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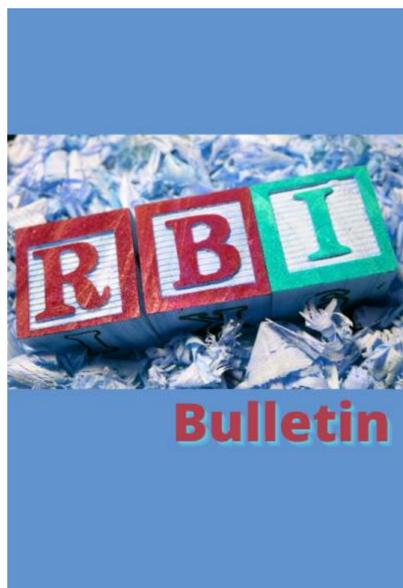
As debates continue to rage over the 'freebie' culture, we need to understand and distinguish between [freebies and welfare](#). Can growth be the ultimate goal, without attention to the basic needs of people? These questions come back to us again and again as we see a continuous rise in prices and access to basic necessities dwindling.

On a similar note, profit alone cannot be the motto of public sector banks, when increasing access to banking and 'digital India' is the principal concern of even the government.

As we expand our work on oil and gas, particularly plastics, we bring to you articles and videos to understand the role and impact of plastics in our world. Check out our first video in this series—[How is plastic made?](#)

The Centre for Financial Accountability is organising a seminar to build on discussions on the infrastructure development in India, and the increasing importance and speed of implementation of infrastructure projects regarding economic growth and national development. [Register](#) today.

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RBI Bulletin- What did the media miss out?

RBI Bulletin of Aug 2022, which is available on its website titled, "Privatisation of Public Sector Banks; An alternate Perspective" authored by Snehal S Herwadkar, Sonali Goel and Rishuka Bansal of the Banking Research Division of RBI has evoked a lot of response in the mainstream media. TOI reported, "RBI supports Govt's gradual privatisation of PSU Banks."

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The Story of India's Plastics – Part 1

Plastics are everywhere. They linger on our roads, clutter our homes, and invade our bodies. In fact, the computer displaying this article is at least 30% plastic. One reason plastics are ubiquitous is that the term "plastics" includes hundreds of chemicals with qualities that vary from rock-hard to cotton-soft, liquid to solid, toxic to food-safe, etc. With such diversity, it can become hard to understand the many issues surrounding plastics. [Read more.](#)



Vimalbhai: A man who lived what he preached

In the passing away of Vimalbhai on August 15, CFA lost a friend, comrade and fellow traveller. A tireless campaigner, poet, artist, a go-to-person for every protest in Delhi for people's movements across the country, Vimalbhai was a multifaceted activist. Every movement he got involved with, be it Tehri dam, Bati mines, Narmada or Korigaon, they accepted Vimalbhai as one among them.

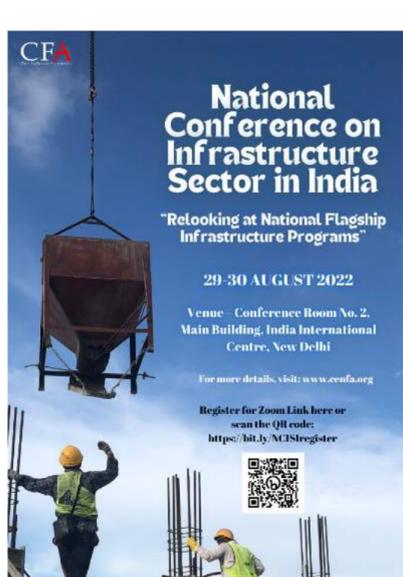
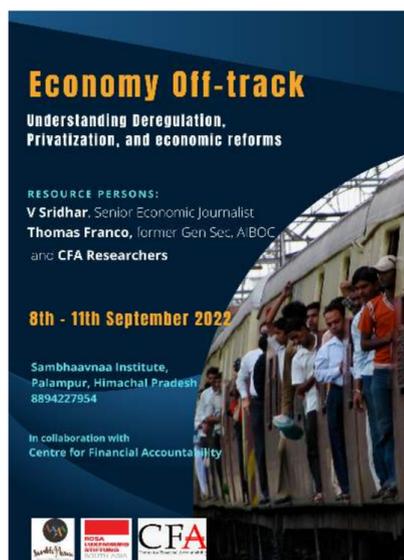
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Economy Off-track: Understanding Deregulation, Privatization, and economic reforms

Sambhaavnaa Institute of Public Policy and Politics, in collaboration with CFA and RLS, is organising a 4-day workshop for activists, students, and groups to understand how deregulation, privatization and economic reforms.

Dates: 8th to 11th Sep 2022 at Sambhaavnaa Institute, HP

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National Conference on Infrastructure Sector in India

29, 30th August 2022

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