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The novelty of nanotechnology lies in its remarkable characteristics that offer cutting-edge applications. One of the predicaments concerning nanotechnology is complexities involved in defining the concept. The transnational impacts of nanotechnology along with its unique hazards and socio-economic dilemmas entail an international regulatory policy. However, the scientific ambiguity regarding its myriad risks, lack of harmonised terminology and risk assessment tools create hurdles in crafting a regulatory oversight for this technology. Several international organisations are involved in regulatory debate of nanotechnology; only few are providing meaningful inputs in the process... An overview by **MEENAKSHI CHAUDHARY**

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● NUDGING CITIZENS TO VOTE

A truly democratic system of governance should essentially give greatest prominence to the full exercise of citizen's liberties. But does that also include an unfettered freedom to make choices that may lead them to being less worthy than others? Along with all the material resources allocated by the State to its citizens, 'liberty' to convert them into beings and doings that they have reason to value should be seen as a catalyzing ingredient. A full exercise of one's true freedom at times need information and assistance, as unfettered freedoms may lead the subjects nowhere beyond their adaptive preferences ... Does freedom in democracy mean a freedom as well to stay away from the democratic process? The answer depends on whether one agrees that in a truly democratic system, one has a right to be wrong

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● Development and Conflicts **Rahul V Kumar**

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We observe that two states (Kerala and Bihar) which stand at two extreme poles of developmental achievements exhibit one particular feature of similar number of riots. The question that confronts the researcher is on the issue of development itself. Does not development alter the conflict between the state and the individuals? If such conflicts proceed irrespective of the nature of development, what is the cost borne by the development process due to these conflicts?

Understanding the Patterns of Riots in Kerala and Bihar

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