

In conclusion, it can be said that Stankov, despite his original contributions to the study of populism, seems to have deviated from his initial quest of formulating a general theory of populism. Although his postulation of the theory of populist cycles explains the recurring character of the phenomenon, it is far from laying the claim of a general theory of populism. Stankov therefore may want to revisit his original quest in his future endeavours.

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E. M. S. Namboodripad in his note of dissent to the Ashok Mehta Committee, 1978, put forth a remarkable observation that, ‘Democracy at the central and state levels, but bureaucracy at all lower levels—this is the essence of Indian polity...’ That observation stands true even today. The situation has not changed even after more than 25 years after the passing of the 73rd and 74th Amendment