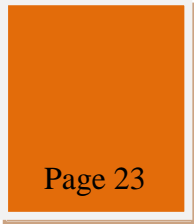


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People cannot be happy with modest income, in the context of burgeoning money flows and visible signs of material wealth... while the economic life of the people is characterised by the disappearance of permanent jobs, diminishing support for agriculture, and the rise in the cost of education and health, the liminoid spaces, to which the people escape from this alienating social system, institutionalise a blind drive with no symbolic value-form attached. It establishes a pool of protocols or “*normative communitas*” devoid of any ideological implication in the political-public sphere. Laws and legal institutions gradually get incorporated to these processes to the extent that such involvement gets naturalised. Real estate activities that unravel at present in Kerala become important for explaining though... **mathew a vargheese**



● POST-NOVARTIS AGENDA

There is still a long way to go in effectively limiting the patent protection to known substances on the sole criteria of enhanced therapeutic efficacy even after Novartis judgment. In the absence of a shared understanding on the content of the term ‘therapeutic efficacy’, there is the threat of diluting the policy through judicial interpretation or the practices of the patent offices. Moreover *the current Manual of Patent Office Practice and Procedure* bypasses the legislative intent behind Section 3(d) and it allows the examiner to accept claim on an isomer having structural difference, eligible for patent protection. There need to be strong policy coherence, inadvertent reviews under Section 66.

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A strong discipline like legal studies invokes methodological challenges while one attempt to cross beyond disciplinary boundaries academically. The possibilities of using an interdisciplinary approach enhance the intersectional inquiries much more creative. For example a work with an understanding that the question of gender is inseparable from that of questions related to caste, class, religion, globalisation, capitalism and institutional inter- plays would be comfortable with adventures of crossing disciplinary boundaries of legal studies...

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