election as a champion of a particular party, if the elected legislator then shifts their loyalty to a party that espouses values and principles that contradict those they claimed to stand for while seeking election that amounts to betrayal of the mandate. Such betrayal is not only becoming routine but, in the specific context of the extant strength of the ruling coalition at the union, is also raising the possibility of the Constitution being amended by assembling the requisite numbers in both the upper and lower houses. Defection joins the list of defects that expose the stunted nature of India's democracy, and the scale of the challenge of building substance into a system meant to yield government of, for, and by the people.

## SOCIOLOGY

**88. Title: From Sturgeon to Knicks Gear, Barney Greengrass Has You Covered**

**Source: New Yorker. 15th June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2026/06/15/from-smoked-sturgeon-to-jalen-brunson-barney-greengrass-has-you-covered>

Moe Greengrass is an entrepreneurial young man of nineteen and the heir to what is arguably the finest appetizing establishment in the city. One day, he will inherit the

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throne at Barney Greengrass, a smoked-fish emporium on Eighty-sixth and Amsterdam, just across the street from the Belnord, a limestone pile where the late Isaac Bashevis Singer wrote his last short stories in Yiddish and rent-controlled splendor. For lunch, Singer liked the smoked lake sturgeon.

**89. Title: For People with Misophonia, Everyday Noises Can Be Agony**

**Source: New Yorker. 15th June 2026**

**Link:** <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2026/06/15/for-people-with-misophonia-everyday-noises-can-be-agony>

Edgar Allan Poe's story "The Tell-Tale Heart" was inspired by a shocking crime with a predictable motive. On the morning of April 7, 1830, in Salem, Massachusetts, Captain Joseph White, aged eighty-two, was found in his bed, bludgeoned and stabbed in the heart. Two distant relatives of White's, a pair of brothers, had stolen White's will and hired a hit man to kill him. The hit man then hanged himself after he was apprehended. (It was during the brothers' trial that the prosecutor, Daniel Webster, uttered the infamous words "murder will out.") In Poe's gothic retelling, our murderer's motivation is as murky as the cataract in the victim's eye. There are no obvious justifications, financial or otherwise. After dispatching his elderly neighbor, the speaker gives himself up to the police, who he's convinced are pretending not to hear the source of his torment, the incessant beating of the dead man's heart—a "low, dull, quick sound." For most readers, "The Tell-Tale Heart" is a story of madness and guilt. For someone with misophonia, it's a story of restraint. Our triggered hero makes it through a whole interrogation before he starts ripping up the floorboards.

**90. Title: Ticks to Fear This Summer**

**Source: New Yorker. 15th June 2026.**

**Link:** <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2026/06/15/ticks-to-fear-this-summer>  
**Gray-Legged Tick**

Physically resembling a crossbreed of a gremlin and Stephen Miller's soul, the Gray-Legged Tick can be found wherever it is even moderately interesting to vacation in the Northeast. These arachnids hatch from eggs incubated in moist woodchuck feces, then affix themselves to the nearest dupe naïve enough to leave the city. Although the ticks are otherwise harmless, note that, once bitten, you will smell of rodent diarrhea. Forever.

**91. Title: How to fight back against Gen-Z socialism**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:** <https://www.economist.com/leaders/2026/06/04/how-to-fight-back-against-gen-z-socialism>

Something new is stirring on the left. A fresh crop of socialists want to remake the economy with price controls, hefty wealth taxes and a spree of nationalisations. Supercharged by fury over Gaza, they are winning voters at a formidable pace. Many rose to prominence only recently, like Zack Polanski, who leads the Green Party in Britain, or

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Zohran Mamdani, the mayor of New York. Others are long-standing political fixtures: the septuagenarian Jean-Luc Mélenchon is on his fourth swing at the French presidency, but thumping support from the 20-somethings of “Generation Z” has put the Elysée back in his sights again.

