

Has the Covid-19 Pandemic Accentuated Inequality in the Higher Education Sector? Evidence from India

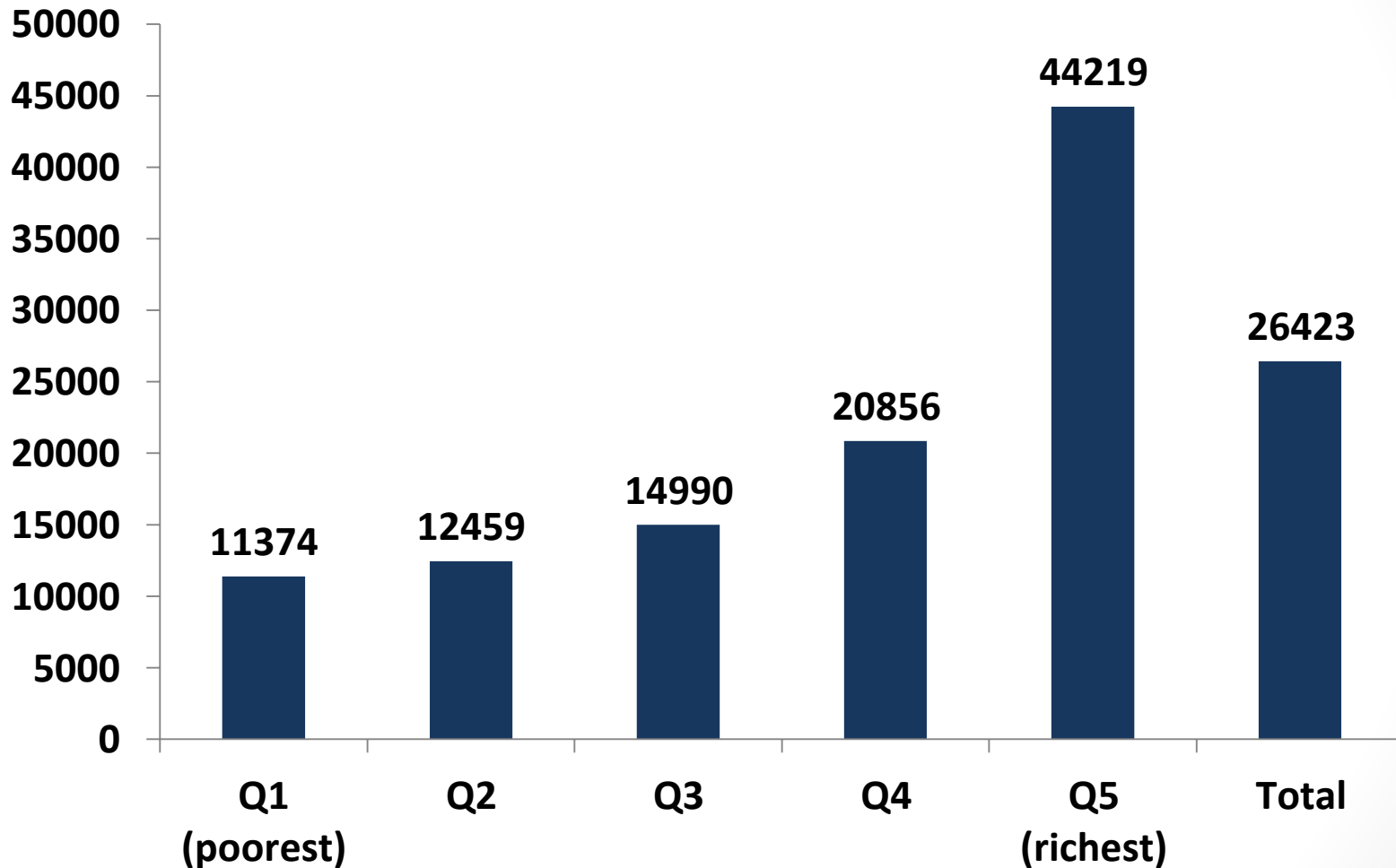
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Indian Higher Education – How Egalitarian is it?

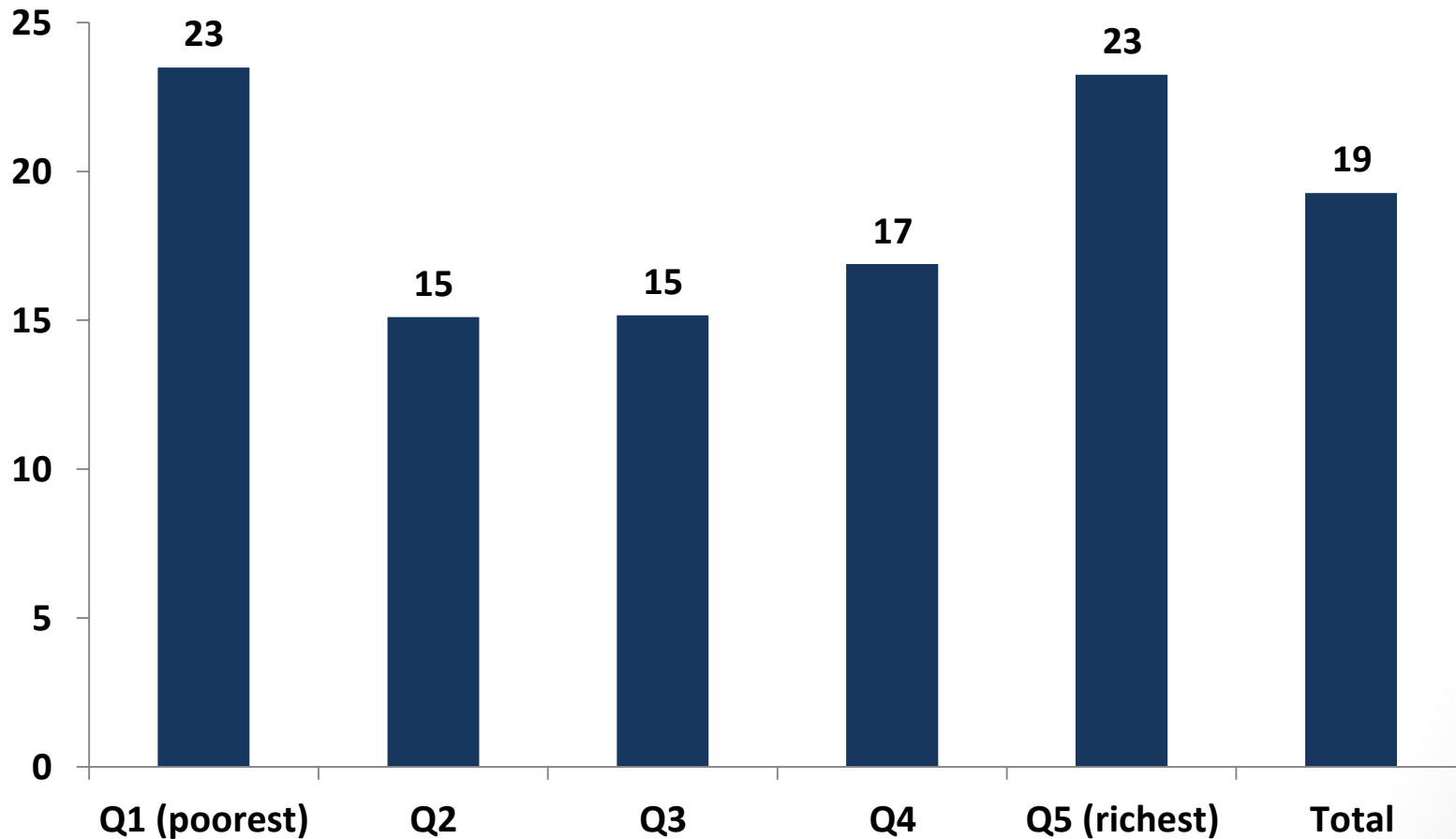
- Third largest higher education sector with 37.3 million students ,1.4 million teachers, 993 universities and about 40,000 colleges (AISHE 2018-19).
- GER is 26.3% [AISHE 2018-19]
- Highly privatised
- Does the system depict an inclusive picture?
 - Access across gender, social and economic categories.
- How much people spend on higher education?

