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The Economy This Week!

The farmers are [back on the roads again](#), being greeted with cement barricades, rubber bullets, drones and tear gas instead of talks on their demands. An MSP panel was set up by the central government seven months after the farmers ended their historic 13-month protest at the borders of Delhi. Yet, there seem to be no signs of any progress on legalising the demand of minimum support price, and the implementation of the Swaminathan committee report.

Additionally, there were claims of 'doubling farmers' income' by 2022, which burst asunder when the Narendra Modi-led Union Government filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court that it would not be possible to determine the MSP according to its promise as such an increase would distort the market.

In a landmark judgement, the Supreme Court of India has called the [electoral bonds 'unconstitutional'](#) that allowed individuals and companies to donate money to political parties anonymously and without any limits. It also directed the SBI to stop issuing electoral bonds and furnish data on the electoral bonds purchased since 12 April 2019 to the Election Commission of India. Will we finally know who was funding which political party?

The Finance Minister's 58 page 'White Paper' on Indian economy seemed more to be an exercise in whitewashing a decade of its failure rather than any significant turnaround. Financial Accountability Network India has come out with a [Black Paper](#) on the Modi Years that peeks into a few crucial aspects of the Indian economy.

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Insurance firms lure bank employees with iPhones, foreign jaunts, kickbacks to push sales

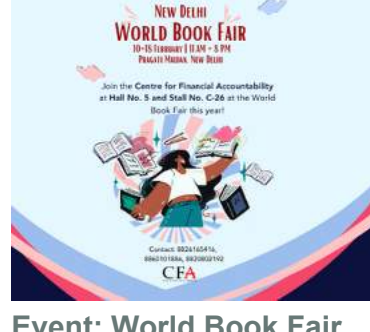
Insurance companies lured employees of banks with expensive gifts, foreign jaunts and cash bribes to aggressively push unwanted insurance products on their customers, reveals an investigation by The Reporters' Collective. Call recordings, video clips and internal communication of insurance agents with bank employees expose kickbacks and unethical incentives for driving insurance sales. [Read more.](#)



