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In 2018, The Wealth of Top 1 per cent Indians increased by 39 per cent and that of the bottom 50 per cent at 3 per cent

India's constitution states that all citizens are equal. However, this is scarcely true when 9 men own the same wealth as 50% of India's population or 650 million people. As John Rawls and others have argued, extreme inequality in wealth creates unequal access to the political system and to positions of power. Extreme inequality breaks social cohesion. In contrast, strong correlations exist between equality and positive aspects of society such as happiness and human development. It is time to take a stand in the fight against Inequality. It is time to make an effort to build a more equal society that delivers sustainable wellbeing for all of us and for the planet. [Read more...](#)



59 Minutes Loan Scheme for MSME Sector: Facts and Figures

On December 25, 2018, Minister of State for finance informed the Lok Sabha that out of total 1.31 lakh loan applications received on the newly launched 59 minutes loan, 1.12 lakh applicants received the in-principle approval and out of these in-principle approved loan applications, 0.41 lakhs have finally received the loans. [Read more...](#)

New World Bank President: From 'Who' and 'How' to 'for What'!

If the new president – whether from global south or north, whether selected through an open process or not– is just to fill in the gap and continues the existing policies and priorities of the Bank as in the previous years well, nothing changes much. In fact, a president from the global south will only be used to legitimise what the Bank does! [Read more...](#)

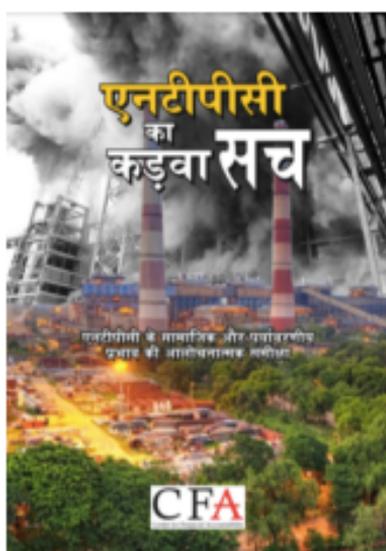


CBI FIR Against Chanda Kochhar May Open a Can of Worms

In this conversation, Prabir Purkayastha and Paranjay Guha Thakurta discuss how allegations of criminal conspiracy that have been levelled against Chanda Kochhar, former CEO of ICICI, India's third-largest bank, her husband and the corporate group headed by Venugopal Dhoot go beyond conflicts of interest. [Watch here...](#)

एनटीपीसी का कड़वा सच

वैसे तो एनटीपीसी की अलग-अलग परियोजनाओं और उसके प्रभावों का कुछ हद तक दस्तावेजीकरण हुआ है। उसी तरह कुछ दस्तावेजीकरण चुनिंदा एनटीपीसी परियोजनाओं से जुड़ी घटनाओं के लिए हुआ है, जैसे हजारीबाग मामले में प्रभावित लोगों द्वारा विरोध किये जाने पर पुलिस अत्याचार या फिर ऊंचाहार त्रासदी में जहाँ कई सुरक्षा मानकों को नजर अंदाज किया गया, जिसमें सैकड़ों मज़दूरों की मौत हुई। लेकिन मानव अधिकारों और भू-अधिग्रहण, जंगल, जलप्रदूषण और ऐसे कई कानूनों के उल्लंघनों का कोई संकलन मौजूद नहीं है। यह पुस्तिका ऐसी जानकारियों को एकत्रित करने का एक प्रयास है। [आगे पढ़ें...](#)



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