Per Student Household Expenditure on Higher Education across Economic Classes (in Rs.)



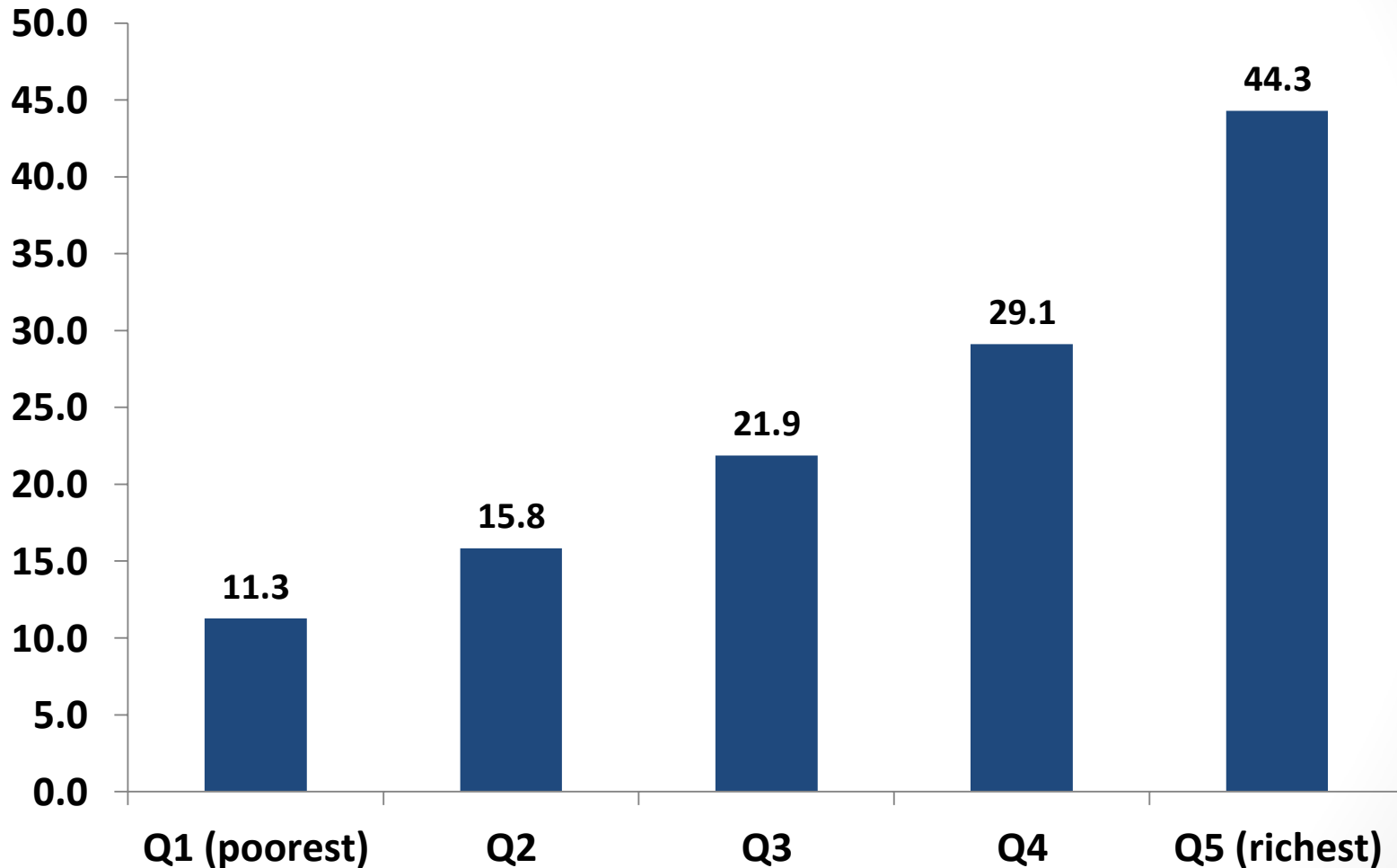
Source: NSS 75th round (2017-18) unit level data

Share of total Household Expenditure spent of each Individual pursuing Higher Education



