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Rising Youth Unemployment: Growth Without Jobs

India's latest [Periodic Labour Force Survey](#) numbers present a mixed picture, but the core message is troubling. Youth unemployment has risen to 14.8%, the highest in four months. This is more than just a number. It points to a widening gap between education and employment. Each year, more young people enter the labour market with degrees and aspirations, but the economy is not generating enough suitable jobs. The burden falls more heavily on young women, whose unemployment rate remains significantly **higher than that of men**.

At the same time, the overall unemployment rate has slightly improved to 4.9%. This may appear positive, but it hides deeper concerns. Much of this improvement seems to come from informal and short-term work, especially in construction and services. These are not stable or secure jobs. A person working even one hour a week is counted as employed. This raises questions about the quality of employment being generated.

Another worrying trend is the decline in youth participation in the labour force. Fewer young people are working or even looking for work. This may reflect growing discouragement. When job seekers lose hope and withdraw, it signals a deeper structural issue in the economy. The persistently low participation of women further highlights barriers such as lack of opportunities, safety concerns, and unpaid care responsibilities.

There is also a mismatch between skills and jobs. Many young people are educated, but not in areas where demand exists. At the same time, sectors with potential to generate employment are not expanding fast enough. This disconnect weakens both productivity and growth, and leaves a large section of the **workforce underutilised**.

Overall, the data suggests that India is not creating enough decent and meaningful jobs for its youth. Economic growth alone is not sufficient. There is a need for focused policy action on employment generation, better skill alignment, and improvement in job quality. Without urgent attention, India's demographic advantage could slowly turn into a demographic burden.

- Team CFA

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A review of Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana Scheme

The Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar – Muft Bijli Yojana (PM-SGBBY- Free Electricity Scheme) was launched with the stated objective of reducing electricity costs for domestic consumers by connecting them to solar energy, and was specifically claimed to benefit the poor and middle class. However, after one year of implementation, an examination of the scheme from the perspective of low-income families reveals a significant gap between its intended purpose and its actual impact on the ground.

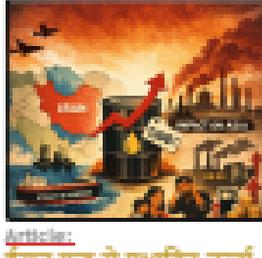
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Report: Report on the Round Table and Workshop: Holding Financial Institutions to Account



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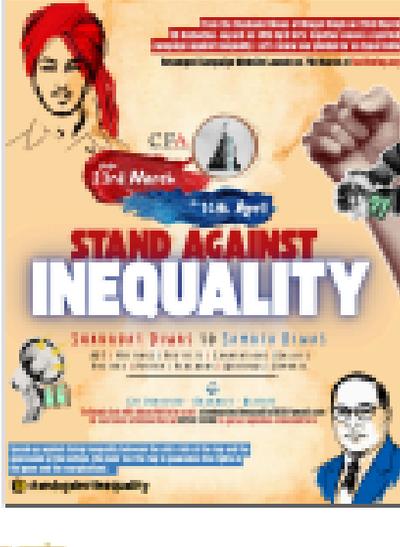
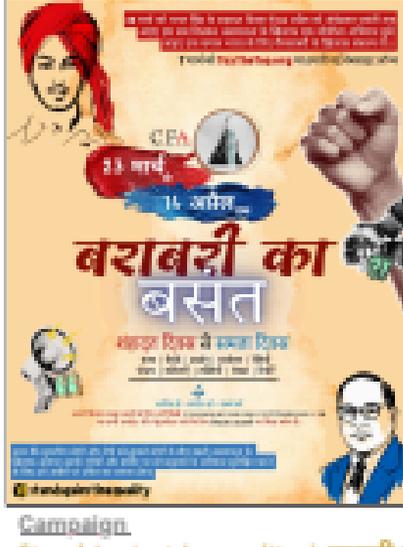


The Tata Mundra Project: A Decade of Broken Promises

A decade of environmental destruction. Thousands of lives affected [9].

