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The Economy This Week!

Despite disclosing the two lists of donors and purchasers, SBI refrained from sharing the unique code of the bonds. Now the <u>Supreme Court</u> has come down heavily on the SBI to reveal the unique codes too. With this, the electoral bond saga has entered a new phase.

It has come to light that seven firms that failed drug quality test gave money to political parties through <u>electoral bonds</u>. More clarity on what prompted the firms to make donations to the parties is likely to emerge once the unique codes of the bonds that match the donors and the recipients become public.

On the other hand, <u>several companies</u> donated more than their profits via electoral bonds. A few companies who were running in losses, too, continued to donate money via electoral bonds. The unique codes will certainly reveal more such patterns and bring transparency to the donations.

Meanwhile, the gap between the <u>Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code's intended purpose</u> and its real-world uses raises worries about the overall economic impact. As over the last five years, observations of NCLT processes and the application of the IBC indicates a tilt towards favouring defaulting corporations rather than safeguarding the interests of creditors, who often employ public funds to support these large entities.

CFA is inviting applications for a part-time campaigner to engage and work with the communities impacted or would be impacted by "waste-to-energy (WTE) incineration plants" in the National Capital Region. Learn more and <u>apply here</u>.

-Team CFA



Failing Resolutions, Faltering Recovery: Unchecked Vikas of Corporate Defaulters

Amidst the pursuit of debt recovery, the banking sector is witnessing an erosion of public money. The collateral effects of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)-induced haircuts transpiring into loss of public funds poses profound implications that extend beyond financial ramifications to the stability and credibility of the entire banking system. IBC of 2016 regulates insolvency bankruptcy proceedings for corporates and individuals. <u>Read more.</u>



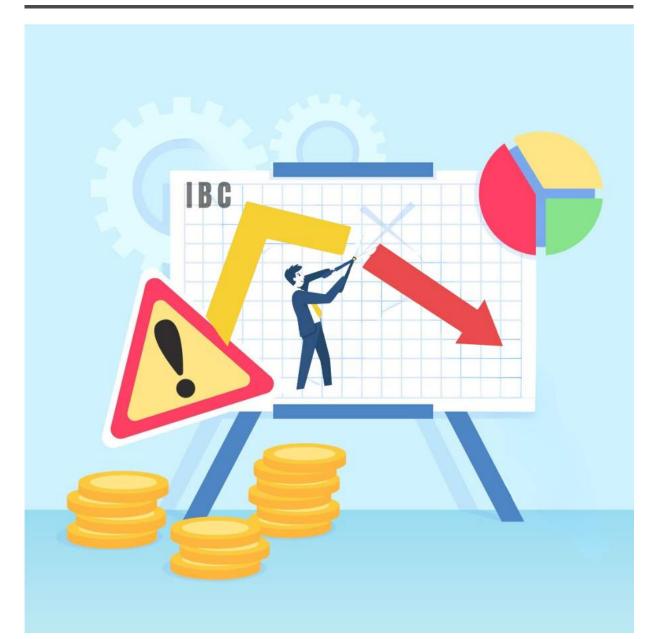
<u>Random Reflections:</u> Banking Industry gets Wage Revision -Settlement Signed



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Statement: Civil Society Statement to the Board of Directors of the AIIB



Balance Sheet of a Decade | IBC Haircuts Report Card

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No money to spare? What does FMCG revenues show?

Much in line with the consumer expenditure survey results, the FMCG sector's performance in rural India reveals pitiable state of demand. The survey showed that the bottom 5% of the population in rural India spends 46 rupees a day. Inflation and weakening wages continue to dampen rural spending. FMCG companies' <u>revenue</u> in the

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