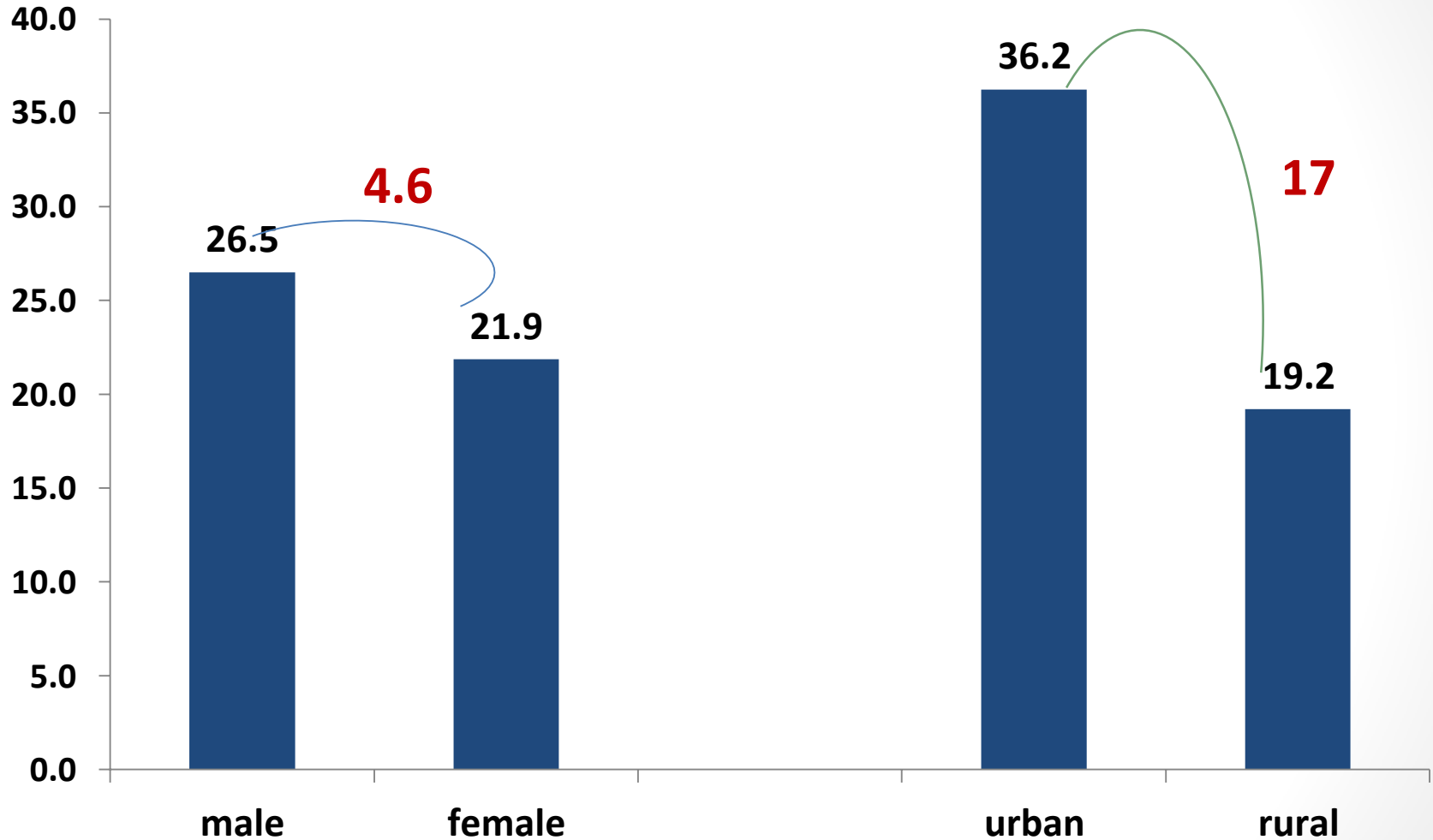
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GER across Expenditure Class (in percent)



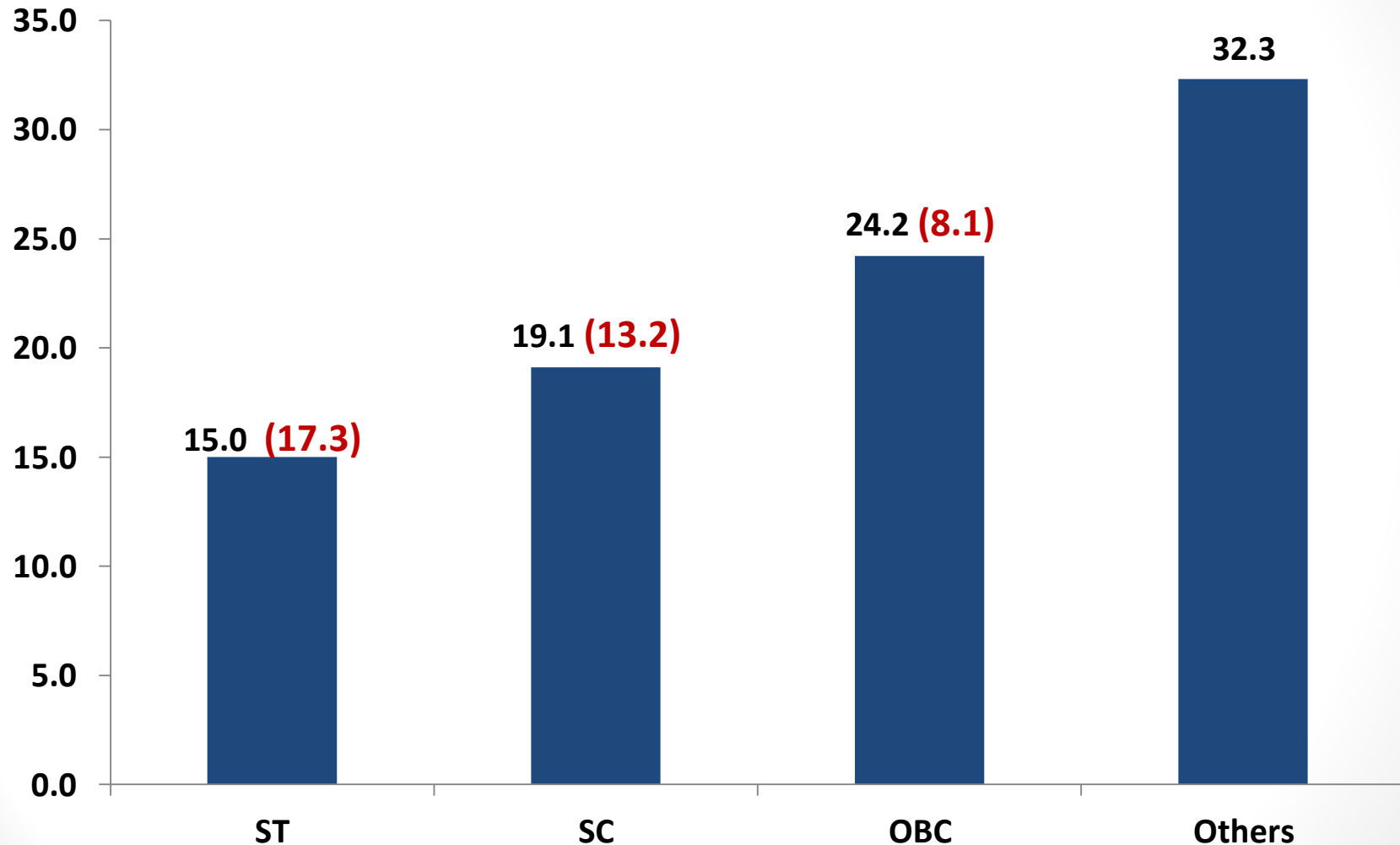
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GER across Gender and Location (in percent)



