
From the Desk of the Editor

It gives me great pleasure to announce the release of the June 2026 issue of our e-journal, *Criticality*. This issue has been made possible through the active support, care and cooperation of all concerned. *Criticality* is a peer-reviewed journal with an ISSN, Crossref membership and the facility to provide DOI links. All the articles published in *Criticality* are licensed under Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial 4.0 International. It has been regularly publishing work on important social questions. The journal seeks to cultivate scientific knowledge and critical thinking across the social sciences. It also carries forward the broader aims of Activism Foundation, Kolkata: to take research-based knowledge to people facing real-life difficulties, to encourage public awareness, and to challenge common-sense misconceptions, harmful practices and unreasonable beliefs. The present issue brings together scholars and contributors working on a wide range of personal, social, political, ecological and psychological concerns. We hope that these writings will help readers develop a more critical and informed understanding of everyday life.

Alisha Wahid, in her insightful article, studies the problem of stray dogs through the politics of space. She shows how anthropocentric attempts to impose order may deepen unequal vulnerabilities among both dogs and humans. Dr. Vandana Kumari, in “Lepcha Worldview versus State Development Discourse: The Lepcha Resistance to NHPC in North Sikkim,” examines the epistemological conflict between indigenous ecological knowledge systems and modern developmental paradigms through the Lepcha movement. Shivam Sintury, in “Understanding the Violent Conflict in Manipur: The Roots and Repercussions,” identifies the multiple factors behind the violence and suggests dialogue, equitable development, accountability, disarmament and trust-building across communities as alternatives to militarized containment.

Kajol Biswakarma, in “Leadership, Personality and Foreign Policy Decision-Making: A Comparative Analysis of Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping,” offers a comparative study of world leaders and their impact on international relations. Imran Khan, in “Ambedkar’s Constitution and the Question of Lived Experience in India: An Analysis,” discusses how Ambedkar sought to address the problems of everyday life through several constitutional propositions. Dr. Sreeparna Kar, in “Personality Traits, Coping Styles and Stress among College Students in Singur, West Bengal,” studies the relationship between personality traits, coping styles and stress among college students. Her article suggests that personality traits are closely linked with coping behaviour and that carefully designed psychological interventions may help students develop more adaptive coping styles.

Neha Sewa, in “A Sociological Study of the Quarter-life Crisis in the Film Dear Zindagi,” examines the quarter-life crisis from a sociological perspective and helps us understand its gendered causes and effects. She reads the film as a mirror of society. Dr. Sumantra Chakraborty, in “Studying Silences and Marginality: Micro-Narratives of Violence against Women from a Village in Purulia, West Bengal,” explores emotional, psychic and subtle forms of violence against women in a village in Purulia. Sabnur, in “Invisible Wounds, Silent Suffering: Health Implications of Psychological Violence on Married Women in Basirhat Block-2, West Bengal,” reflects on how psychological violence shapes the lives and health of married women. The article also suggests ways to reduce such violence through awareness, free counselling and support services, and by helping women move towards financial independence.

The issue also includes two important commentaries. Sayari Adhikari writes on the Aravalli Mountain Range and underlines the significance of ecological balance. Srijani Dutta’s commentary on Rabindranath Tagore’s *Dui Bigha Jami* revisits the moving story of a farmer whose land is deliberately occupied by a greedy and powerful zamindar. Finally, we are pleased to include a thought-provoking book review by Ananda Mohan Kar.

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