It's time for the World Bank to act.

[Call to action](#)



Campaign: Stand Against Inequality | बराबरी का बसत

From 23 March (Martyrdom Day of Bhagat Singh) to 14 April (Samata Diwas / birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar), the #StandAgainstInequality campaign calls for nationwide action against economic and social inequality.

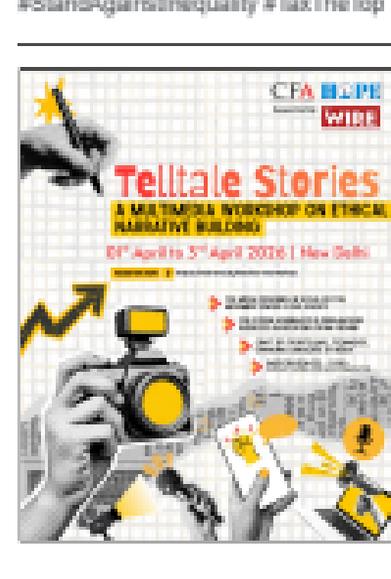
Key Announcements

- + Revamped Campaign Website Launch – 7 March at TaxTheTop (TaxTheTop.org)
- + Joint.Action Day – 23 March (common placards & banners across India)
- + Competitions – Poster, Reel & Poetry contests
- + Nationwide Actions – Street meetings, discussions, public gatherings & online events
- + Launch of WealthTracker – A new resource highlighting the potential of taxing the ultra-rich
- + Paint Against Inequality – Giant public canvas action on 14 April

To participate or receive campaign resources:

standagainstinequality2026@gmail.com | Missed Call: 89510 50308

#StandAgainstInequality #TaxTheTop



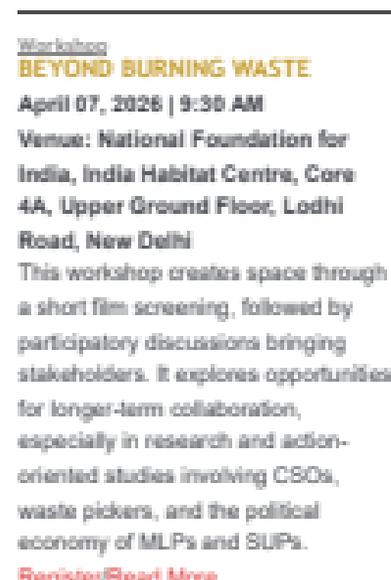
Workshop: Telltale Stories | A Multimedia Workshop on Ethical Narrative Building

Date: 1st-3rd April

Venue: New Delhi

Telltale Stories: A Multimedia Workshop on Ethical Narrative Building, supported by The Wire and co-organised by Centre for Financial Accountability (CFA) and Holistic Approach for People's Empowerment (HOPE), is a three-day residential workshop to be held in New Delhi.

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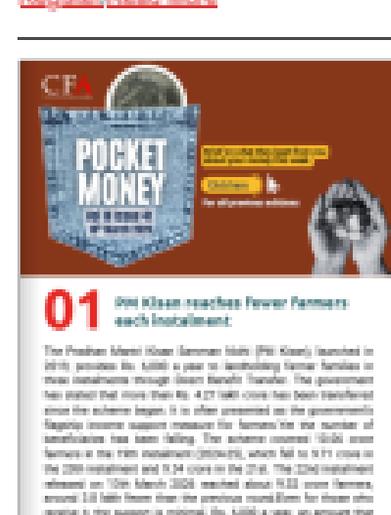
Workshop: BEYOND BURNING WASTE

April 07, 2026 | 9:30 AM

Venue: National Foundation for India, India Habitat Centre, Core 4A, Upper Ground Floor, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

This workshop creates space through a short film screening, followed by participatory discussions bringing stakeholders. It explores opportunities for longer-term collaboration, especially in research and action-oriented studies involving CSOs, waste pickers, and the political economy of MLPs and SUPs.

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