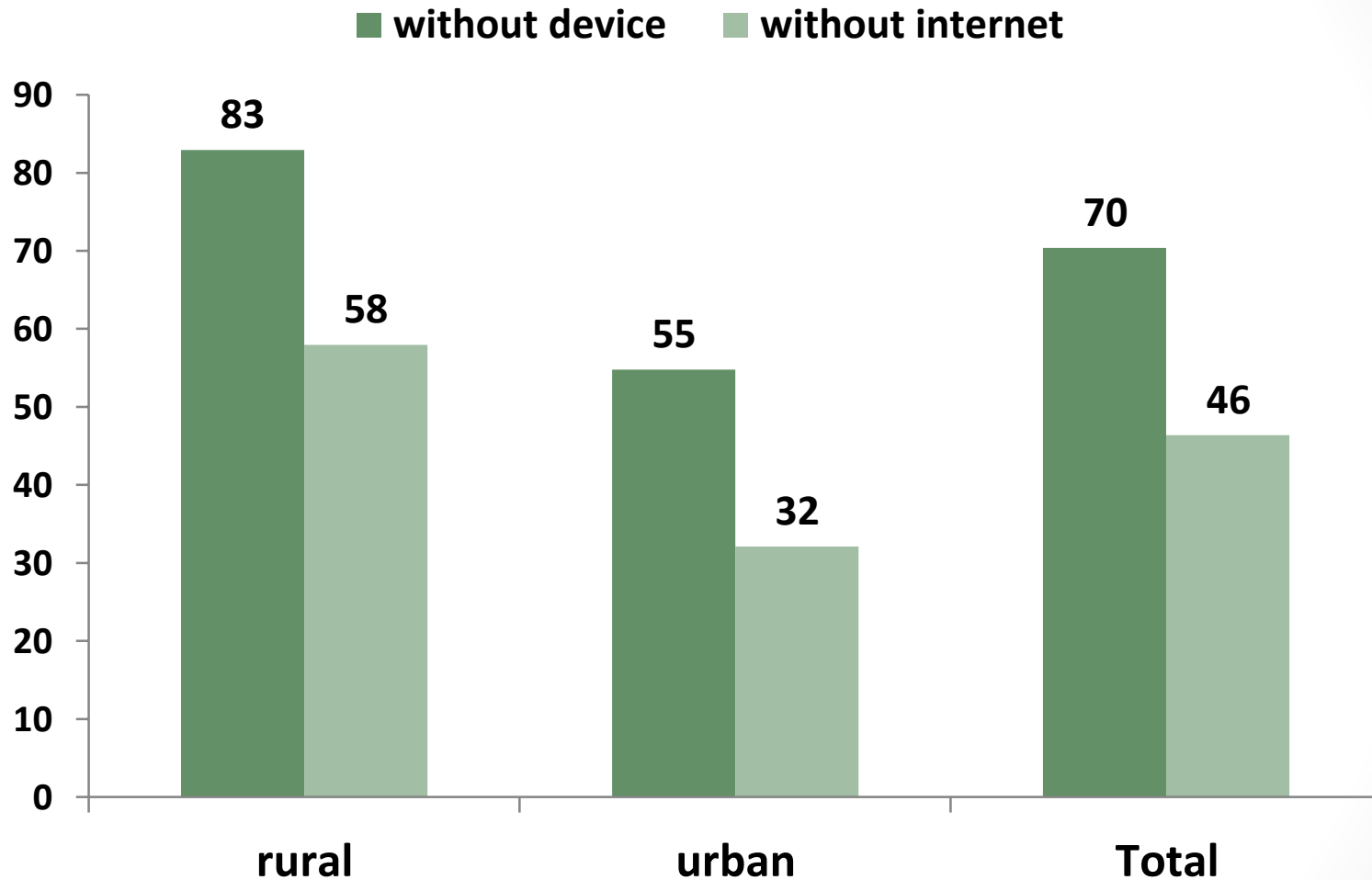
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GER across Social Groups/Caste (in percent)