**92. Title: India’s surprise baby bust is a warning to the world**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/leaders/2026/06/04/indias-surprise-baby-bust-is-a-warning-to-the-world>**

YOU ARE having too many babies. For decades that crude message was drilled into the minds of Indians by their rulers, abetted by inept foreign donors. In the 1960s slogans on school buildings chided parents, telling them: “Two or three children, enough”. By the 1970s officials had taken a crueller turn, overseeing the sterilisation of millions of young adults, usually the poor, many forcibly. But when Indian school textbooks are reprinted this summer, they will carry a very different message. They will warn not of the dangers of having too many babies, but of the risks of having too few.

**93. Title: India’s population will soon be falling—probably quite fast**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/briefing/2026/06/04/indias-population-will-soon-be-falling-probably-quite-fast>**

IN THE SPRAWLING slum in Delhi where Parul Gayen lived in the 1970s, children were everywhere. It was not unusual then that her mother had been one of six, or her grandfather one of 11. Swapan, the handsome boy whom she often saw cycling to work, and later married at 16, had six siblings—the seventh did not survive infancy. But times have changed, says Ms Gayen, who is now 58 and lives with Swapan in a one-bedroom flat nearby. Of the couple’s three grown-up kids, only two decided to have children of their own. Both stopped at one. “One child feels lonely,” she says.

**94. Title: Was this Britain’s George Floyd moment?**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/britain/2026/06/03/was-this-britains-george-floyd-moment>**

The final moments of Henry Nowak’s life must have been unimaginably distressing. Lying on the ground, bleeding internally from a knife wound, the 18-year-old student was clapped in handcuffs by police who cast doubt on his claim to have been stabbed. Mr Nowak’s murderer, Vickrum Digwa, had lied to officers, saying that the teenager had racially abused him and caused him injury. Mr Digwa, a Sikh Briton from a family of Indian origin, claimed Mr Nowak had knocked off the turban that he wears as a sign of his faith and called him a “Paki”, a slur.

**95. Title: The Green Party’s ill-considered policy to cap CEOs’ pay**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/britain/2026/06/04/the-green-partys-ill-considered-policy-to-cap-ceos-pay>**

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Denouncing fat cats is a purity test for the British left. It is one that Peter Mandelson failed in 1998, when as a Labour minister he said that he was “intensely relaxed about people getting filthy rich, as long as they pay their taxes”. For Britain’s socialists, this was the dark lord’s original sin; his links to Jeffrey Epstein, the convicted child-sex offender, merely confirmed that he was a wrong ’un. Zack Polanski, the leader of the Green Party, has become the left’s darling in part because of his relentless prosecution of high earners.

**96. Title: Europe has reduced illegal immigration without goon tactics**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/europe/2026/06/04/europe-has-reduced-illegal-immigration-without-goon-tactics>**

Given its oft-proclaimed calling as a peace project, the European Union can sound oddly bellicose when it sets about crafting policy. There are trade and fiscal “bazookas” to blast away crises, “silver bullet” solutions for every problem, and “nuclear options” to be used as a last resort. Yet in the absence of an EU army or even a police force, the pen-wielding Eurocracy rarely gets its hands on anything that looks like an actual weapon. The only exception—tellingly—is the club’s border-patrol agency. For over a decade after it was founded in 2005, Frontex agents wielded little more than whistles and admonishments as they helped national authorities keep out migrants. These days they also carry Glock 9mm handguns, FBI-style. In a union built to make war unthinkable, the first supranational weapon was issued not for defence against armies, but for keeping unarmed people out.

**97. Title: America’s Social Security trust fund is disappearing**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/united-states/2026/06/02/americas-social-security-trust-fund-is-disappearing>**

AMERICA’S SOCIAL Security trust fund for the country’s elderly citizens is now more than old enough to be drawing a pension itself. When the programme launched in 1940, its future must have seemed assured. Lots of money went in and little came out: for each retired person drawing benefits, more than 150 workers were contributing to the fund, which invested in Treasury securities.

**98. Title: Sex tourists fuel outrage about vice in Japan**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link: <https://www.economist.com/asia/2026/06/04/sex-tourists-fuel-outrage-about-vice-in-japan>**

MAI, a 34-year-old woman in Tokyo, used to work at a hospital. But when covid-19 overwhelmed the wards, she found her work too stressful. A single mother, she also needed money for her family. Lured by higher pay, she entered the sex trade, first working as a porn actress before becoming a deriheru or “delivery health” worker—slang for call-girls who visit clients at home or in hotels. For a two-hour session, she earns ¥30,000 (\$190).

