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The Economy This Week!

Why is the [Hanuman not flying](#) is the question of the week. Only in the first year of the Modi government, i.e. 2014-15, investments as a percentage of the GDP amounted to a 30.1%. But after that, investments have stayed below 30%. It is also a good time to question, what derailed the Indian economy?

Meanwhile, India ranked an abysmally low number—132nd—among 191 countries in the [Human Development Index](#) of the UN released last week. Our health, education and income levels are far behind the global averages in human development parameters. Yet, these don't seem to be the cause of concern for the government, as long as there is a steady supply of cheetahs and picture worthy moments.

At the same time, [India's national parks](#) are giving way for big Infrastructure projects, ignoring the basic principles of conservation of wildlife as well as flora and fauna. To grasp the extent of infrastructure projects coming up within and near protected areas, the Centre for Financial Accountability had earlier published a [Mapping Report](#) titled "Rise in Infrastructure Projects in Protected Areas: A Self-Defeating Goal for Development".

-Team CFA



India's demographic course in waiting

Human capital development is critical for the growth and development of any economy, but that is where India remains a global outlier, in spite of having entered the "Amrit Kaal" and becoming the fifth-largest economy in 2022. The latest Human Development Index (HDI) of the UN, released last week, confirms this, notwithstanding the fact that the pandemic impacted all countries adversely. [Read more.](#)

Understanding Deregulation, Privatisation & Economic Reforms: What derailed the Indian economy?

The derailment began in 1991, with the World Bank, an IMF loan, and the liberalisation, privatisation, and globalisation agenda. We were left with a depressed economy. From 1900 through 1947, the average annual growth rate was under 1% while capital formation rate was less than 10%. [Read more.](#)

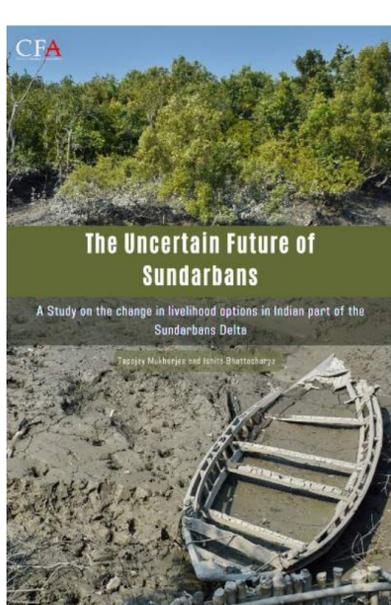
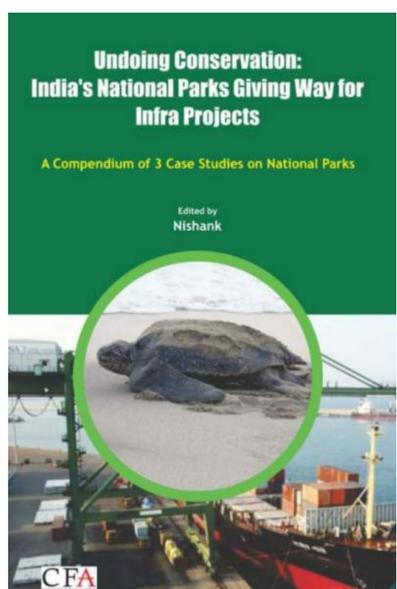


Fishermen protesting against Vizhinjam port demanding rehabilitation and livelihood

Infrastructure finance update for the month of August 2022 primarily focuses on 5 sectors, railways, roads & highways, ports, real estate & telecom. The majority of the news coverage are focused on the new policies and rules implemented by the govt in telecom & ports sector to enhance development activities. [Read more.](#)

Undoing Conservation: India's National Parks Giving Way for Infra Projects- A Compendium of 3 Case Studies on National Parks

The compendium covers a wide spectrum of infrastructure projects affecting protected areas including hydroelectric projects, a proposed mega-transshipment port, industrial corridors, multimodal corridors, a high speed railway project, and tunnelling projects. [Read more.](#)



The Uncertain Future of Sunderbans

The Indian Sundarban region consisting of 4,200 square kilometres of reserved forests along with 5,400 sq km of non-forest area lies in the districts of South & North 24 Parganas in the Indian state of West Bengal. The entire area is a conglomeration of river channels, creeks and about 102 islands. Only 54 of these islands are inhabited and the rest 48 islands are forested. It is listed as a wetland of international importance. [Read more.](#)

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