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Famine dominates the pages of Indian economic history. In 1866 one of the most devastating famines – known as the Anka famine – visited Orissa, killing a third of its population. Subsequently, a Famine Commission was formed and its recommendations constitute an important milestone in the economic history of Orissa. The development of roads, railways, ports and navigational canals became a priority. Ganesh Narayak argues that this focus on transport and communication in colonial Orissa was the precursor for the province’s socio-economic transformation.

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Most of what is written on the mobility of international students focuses on two particular topics: the means by which ‘providers’ access the ‘market’ and assure themselves a flow of paying clients; and the ways in which they may or may not be encouraged to accommodate themselves to what may be different styles of learning. Nicholas Talpin believes these topics should better be tackled in a world of growing ‘market’ for teaching and student mobility. He asks, is one possible approach...

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