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The Price of Ignoring Workers' Rights

The recent protests by factory workers in Noida, which turned violent, should not be seen as an isolated law-and-order issue. They reflect deeper problems that have been building for months, low wages, long working hours, and rising living costs. When thousands of workers take to the streets, it signals distress that cannot be ignored.

While the government has pointed to "external elements" and even hinted at conspiracy, such claims risk shifting attention away from the real issues. Workers themselves have clearly spoken about their struggles, earning low salaries, facing job insecurity, and being forced to work overtime without fair pay. For many, survival itself has become difficult. These are not political slogans; they are everyday realities.

The wage hikes announced by Uttar Pradesh and Haryana governments appear to be too little, too late. Workers have rejected them because they do not match the rising cost of living. With high rents, expensive food, and increasing fuel prices, current wages are simply not enough. Demanding a basic salary that allows a dignified life is not unreasonable.

At the same time, industries are also under pressure due to rising input costs and global disruptions. But passing this burden entirely onto workers is neither fair nor sustainable. Growth cannot come at the cost of labour exploitation. If workers are underpaid and overworked, it will eventually hurt productivity and stability in the long run.

The real lesson from Noida is simple: when workers are not heard, frustration will find its own way out. Blaming "external elements" or using force may control the situation for a while, but it does not solve the problem. What is needed is trust, fair wages, and basic dignity at the workplace. If governments and industries fail to address these concerns now, such unrest will not remain limited to one region, it will spread. A strong economy cannot be built on weak foundations, and workers are its most important pillar.

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Inequality Is a Political Choice. A New Wealth Tracker Shows How India Could Do Better.

Over the last decade, people are being simply told to survive without asking questions. No matter what the circumstance, it is the ordinary hardworking Indians who find themselves on the roads, standing in the winding queues. Demonetisation, for instance, had forced the poor onto the streets as they queued up in front of banks – something that Dhurandhar tried to legitimise on the silver screens in the name of fighting terror

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India ends silence against growing inequality

Barabari ka Basant Abhiyan led by the #TaxtheTop Campaign from 23rd March (Shahadat Diwas of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru) to 14th April Samta Diwas (Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti).

More than 20 organisations and networks demanded to tax the super rich during this campaign. People went on streets in 14 states across the country demanding tax justice and an end to inequality.

[Wealth Tracker India 2026](#) came out as a powerful campaign material exposing wealth concentration in India.

The campaign has created an opportunity for various struggles and movements in the country to include the demand to tax the super rich and guarantee dignified lives for all Indians. The powerful slogan *अमीरों पर टैक्स बढ़ाओ, जनहित में कैसे लगाओ* has reached to people across the country.

Tax Justice demand reached more than 40 thousand people on Social media platforms.

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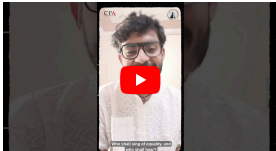
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Today India is witnessing inequality at levels that are comparable to colonial times. The country's richest 1% control over 40% of the national wealth. The top 10% capture nearly 60% of national income while the bottom 50% of the population survives on just 15%.

The number of dollar billionaires in India rose from only 1 in 1991 to over 358 by 2025. Today just 1,688 individuals in India hold a net worth of ₹1,000 crore or more with their total cumulative wealth surpassing ₹166 lakh crore, representing nearly 50% of India's GDP!

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