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Random Reflections: Everyone loves Corona except the Bankers and Migrant Workers

The Economy was already in shambles and Corona has brought great relief. Everyone can blame Corona and everyone can get relief. From what is happening around the world to the very measures announced by the government it is clear that all the heat will have to be forgotten and we have to start afresh. The situation is going to be terrible. China could shut down Wuhan and contain it with various measures. We have allowed it to spread and it will take another two weeks to know the reality. If testing facilities increase, we will be able to contain it too.

The Finance Minister announced a package and felt proud to say that within 4 hours of the PM’s announcement he could come out with a package. No doubt it is detailed to paper and social media.

New Report: The Dark Side of Thermal Power Plants

The purpose of this report is to highlight the irregularities in the power sector by thermal projects, to be particular, and how the livelihoods and rights of the people are impacted in the decision-making process. The report gives a list of twenty-two coal based thermal power plants operating/under progress in India with a capacity of 300 MW and above.

When comprehensive means cosmetic

Streams gush from prised-out rock seams, flowing through makeshift valleys and inundating coal beds being worked on by backhoes and bulldozers. Surely this is environmental degradation – melting of forest cover, soil biodiversity, destruction of river systems, depletion of groundwater resources, upgradation of coal-based thermal power plants and more.

In Telangana, free power policy for farmers will exact a steep environmental cost

The people’s movements in Telangana that for decades drove the demand that their region should be separated from the state of Andhra Pradesh were not just raising political and cultural concerns: one among the major motivations was claim that people in the Andhra region were receiving a disproportionate share of river water.

Bank Charges Must Go Now!

Bank charges come in multiple forms, non-maintenance of minimum balance, cash withdrawals and deposits at bank branches and ATMs, cash deposits at Cash Deposit Machines, balance inquiry and mini statements from ATMs, annual charge on debit cards, registration of EMV cards, bank charges, SMS alerts, change of address or mobile number, changes in KYC related documents etc. All of these directly hurt the poor most.

Join the campaign against Bank Charges.

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