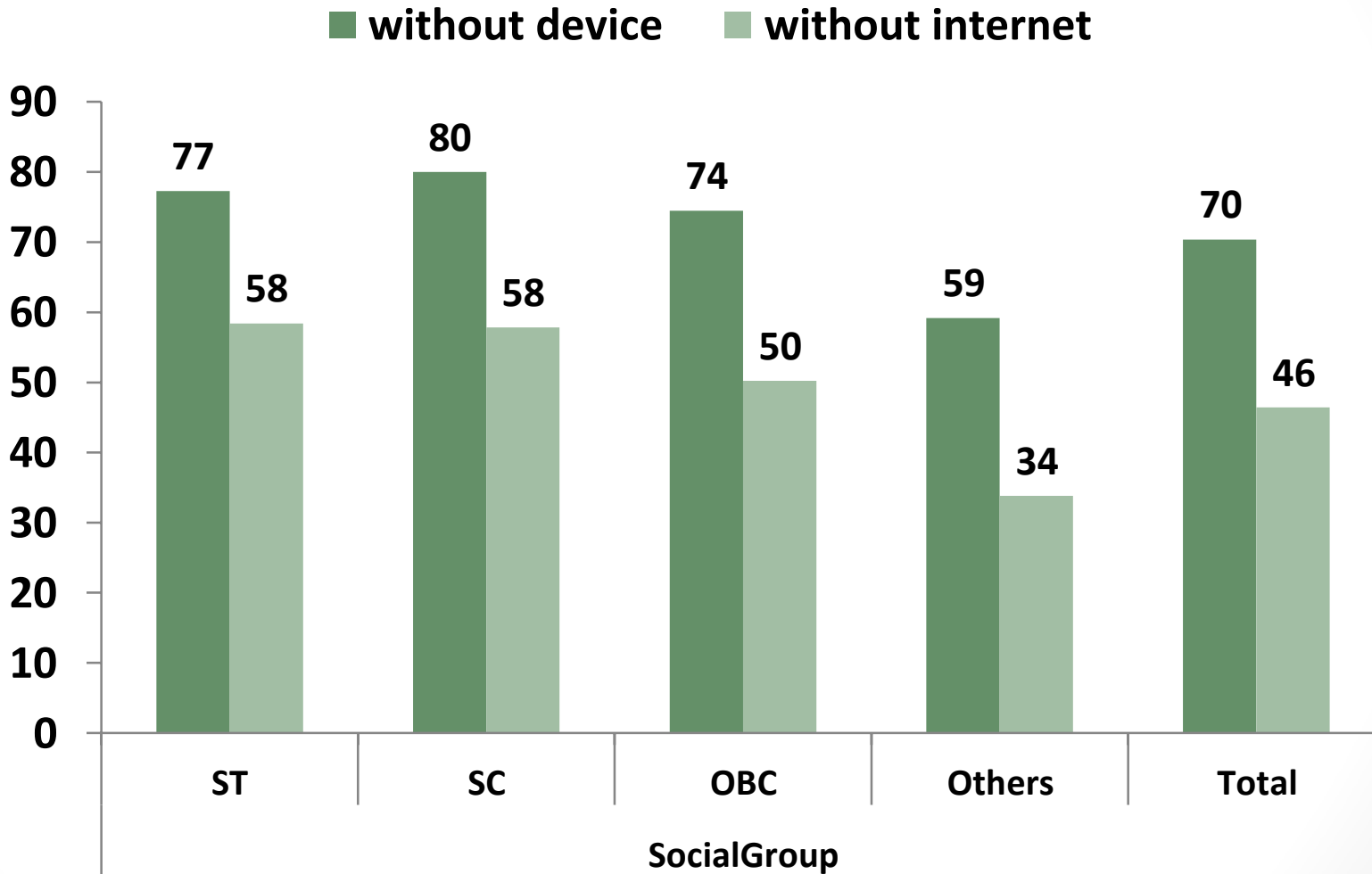
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Digital Divide in Indian Higher Education



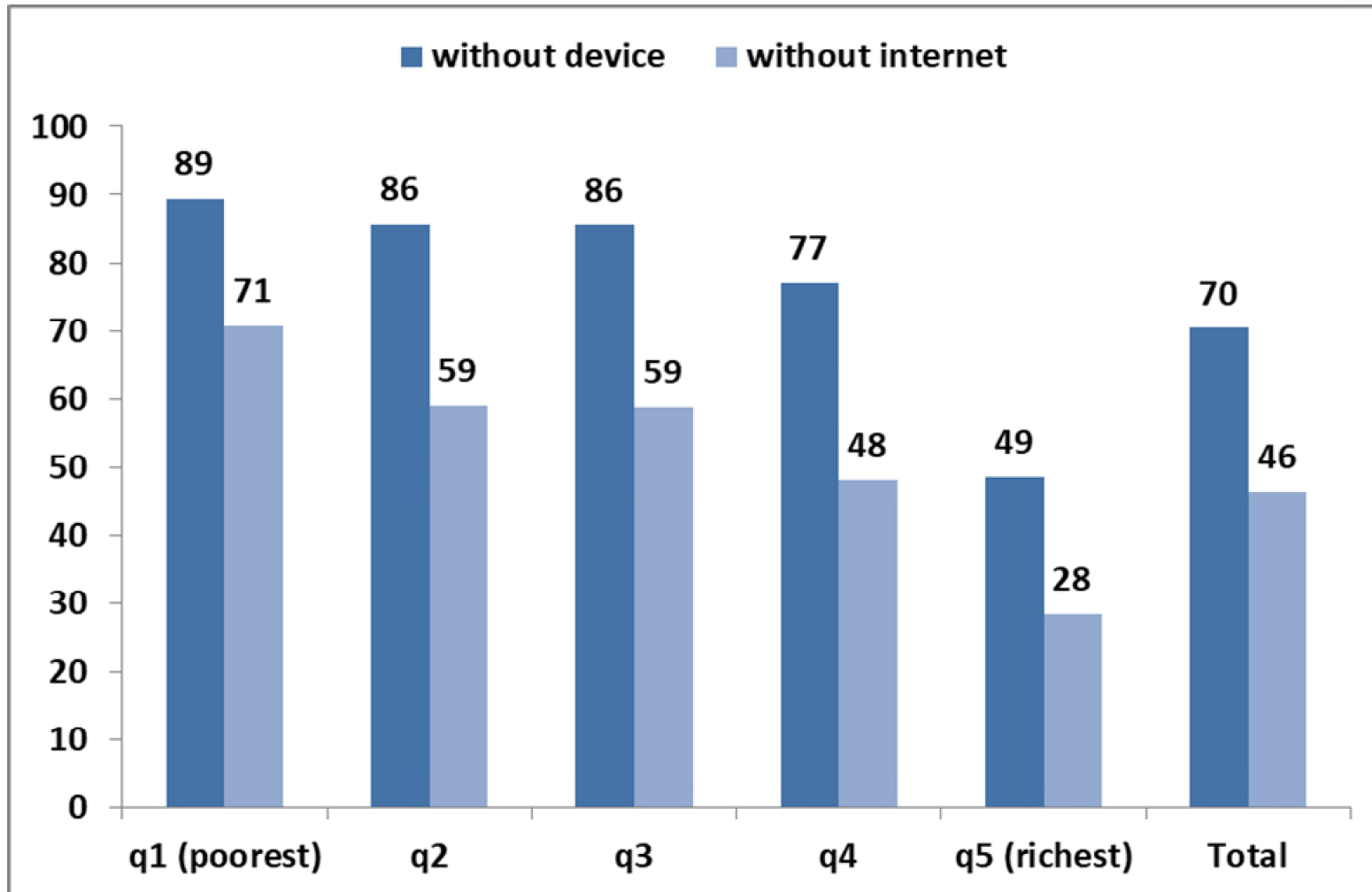
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Access to Device and Internet across Social Group



