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## Another breach at Sasan UMPP; Will financiers be held accountable?

On April 10, 2020, the fly ash dam for the Sasan coal plant in Singrauli Madhya Pradesh burst, causing a flood of toxic waste which ran through adjacent villages, washing through thousands of acres of land and destroying agricultural crops and killing six people, including two children. Singrauli District Collector KVS Chaudhary reportedly stated that the breach occurred owing to the negligence of the plant and compensation will be given to the villagers. This project has been funded by US Exim Bank along with other banks, which include Chinese banks, and 12 state-owned banks and lenders led by SBI.

Reliance Power's Sasan coal plant has been in the news previously also for all wrong reasons. The project has been responsible for deaths of workers at the plant earlier as well. [Read More..](#)



## Lessons Not Learnt- The World Bank's disturbing push to privatise Indian education

In September 2018, the Indian government unveiled a massive three-billion-dollar project— Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States, or STARS — designed in collaboration with the World Bank to improve the country's education system. [Read More..](#)

## Random Reflections- The Tamasha about Write off, Waive off and the Reality

When COVID-19 cases are increasing, people are waiting for relief package every day, states are begging the Centre for release of GST share, permit more loans, allow RBI to lend to states at repo rate, provide more PPEs and testing equipment, the Finance Minister tweeted with 13 threads defending write off of loans of willful defaulters. [Read More..](#)



## Experts demand withdrawal of the Electricity Amendment Bill 2020

As India struggles through battling a pandemic and subsequent shut down, the government seems to be in no mood on pausing in stifling controversial issues that majorly impact the economy of the country. The government is now on its way to amend the Electricity Act which according to experts is going to have significant impact on people and livelihood of many. [Read More..](#)

## COVID-19 and State's Human Rights Obligations

Avinash Kumar, Executive Director of Amnesty International India shares his expert opinion and draws insightful analysis on State's Human Rights obligations in COVID-19 pandemic, at the webinar **Solidarity Series: Conversations during lockdown & beyond**. To know more about it [Click Here](#).



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