



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

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The Economy This Week!

As the five states go for elections, issues of unemployment and inflation loom large on the spectrum. But are the leaders concerned about them? After presenting a budget far from the expectations of the common man, the Finance Minister claims that India's [economic recovery is the fastest](#), while [inflation is under control](#). Anyway, the upcoming elections could prove to be an early litmus test for the budget exercise.

The post budget analysis is out with the [new episode of Money Trail](#), and we are pleased to introduce a weekly round-up of finance and economy with our podcast - [You Me and the Economy](#). Do check it out.

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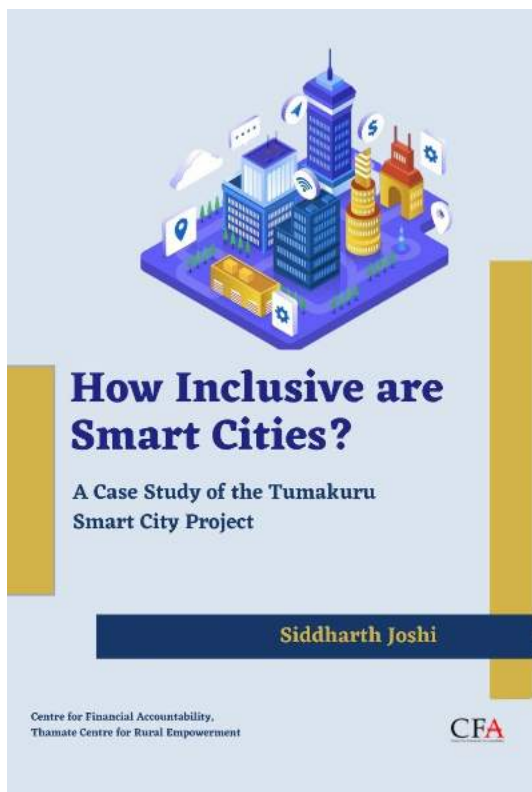
Economic Survey and Budget 2022 – Hide Facts, Tell Lies, and Provide Irrelevant Statistics

While claiming that India is number one in vaccination, the Economic Survey presents a chart of a few countries, leaving out China. To show our spending in the social sector is worthwhile, it provides data of combined spending of the Union and State Governments and omits showing the Union Govt's expenditure.

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Finance, Plastics & Land: What are Plastic Parks? Inside the Assam Plastic Park

Big money is set to fuel the making of more plastics in India. The production of phenolics in India began in 1947 and the first thermoplastics (polystyrene) were made in 1957 (PlastIndia, 2019). In 2018-19, the production of plastics in India was 170 lakh tons. According to the same report, the industry size was INR 5.1 lakh crore with around 4,000 converting units in 2018-19. [Read more.](#)



How Inclusive are Smart Cities?

The Smart City Mission was launched by the Ministry for Urban Development in 2015 under which 100 cities were to be selected across the country. The mission was marked by several departures from earlier urban development programmes. The selection of cities, instead of being left to the states or being decided based on some objective criteria, was to be arrived at through a competitive process where the contending cities were to be scored.

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