**99. Title: Undone by unthinking**

**Source: Frontline 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://frontline.thehindu.com/columns/self-reflection-morality-crisis/article71033829.ece>

In my first column for Frontline, I had argued that we are witness today to a collapse of morality, especially in public life—a collapse so comprehensive that it can no longer be explained as the failure of particular individuals or governments. More than the invasion of wickedness and malice in our social and political world, the very conditions under which moral life becomes possible—the conditions under which we can recognise a wrong as wrong, feel its weight, and be moved to resist it—have been systematically eroded.

**100. Title: Independent People?**

**Source: Granta 175: Scandinav Spring 2026**

**Link:**<https://granta.com/independent-people/>

Alfred Nobel made his fortune with the nitroglycerin-based explosive known as dynamite, but his dream was to be a poet. He wrote verse in moleskine notebooks, sketched out plays, and, shortly before his death in 1896, completed a four-act tragedy set in Renaissance Rome about a woman who murders her rapist father. When it came to style, Nobel was a Romantic of a simple sort. He believed writers should lift readers up and show the will of the individual triumphing over adversity. His favorite writer of his day was the now largely forgotten poet Viktor Rydberg, an ardent progressive and idealist. When Nobel left instructions for the literary prize that bears his name, he stipulated the honor should go to ‘outstanding work in an ideal direction’. He almost certainly had in mind the direction of Rydberg. For many years, the Swedish Academy abided by Nobel’s wishes, and awarded the Prize to writers who would likewise be forgotten.

## SPORTS

**101. Title: How to make football more exciting**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/leaders/2026/06/04/how-to-make-football-more-exciting>

Football is the beautiful game. But it’s often also the boring game. The World Cup, which starts on June 11th, is being hosted by America, Canada and Mexico, the international equivalent of going to a dinner party and hearing the hosts rowing in the kitchen. The tournament will feature 48 teams playing 104 matches over the course of six and a half weeks. Although watching matches that feature your own nation is dependably exciting, for neutrals the average game is likely to be pretty drab. The stakes at a World Cup are too high for players to take big risks, and hanging on for a draw often pays off for less fancied teams.

**102. Title: Why the World Cup produces an ugly version of the beautiful game**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

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**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/by-invitation/2026/06/03/why-the-world-cup-produces-an-ugly-version-of-the-beautiful-game>

DURING THIS year's World Cup, three outcomes are guaranteed. First, fans of one country will experience nirvana, while those in 47 others (up from 31 previously) will be heartbroken. Second, there will be moments of everlasting genius and infamy. There could be a goal as mesmerising as Diego Maradona's solo dribble against England, a touch as sumptuous as Johan Cruyff's turn against Sweden or a save as improbable as Gordon Banks's against Pelé; a penalty miss as agonising as Roberto Baggio's against Brazil, a handball as blatant as Luis Suárez's against Ghana or a headbutt as shocking as Zinedine Zidane's against Italy.

**103. Title: Ma Ning will proudly represent China at the World Cup**

**Source: Economist 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Link:**<https://www.economist.com/china/2026/06/04/ma-ning-will-proudly-represent-china-at-the-world-cup>

WITH A PHOTO from an aeroplane window and the caption "I'm ready, are you ready?", Ma Ning, a Chinese football referee, announced his departure for Miami and this year's World Cup. China's footballers will not be joining him. The men's team has not qualified for a World Cup since 2002, when it crashed out without scoring a goal. Though the country struggles to get its players to football's biggest tournament, it has become unexpectedly adept at producing referees.

**Annexure I- List of Journals and Magazines covered in this Issue.**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Periodicity</b>	<b>Place of Publication</b>
1	<b>Chronicle of Higher Education</b>	<b>BW</b>	<b>US</b>
2	<b>Economist (A.M.)</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>London</b>
3	<b>Economic &amp; Political Weekly</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Mumbai</b>
4	<b>Frontline</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>India</b>
5	<b>Granta</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>London</b>
6	<b>India Forum</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>India</b>
7	<b>Lancet</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>London</b>
8	<b>New Yorker</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>New York</b>