



New Balance



The Home Minister has asked for reforming the colonial-era Indian Penal Code (IPC) & Code of Criminal Procedure (CPC). Changes to the IPC must shift the balance of power towards the citizen and make individual liberty the default setting, affirm gender equality & incorporate new classes of crimes like “white-collar crime” and cybercrime.



Reform the power(s) that be

If the power sector is to play its role in India's growth, reforms are required.

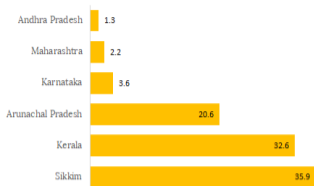
Generation needs to focus on environmental sustainability, quality & reliability of electricity. Transmission sector requires investments & the ability to get projects completed. Distribution sector needs radical reforms so that bad debts & accounts payable are dealt with 'shock & awe' rather than in drips.

Age is just a number

Recent IVF-assisted births by older women have raised questions about safety & financial risks to the child & mother. Age-restrictions on IVF are against individual liberty & may open up underground businesses. A law mandating information sharing, protocols of consent & a government facilitated public education is needed.



% of 6-23-Month-Olds Getting Minimum Acceptable Diet



India's healthiest children are in its extreme south and north-east.

(Source: Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey/Economic Times)

Parting shot:

Case pendency in high courts:

Total cases pending: 43 Lakh

Decade-old cases: 8 lakh

37% of the sanctioned judge positions are vacant.

(Source: Economic Times)

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