

Has the Covid-19 Pandemic Accentuated Inequality in the Higher Education Sector? Evidence from India, 24 November 2020



00:41:41 Emma Sabzalieva: In slide 16 you mention that direct costs have increased - can you break down what the additional costs are?

00:42:10 Joyce Lau: Just to clarify - what's the source for the statistic that 17% of enrolment will drop next semester?

00:45:38 Binay Kumar Pathak: it seems from the presentation that the drop in enrollment might have two sources-1. increase in direct costs and 2. lack of demand for higher education due to shift employment towards poor level of jobs

00:48:26 Sazana Jayadeva: Really interesting presentation, Nivedita! Thank you.

00:48:53 Simon Marginson: Colleagues now is the time to ask questions!

00:49:58 Ameet Kumar Bali: How do you think about the Indian government new education policy where skill education is being more importance rather on higher education

00:50:32 Emma Sabzalieva: Joyce - it's NIEPA

00:52:18 Saumen Chattopadhyay: How would you like to look at the impact on enrolment in the backdrop of public-private divide in higher education in the wake of this Pandemic? How would you like to envisage the future of online education as a panacea as costs of online education may witness a dip?

00:54:25 Sazana Jayadeva: Nivedita, I was wondering if you could speak a bit about variations you might have observed between different parts/states of India (beyond urban/rural divides), in terms of how the pandemic has exacerbated existing inequalities in higher education? Thanks again for a really interesting talk!

00:54:55 Samyak Jain: Can we expect an increase in income inequality in near future since the balancing effect of education gets disturbed due to the pandemic ?

00:56:28 Tina Thakur: Hello! Thank you for an informative presentation. Post-pandemic there has been a change in the nature of jobs as well. Do you think HE institutions in India are incorporating those changes? Also do you think this can contribute in providing more employment opportunities to the youth?

01:01:18 Eileen Kennedy: Part of the issue then surely is the poor pedagogy around online learning?

01:01:43 Huw Morgan Jones: Thank you for the interesting presentation, Dr Sarkar. You've presented a picture that the use of online forms of education are challenging for many students in India. I was wondering whether you had come across any universities in India who've found creative ways (e.g. low bandwidth solutions) to successfully engage with learners during the pandemic despite the issues caused by COVID. If so, can you share any examples of such success.

01:08:09 Aamir Shiekh: I believe that the direct costs have increased even when I am learning (if at all) through online mode. I am from Kashmir and I had to come to Delhi risking my life in the pandemic just to complete my degree as I could not join the online classes from my home.

01:08:33 Rajshree Chanchal: there are hardly any such success stories ...even IITs are struggling...

01:08:36 Aamir Shiekh: not a question , but a comment.

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01:24:04 Cristina Carvalho: Thank you so much, Nivedita! Very informative webinar. A lot similarities with Brazil in economic and social Pandemic issues.

01:25:21 Saumen Chattopadhyay: Thanks Nivedita, thanks Simon for a good discussion on a crucial challenge we are faced with

01:25:43 Emma Sabzalieva: Thank you Dr Sarkar. This was excellent. Totally agree with Prof Marginson's comments.

01:26:05 Jyoti Arora: Thanks Dr Sarkar and CGHE

01:26:11 Sayeed Bhat: Thanks for the session.