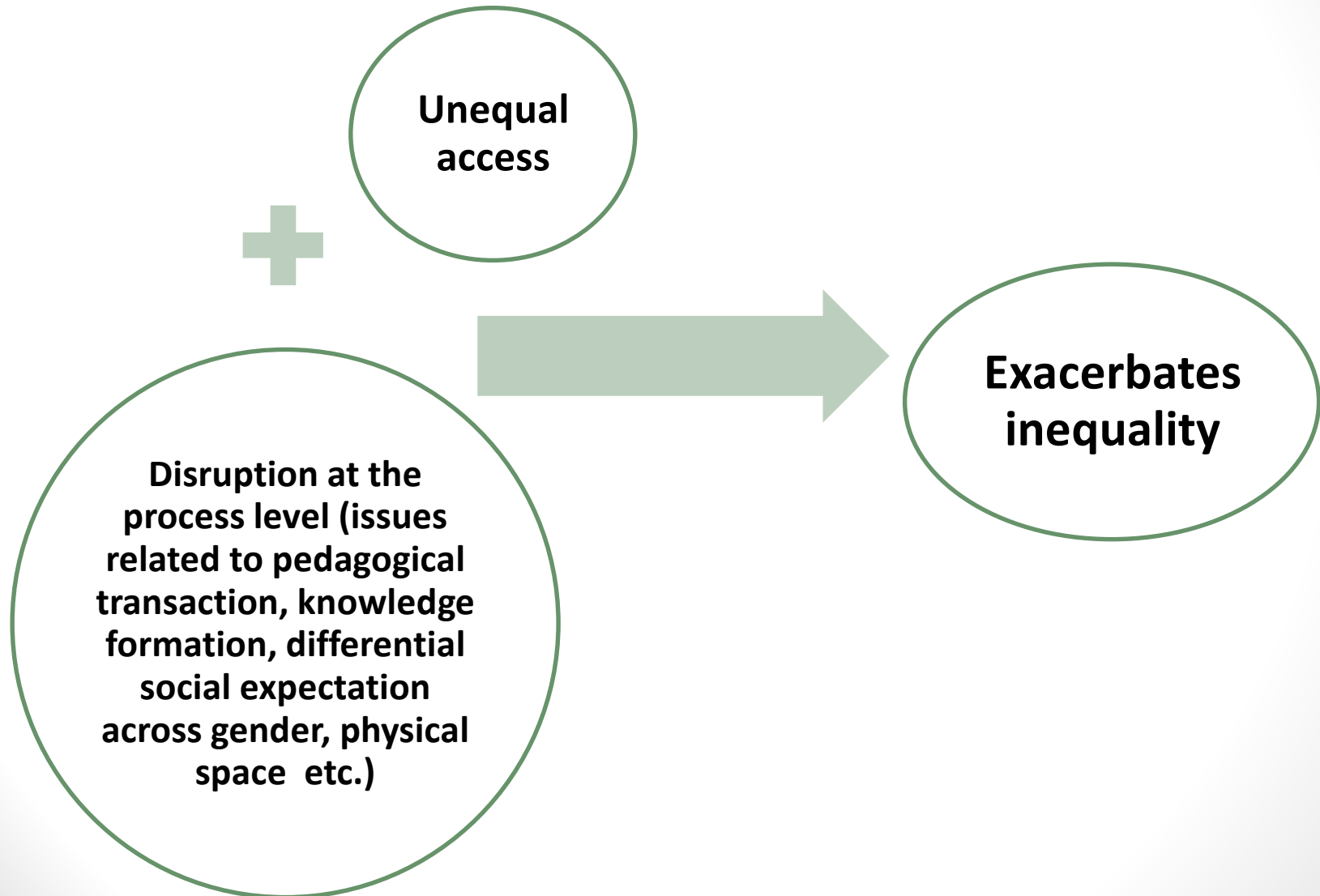
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Is “Online bonding” in Indian Higher Education a chimera?



