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## Don't mimic China's economic model: Emphasising education & trust, India should aim to be a champion in global service delivery

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The recent Budget was pragmatic. It laudably continued to push in areas like transportation infrastructure, and tap water and broadband connectivity for all. But the lack of an economic vision is now palpable. With little help for those recovering from the pandemic, especially the poor and their children, the growing jobs crisis, the continuing tariff increases, and the lack of serious structural reforms, we must ask whether the government's proposals hang together.

Perhaps the timidity on reforms stems from the government's experience with the recent farm laws that were muscled through Parliament, only to be rolled back. The problem here, though, is not with the healthy Indian tradition of public protest but with the absence of democratic dialogue in passing the laws.