Why Should We Care About Development Finance? ...because it's our money!

Act of God and Banking
Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman’s statement that Covid-19 is an act of God to deprive states and union territories of their legally due GST has led to lot of discussions.

While the central government in a federal system cannot deprive the states and UTs of the tax revenue collected from the people, which would have gone to the state government accounts if not for the GST. (Though not all taxes) there are wider impacts on economy, especially the banking system.

For a believer, everything is an act of God. But can that be used as an excuse for the inefficiency and miscalculation of a government which is elected for serving the people of the country? All of them not a selected few.

Give Doing Business report a COVID burial
On August 27th, the World Bank came out with a statement suspending the Doing Business Report. The statement said that a number of irregularities have been reported regarding changes to the data in the Doing Business 2018 and Doing Business 2020 reports, published in October 2017 and 2019.

Energy finance updates- August 2020
In the month of August, many deals and decisions were made in the energy sector by the Ministry of Power despite the impacts of the pandemic and the ensuing lockdown on the power sector. The government is continuously pushing large renewable energy projects of solar, wind, and hydro. The investors are investing in the Indian energy sector.

Infrastructure Finance Update, August 2020
This month in the Infrastructure Finance Update, several measures have been reported by the government to boost the infrastructure sector. It is working on a strategy to give a fresh lease of life to development finance institutions (DFIs) for funding infrastructure projects as rising non-performing assets in the banking sector.

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