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Health Infrastructure in India

Health plays an important role in the development of any society. Unfortunately, health infrastructure in India is very poor. India faces a shortage of about 6,00,000 doctors, one million nurses, 2,00,000 dental surgeons and a large number of paramedical staff. Currently, private healthcare expenditure amounts to around 4.2 per cent of the GDP, making India one of the highest ranking countries in terms of private expenditure on health.

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PROJECTS

Finishing School for Law Students



Every year, hundreds of law students graduate from colleges and schools in India. But, how many of them are really equipped to become excellent lawyers? Do they have those specific skills that ensure their success? As an attempt to answer these questions, ADR Centre, Kochi, is organising a three-day residential certificate course, Finishing School for Law Students.


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Chemmanakari Village Adoption



Chemmanakari is a coastal village in Kerala, located near the northern end of Kottayam district, with proximity to the Vembanad Lake. It is rich in natural resources, and has great tourism potential. Yet, the village is unable to sustain on its own. Shortage of safe drinking water, bad road conditions, sanitation issues, and lack of proper education are its major problems.

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Vodafone Tax Case - A Case Study for Investments in India

World Report 2010 ranked India as the 9th most attractive investment destination. However, the very same image is said to have taken a beating with the recent Vodafone Tax case, which has been revolving in courts since 2009. With clear signs of the court ruling in favour of the tax authorities, many global companies are said to be rethinking their investment plans in India, keeping in mind the impact of the judgment on the taxation front.

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Impact of HIV/AIDS on the Indian Economy

It is estimated that about 2.27 million people currently live with HIV/AIDS in India. HIV emerged in India in the beginning of 1986; the first case was reported among sex workers in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. In 1987, a National AIDS Control Programme was launched to cover surveillance, blood screening, and health education. At the end of 1987, out of 52,907 persons who had been tested, around 135 were found to be HIV positive and 14 had AIDS.

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OPINION



Commercial Division of the HC

The Commercial Division of High Courts Bill, 2009, which seeks to introduce specialised divisions in High Courts to deal with high-valued commercial disputes in a speedy manner, has initiated a debate among the legal circles. The proposed bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on December 16, 2009, and is currently pending in the Rajya Sabha. The proponents of the bill advocate that the legislation, if introduced, will be a huge leap in making the Indian legal system in tune with global standards, particularly more investment friendly. The bill was first suggested by the Law Commission of India in 2003.

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The China Story

China, an economy which till a couple of decades ago was nowhere in the world economic arena, has now emerged; not only as the second largest economy in the world, but also as a global leader. The growth of China has been nothing less than spectacular. The country has emanated from the shambles of Cultural Revolution to a modern market economy founded on the sagacious principles of socialism. There are waves of scepticism regarding China's arrogation as yet another superpower. She exerts her influence not only over her Asian counterparts, but her foreign-economic policy agenda spares none.

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Slum Tourism

Slum tourism is an emerging industry in India. Most of us are familiar with the word 'tourism', but 'slum tourism' or 'poorism' is a new subject for most of us. The dictionary meaning of slum tourism is: "Poverty tourism or poorism, also known as township tourism or slumming, is a type of tourism, in which tourists travel to less-developed places to observe people living in poverty." According to slum tour operators, tourists use this as an opportunity to learn about real slum life. However, in reality, this is quite doubtful. The concept of slum tourism began in poor sections of London in 1884.

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