

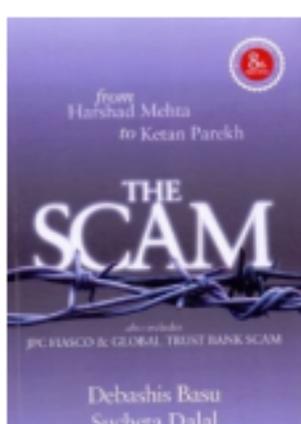


## Allow Nationalised Banks to Serve the Objectives of Nationalisation Once Again

If we analyse whether the objectives of nationalisation were achieved, the answer is a big, yes. The number of rural branches increased to 35,000 in the 1990s from 1,443 in 1969. The share of rural branches increased to 58% from 18% and most of them were in unbanked areas. [Read more...](#)

## Was it the Beginning of the End?

"The legacy of Harshad Mehta and Ketan Parekh continue to haunt financial markets in the country to date and were only signatures of what was to follow in the form of plaguing banking crisis, public sector banks are faced with," writes Himanshu Damle in his review of Debashis Basu and Sucheta Dalal's book 'The Scam' [Read more...](#)



## Urban Infrastructure Investment and Public Accountability

The workshop, at the Peoples' Convention on Infrastructure Financing, primarily looked at the role IFIs are playing in shaping urban infrastructure finance and policy in India. The approaches and methodologies that have been used by the private sector to create alliances within the three tiers of the government. The focus was also on the notions of public accountability guaranteed within IFIs and how global capital must be held responsible to people. [Watch here...](#)



## Water for Life, Not Profit: IFIs in Urban Water Supply

This workshop, at the Peoples' Convention on Infrastructure Financing, enabled discussions on IFI model of reforms in water supply services, including privatisation/ PPPs and commercialisation. The discussion also included the concepts of right to water and its implementation at the community level and how municipal bodies, trade unions, citizen groups in several cities and towns across the world are resisting privatisation and adopting a pro-people and not for profit approach for delivering universal water services." [Watch here...](#)



## IFIs Perpetuate Social Inequities and Economic Disparities

It is important to analyse and reflect upon these financial institutions and how their projects have fueled inequality throughout the world. The workshop would have speakers who would speak on various financial institutions and also from the gender perspective. [Watch here...](#)



## Workshop: Towards Developing an Understanding & Perspective on Development Finance & Financial Institutions

This five-day workshop, in September, will introduce different aspects of finance – looking at the fundamental premises on which the world of finance is systematically built, understanding the role of financial institutions beyond lending/banking, addressing the contemporary issues related to finance in India and critically looking at the gaps in governance, transparency and accountability in finance / of financial institutions. [Apply here...](#)



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