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The Economy This Week!

India is soon going to surpass China and become the most populous country this month. But will India be able to reap the benefits of its demographic dividend? Equal participation in the economy needs the workforce to be not only educated and skilled, but also healthy and fit. The recent move to increase the cost of essential medicines, blaming the import costs, is bound to push back the access to healthcare for a vast majority.

On the other hand, major favours are bestowed on the corporate giants; be it the oil giants, by bringing down the windfall tax on crude oil, or the Adani group, by continual denial of investigations into the group.

Meanwhile, the demands to bring back the old pension scheme has reached the ears of the government, and it is considering making amends to the new pension scheme. [A new committee](#) has been formed to look into the same, but the question is will it bring back the same provisions as the old pension scheme? Watch this week's [Money Trail](#) to know more.

-Team CFA

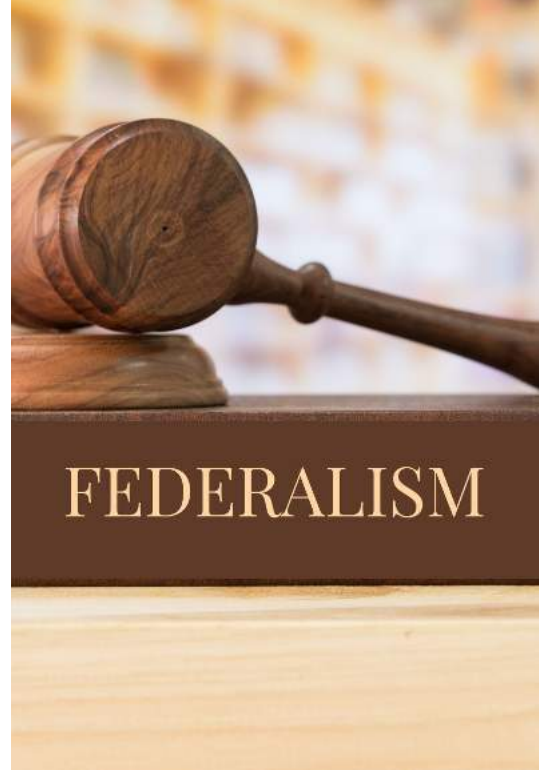


Is the Finance Ministry Misleading the Parliament to Save Adani?

In a reply to the questions raised by Dr John Brittas, a CPI(M) MP from Kerala, the Minister of State for Finance gave a reply on 21st March, before Rahul Gandhi's conviction on the 23rd. Probably the Ministry would have been more careful if the reply was after his conviction. [Read more.](#)

IFC announces it will stop clients funding new coal projects

Today, campaigners from across the world have been greeted with relief by a new commitment by IFC – the World Bank's private sector arm – that it will no longer allow financial intermediary clients to support new coal projects. A new update to the IFC's GEA policy encourages its financial intermediary clients to reduce coal investments. [Read More.](#)



What Puducherry tells us about how Union Territories undermine federalism

The case of Puducherry shows us how Union Territories, as pockets of arbitrary power, enable an authoritarian role for the Union government while trampling upon the core of federalism and democracy. In recent years, the UT as an administrative unit has emerged as a conspicuous feature of India's federal structure. [Read More.](#)

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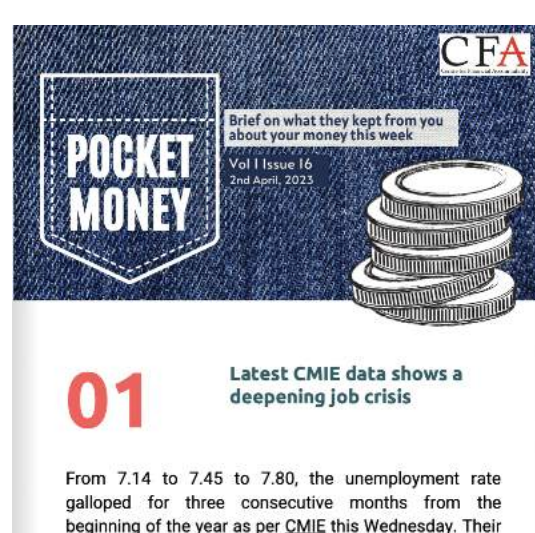
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