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The Rupee's Fall and the Middle-Class Struggle

When the rupee weakens, it may sound like a distant economic headline, but its impact is felt quietly in everyday life. A falling rupee means India must pay more for imports, especially crude oil, cooking gas, electronics, medicines, and even certain food inputs. This increase does not stay limited to trade numbers or policy discussions. It gradually reaches homes through higher prices and tighter monthly budgets.

The first and most direct hit comes through fuel. Since India imports a large share of its crude oil, a weaker rupee makes every barrel cost more in rupee terms. Higher fuel prices then raise transportation and logistics costs, which pushes up the price of vegetables, groceries, packaged goods, and daily essentials. Even if salaries stay the same, the cost of maintaining a normal lifestyle starts rising, leaving families with less savings and less flexibility.

The rupee's fall also affects aspirational spending and future planning. Imported electronics become more expensive, and education abroad costs more because tuition and living expenses are paid in foreign currency. For small businesses that depend on imported raw materials, production becomes costlier and profits shrink unless prices are increased. In this way, the weakening rupee does not only raise prices; it creates uncertainty for households, students, and entrepreneurs alike.

At the same time, blaming the rupee alone would be too simplistic. Currency movements are shaped by global interest rates, oil prices, foreign investment flows, and geopolitical tensions, factors India cannot fully control. But India can control how resilient the economy is when global shocks hit.

Strengthening domestic manufacturing, reducing import dependence, improving exports, and keeping inflation under control are long-term shields for citizens. A stable rupee is not just a market statistic; it is directly linked to the dignity of everyday living and the ability of people to plan their lives with confidence.

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Random Reflections Historic Strike by 8 Lakh Bank Employees on 27.01.26 - Wake-up Call to the Government

On 27th January 2026, bank employees and officers under the banner of the UNITED FORUM OF BANK UNIONS (UFBU), consisting of 4 officers' associations and 5 workmen unions, participated in a day's strike all over the country for a single demand: "IMPLEMENT THE BIPARTITE AGREEMENT AGREEING TO PERMIT BANKS TO IMPLEMENT FIVE-DAY WEEK SIGNED TWO YEARS BACK."

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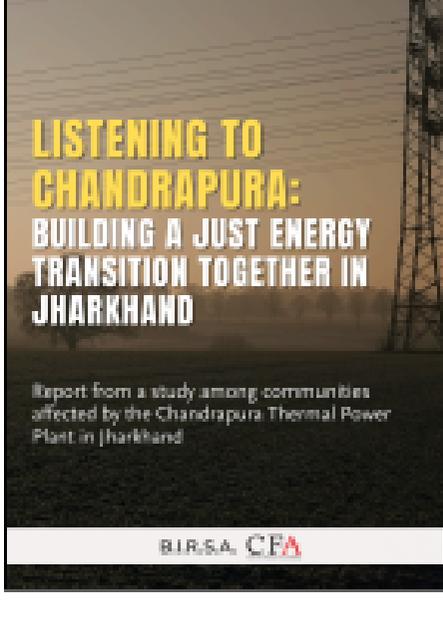
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Report Listening to Chandrapura: Building a Just Energy Transition Together in Jharkhand

The study by the Centre for Financial Accountability (CFA) and Bindrai Institute for Research Study and Action (BIRSA) documents life near the Chandrapura Thermal Power Plant and finds that industrial development has largely failed to deliver promised benefits.

The report stresses that a Just Energy Transition must centre community voices, address historical injustices, especially for Adivasi communities, and share benefits fairly.

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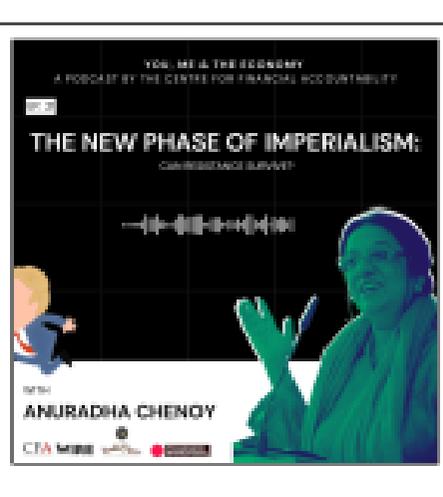
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Whose Economy is it, Anyway? Privatisation, Monopolies and Budget Speak

As India approaches the Union Budget, this video discusses the growing debate around privatisation and the future of public institutions. It explores whether privatisation is boosting competition or creating monopolies in key sectors like ports, telecom, energy and banking. The panel explains the impact on jobs, labour rights, credit access and affordability in an unequal economy. Experts also share what we can expect from the upcoming budget and its direction.



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