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Description

An analysis of the politics of aid and influence between the World Bank and India, its largest borrower.

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Readership: Students and scholars of international relations, comparative politics, development studies, and related fields; development practitioners; engaged observers, both sympathetic and critical, of international financial institutions.

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