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51 Years of Bank Nationalisation – Was it a sin? A vision? A missed opportunity? & What's today's position?

Nationalisation of the banks which had deposits above Rs.50 Crores, covering almost 85% of the total deposits on 19th July, 1969 was historic, dramatic and welcomed by majority of the people. Jan Sangh, the earlier Avatar of BJP opposed it. Some went to court but the banking scenario changed completely. We switched over from class banking to mass banking, urban banking to rural banking. The decision of that period was economic, social and political.

We had two draughts in the sixties and during 1965-66 the GDP growth was negative. The credits to agriculture was just 2% from 1951 to 1967, though cultivators constituted 76% of the rural population and 24% were farm labourers. There was not much of industrial production. Economic inequality was high and wealth was concentrated with few. 70% of the loans went to 1% of the customers helping concentration of wealth. Dr. P.C. Mahalanobis committee pointed out that 10% of the population had cornered 40% of the income during 1960.

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19th July Call of the Day is “Defend Bank Nationalisation: – Defeat Bank Privatisation”

19th July 1969, the then Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi Nationalised 14 major private sector banks. Thus banking reached to the rural areas, backward regions. Banks started lending to the agriculture which enabled green revolution to become reality.

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Updates from IMF: Forecast for Post-COVID Economy and Debt Levels

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released two updates in the month of June – first was the World Economic Outlook, titled A Crisis Like No Other, An Uncertain Recovery and another was the Financial Stability Report.

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FAN India Condemns the Continuous Exploitation of Depositors by Banks Even During the Covid Times

While all the banks resumed the ATM charges and penalty for not maintaining the minimum balance, after the 3-month suspension of the same due to COVID, Bank of Maharashtra increased the existing charges by more than double.

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Statement on RBI’s Discussion Paper on Governance in Commercial Bank in India

FAN India along with other civil society organisations, trade unions, bankers, peoples movements and networks strongly demand that the time for the consultation on the discussion paper on governance be increased to a minimum of three months.

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