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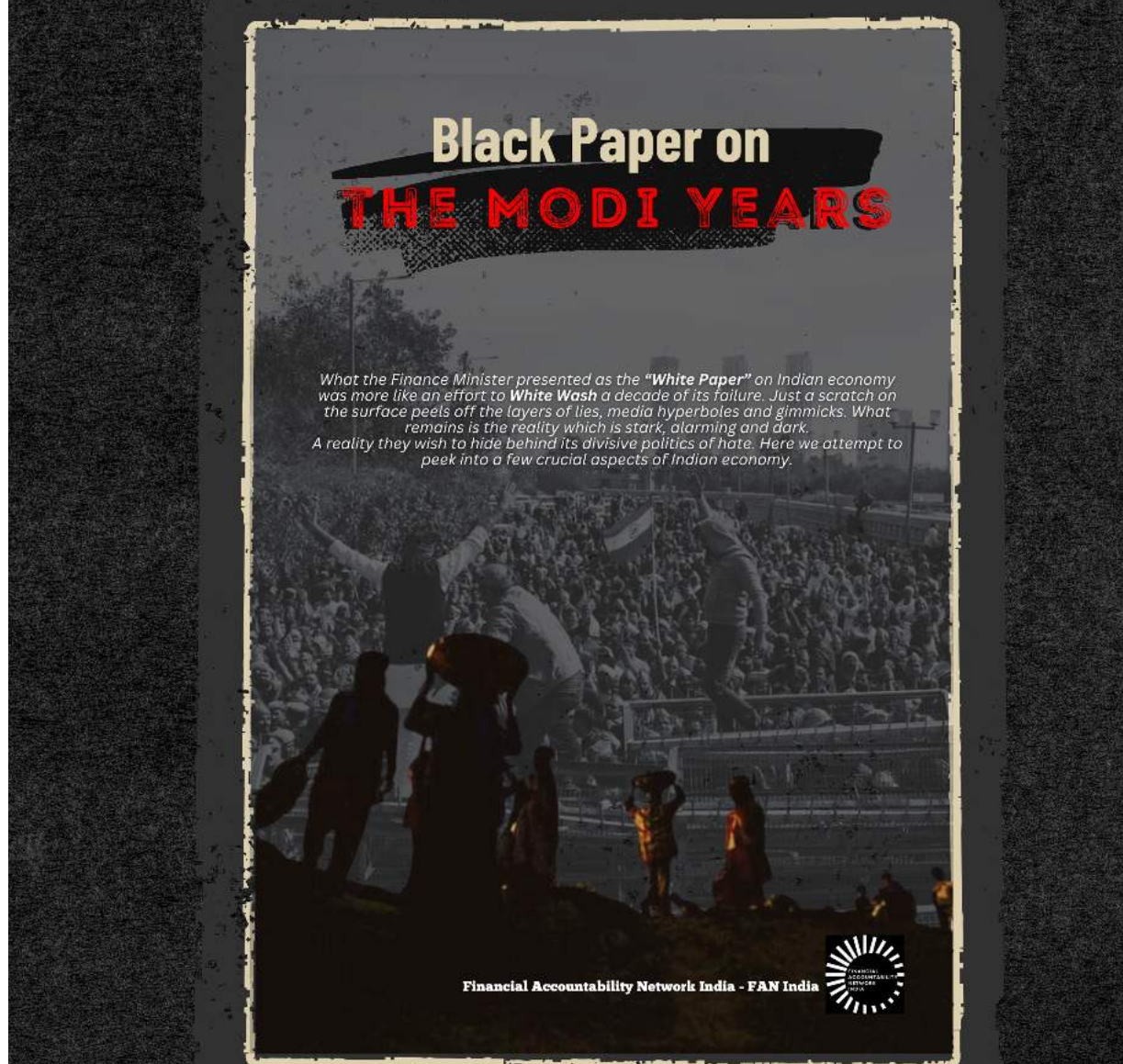
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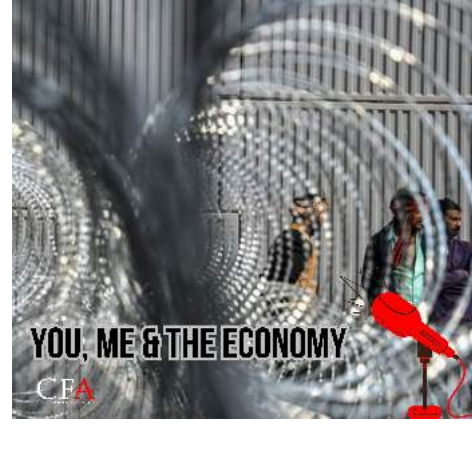
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This report card (though not conclusive) is part of a series, by the Financial Accountability Network India, that attempts to glance through and highlight a few of the claims and reality of the government's performance across various sectors from a financial and economic lens. [Read Here.](#)



Black Paper on the Modi Years

What the Finance Minister presented as the "White Paper" on the Indian economy was more like an effort to whitewash a decade of its failure. Just a scratch on the surface peels off the layers of lies, media hyperboles and gimmicks. What remains is the reality which is stark, alarming and dark. A reality they wish to hide behind its divisive politics of hate. Here we attempt to peek into a few crucial aspects of the Indian economy. [Read Here.](#)



Podcast: Why are the farmers protesting again and more!

The government keeps claiming to protect the interests of the "annadatas" but in reality, farmers from nearly 160 villages are marching again towards the national capital. [Listen Here.](#)



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Why are the Farmers marching again?
The government has big claims about it protecting the interests of the "annadatas" but the reality is such that the farmers from nearly 160 villages are again marching towards the national capital. Displaced by the NTPC's Dadri plant, they are protesting against the Noida, Greater Noida, and Yamuna Authority, along with the Uttar Pradesh government. They demand uniform compensation to all farmers who have given their land in the past for NTPC, jobs for all those affected as well as a hospital. The response from the

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