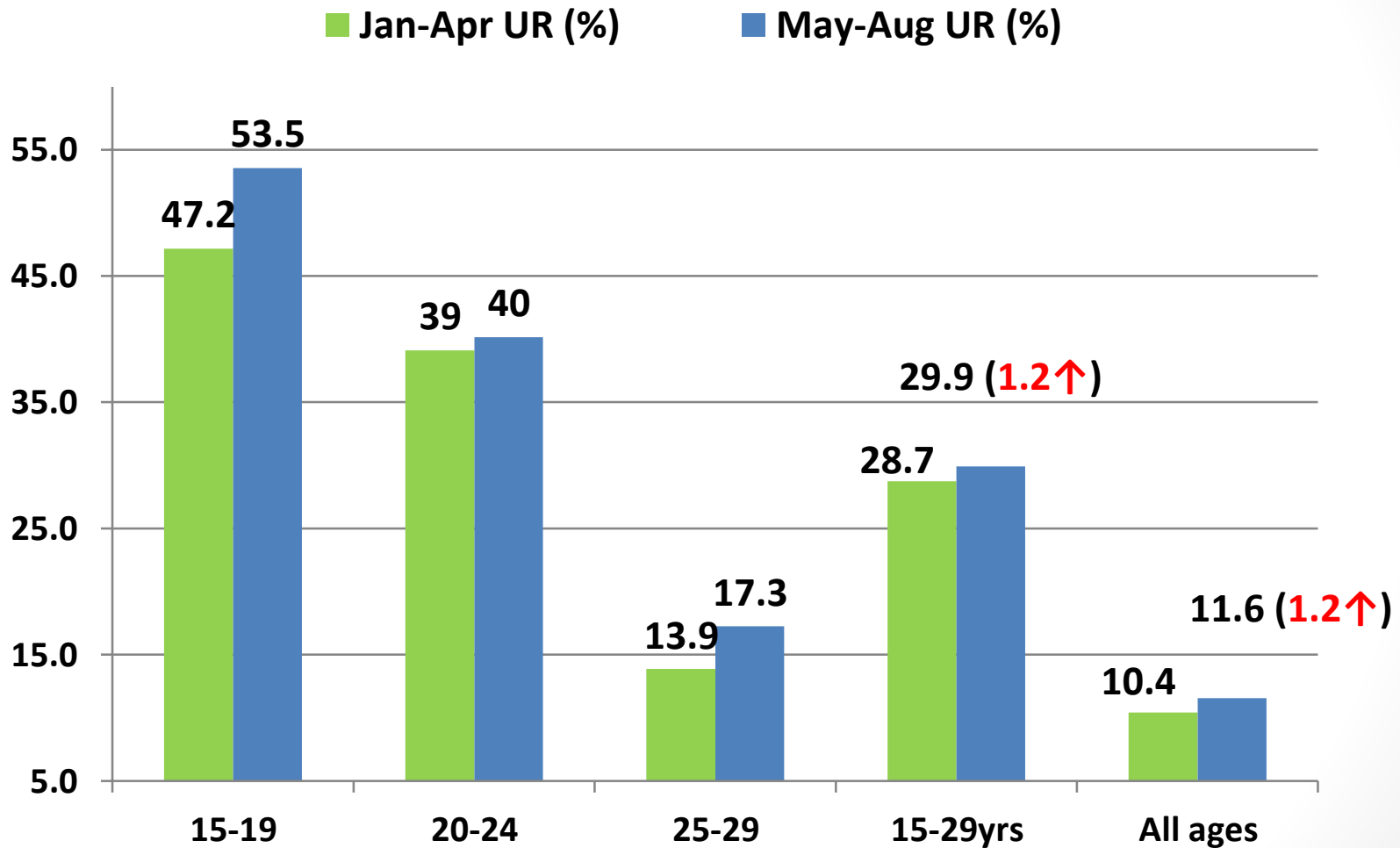
How the disruption in labour market has impacted higher education sector

- Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) survey shows
 - A month after the lockdown, approximately 121 million Indians were out of work
 - Some 19 million salaried, formal economy jobs have been lost after the lockdown

ILO study shows that

- more than 4 million Indians below the age of 30 have lost their jobs due to the pandemic.
- Those aged 15-24 are the hardest hit.

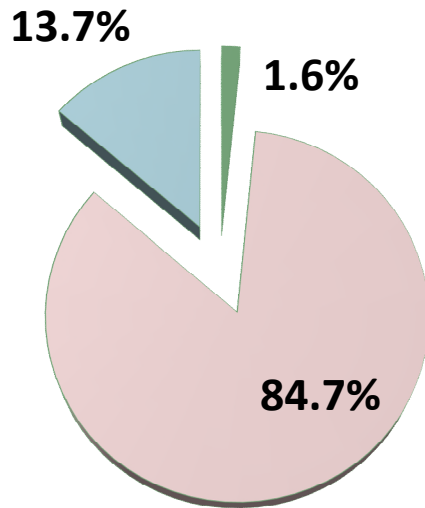
Rise in unemployment rate



Source: CMIE

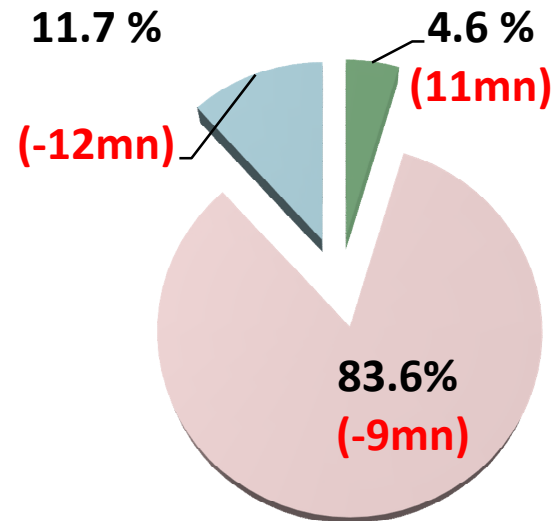
Shift to **low quality** jobs: Education is **not** helpful at least in Short Run

