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

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The Economy This Week!
The perturbations from repeated waves of COVID-19 have come in the way of sustained recovery, and the Indian economy may take till 2030-31 to recover COVID-19 losses. On the other hand, the Finance Minister states that the country is ready for higher subsidy outgo, and not a fragile higher subsidy after grappling with the fiscal math.

It is important to recall that when the entire country was reeling under economic pressure due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the super-rich were still making profits. Tax the Top 1% campaign, launched last week, gained momentum and struck a chord with the people. Listen to people’s voices on the campaign website.

Team CFA

LIC IPO is a scandal, SEBI, IRDAI and the Supreme Court must intervene!
From the initial proposal of 5% sale of shares to fetch around Rs.75000 crore the sale is down to 3.5% to get around Rs.21000 crore. We might have spent more than this amount for getting an inflated value assessed by a foreign company, Milliman, on roads in India and abroad, on payments to Lead Managers, and on daily advertisements in so many newspapers!

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National Infrastructure Programs in India
In the past several years, infrastructure has become a focus sector in the Indian economy and is expected to boost overall development. Infrastructure continues to attract attention not only from the government but also from the international financial institutions and private investors. To push infrastructure development, the government has announced the implementation of mega infrastructure projects.

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Coveted IMF-WB Spring meetings conclude with a vow to fiddle; MC12 round the corner
We are posting these snippets at a time when the mega yearly rituals of the World Bank and IMF a.k.a the Annual General Meetings, have ended and the balance of payment crisis in Sri Lanka has flared up. A lot more has happened in the last two months that requires pondering and evaluation; we attempt to present commentaries for the month of March and April 2022.

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