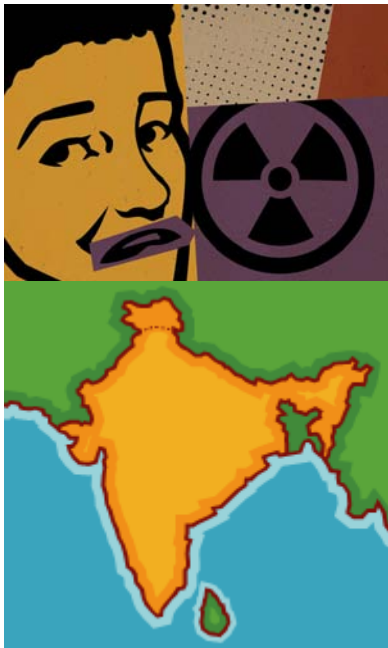


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In the absence of full and honest disclosures by the state to satisfy the standards of people's right to know with respect to the cost-benefit and the impacts of nuclear projects on the environment, livelihood, safety, compensation packages and so on, the stage is generally set for a confrontation - between the state and people. Nuclear projects have been opposed by people potentially or actually affected in various ways: displacement by forcible land acquisition, lack of proper compensation, loss of livelihood, lack of safety, and so on. However, after Fukushima, things have changed dramatically, especially with respect to safety. In almost all cases state's might and devices prevail. But there are signs of hope on the horizon are people's movement not only challenging dubious development but also coming up with credible alternatives.

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