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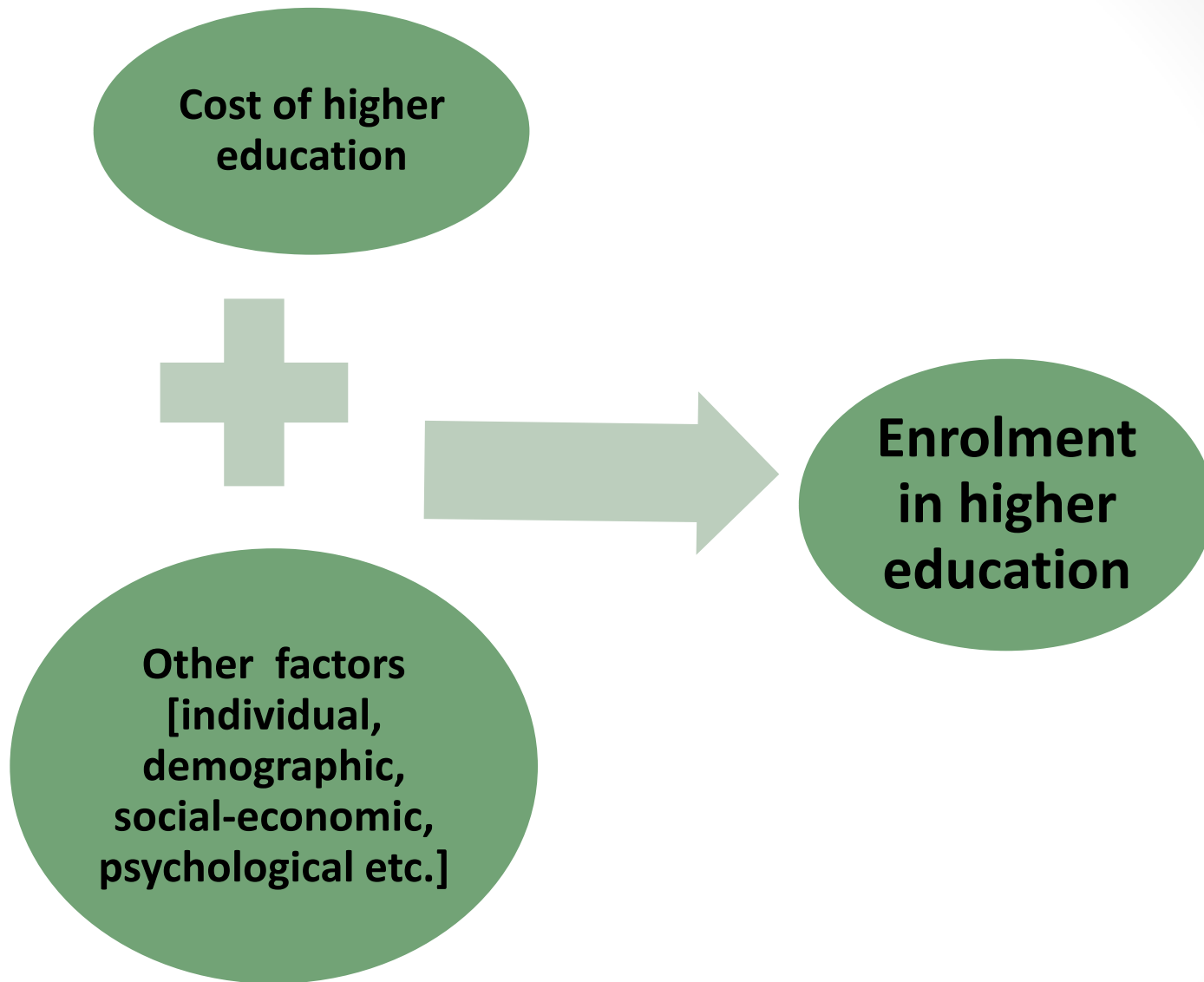
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- upto class 12
- Graduate and above

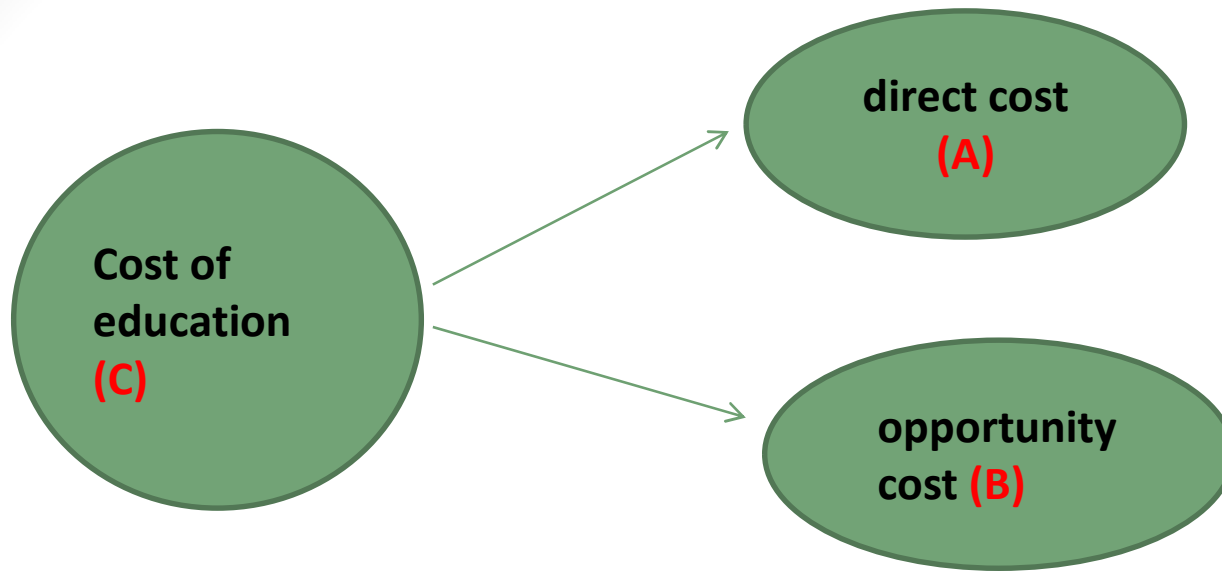
Period 2: May-Aug



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- During Pandemic

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- Higher Education Enrolment ?

Suicide by LSR student in Telangana; family says hit by lockdown, unable to fund studies

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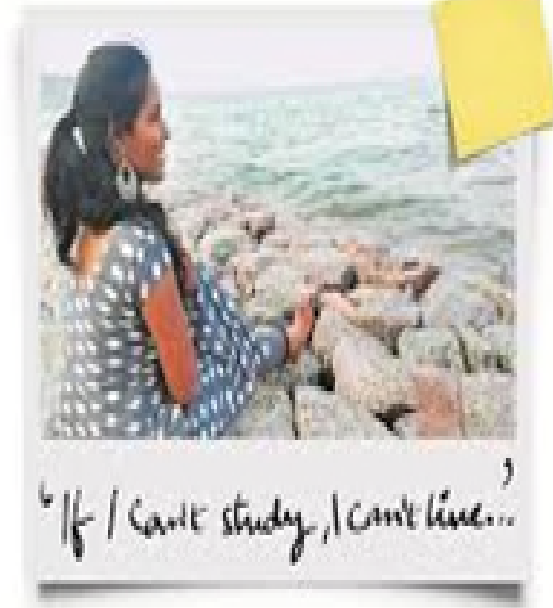
Aishwarya Reddy

A SECOND-YEAR student of Lady Shri Ram College for Women died by suicide last week at her hometown in Telangana, citing

financial troubles in a purported suicide note. Her father, who is a motorcycle mechanic in Ranga Reddy district, said she was an IAS aspirant but the family was unable even to buy her a second-hand laptop to pursue online

changed herself at her home in Shadnagar on November 2. The family of the 19-year-old, who had scored 98.5 per cent in Class 12, said she left behind a note written in Telugu. "Because of me, my family is facing many fi-

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- Direct cost cut in short run
- Increase in public spending in education

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