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## South Asia

ONE OF THE MOST DRASTIC LOCKDOWNS during the global pandemic was India's. Announced with just a few hours' warning, it sent millions of migrant laborers on an exodus back to their home villages, bringing the coronavirus with them. This was just one more example of the heavy burdens that caste continues to impose on those at the bottom of the hierarchy. Meanwhile, the forces of intolerance have targeted interfaith relationships with a crusade against an alleged "love jihad." Yet throughout India and the subcontinent, there are still enduring traditions of amity across communal lines. *Current History's* April issue will cover these and other developments around the region. Topics scheduled to appear include:

- **The Pandemic and Caste Discrimination in India**  
Ashwini Deshpande, Ashoka University
- **The Dilemmas of Education Reform in Pakistan**  
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