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Artha-13 deals with various issues of topical interest and concerns. China and India are two emerging economies posing a challenge to the hegemony of the western nations. Both have similar development strategies prior to their breaking out of their deliberate insulation from the world economy and the ushering in of market-oriented economic reforms and liberalization. The article 'China and India: Macro Economic Prospects and Problems' observes that China has a lot to learn from the functioning of a vibrant, multiparty participatory democracy in India. Another economic approach suggests valuable points for inclusive growth among which we find providing micro-finance, contract farming and setting up storage facilities for agro products.

Although there is much wider awareness of women's central role in the development process now, women are still having to struggle against violence. It is essential to demystify some of the historical perception and it is in this context the article on violence against women assumes significance. It is a welcome addition to the body of literature which in the past has been dominated by theoretical analysis. The article on 'Use of Internet' looks at the expanding horizon of information and communication technology and the impact of internet use in this global village. The article on 'Panjayats' presents an initial review of the decentralization efforts, exploring administrative, fiscal and political dimensions and the implementation problems at central, state and local levels.

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