



# Finance Matters

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## Indian Railways Moving Mountains Belongs to People not Modi

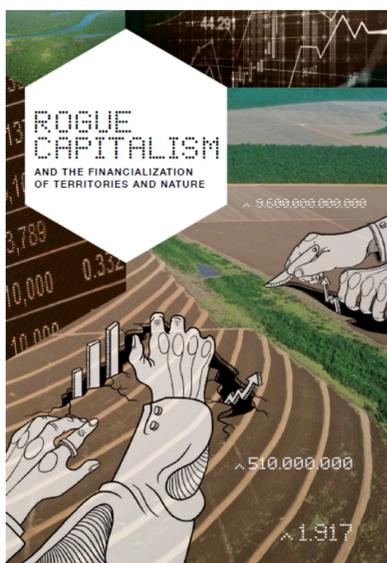
Narendra Modi, Prime Minister made a public statement in 2014 that the public sector was born to die. He also stated that it should either be allowed to die or should be privatised. Now the government is on a privatisation spree. In the case of railways, catering has been privatised leading to price increase, the stations are getting privatised and 151 trains are also going to be privatised. The land which is owned by railways are proposed to be given on lease for 99 years. Step by step entire railway, which is the largest transporter will be in private hands.

This is happening when in Britain, railway lines which were privatised by Margaret Thatcher are being re-nationalised due to poor service, increased cost and frequent accidents.

Let's have a look into the railways. The vast resources under the disposal of the Indian Railways and the scope for exploiting the infrastructure laid with billions of rupees investments made from the tax payers money is a constant attraction to the preying private sector. [Read More..](#)

## Barbarians at the barn: private equity sinks its teeth into agriculture

Financial flows going into agriculture are growing more and more institutionalised – and more and more private. To be sure, investing in agriculture has been going on since time immemorial. After all, farmers do it every day as they improve their soils, set up cooperatives, share knowledge with their children and develop local markets. [Read More..](#)

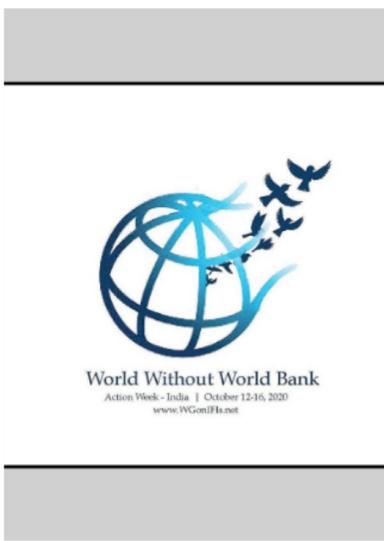


## Rogue Capitalism- And the Financialization of Territories & Nature

This discussion paper intends to provide a basis for people's movements, grassroots activists & other civil society organizations (CSOs) to build/strengthen their knowledge about the process called "financialization," and to develop strategies to resist, reverse and prevent it. It has been developed by members of the IPC Land & Territory Working Group. [Read More..](#)

## World Without World Bank

It is important as civil society, we respond & expose World Bank's hidden agendas. As a sign of protest to the WB's policies, interventions, and impacts on economies, Indian groups under the aegis of Working Group on IFIs (WGoIFIs.net) is organising a week of protest "World Without World Bank- Action Week" from 12th October to 16th October. [Read More..](#)



Online Workshop Course on **SMART CITIES**

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- What is a SMART CITY?
- Who introduced them?
- What is their purpose?
- What is the IMPACT on grassroots democracy?
- How it will AFFECT marginalised communities, women, informal workers?
- What are the EXPERIENCES in some select cities?

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The course will discuss how the mission impact the democratic functions of urban local bodies, impact on municipal budgets, urban environment & examines the project through various experiences in the cities through the lens of gender, caste & informal labour. The course will also look into the financiers & the role of IFIs in promoting Smart cities. [Read More..](#)

**क्या आप अपने डेबिट (एटीएम) कार्ड पर लगने वाले शुल्क जानते हैं?**

- डेबिट कार्ड जारी करने का शुल्क
- डेबिट कार्ड पर वार्षिक शुल्क
- एटीएम से पैसे निकालने का शुल्क
- पेट्रोल, डीजल, रेल टिकट एवं बिल जमा करने पर अधिभार
- एटीएम से शेष राशि जानने का शुल्क
- कार्ड बदलने या फिर से जारी करवाने का शुल्क

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**क्या आप जानते हैं**

आपके स्वयं के पैसे अपने अकाउंट में जमा करवाने पर भी बैंक आपसे शुल्क लेते हैं?

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2 से 3 बार के बाद अपने अकाउंट में पैसे जमा करवाने पर बैंक 10 रुपए से लेकर 200 रुपये तक का शुल्क लेते हैं। एसबीआई बैंक में तीन बार से अधिक पैसे जमा करवाने पर हर बार 50 रुपये का शुल्क लगता है। यह सिर्फ बैंकों द्वारा लिए जा रहे बहुत सारे शुल्कों में से सिर्फ एक शुल्क है।

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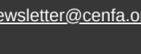
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