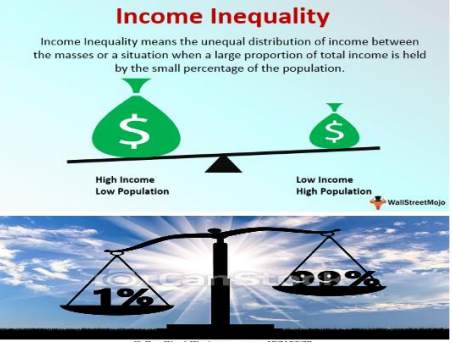
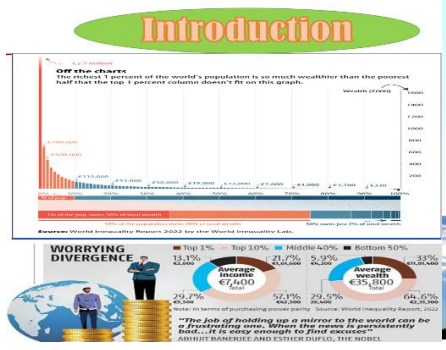
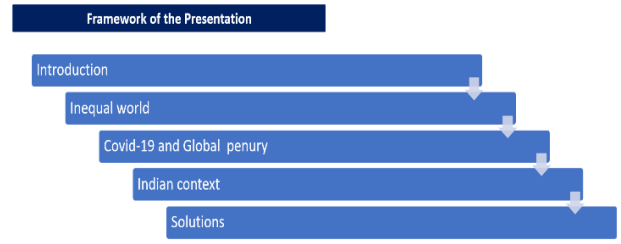


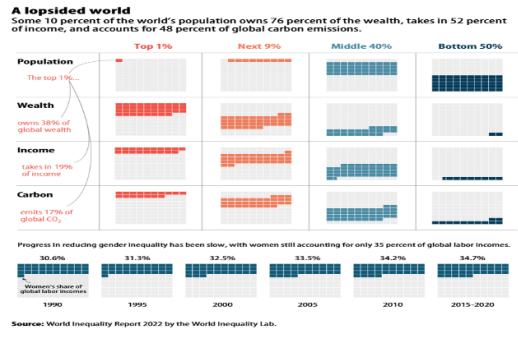
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Inequal world



THE INEQUALITY VIRUS

How the virus of inequality spreads and how to contain it.

Covid-19 and Global penury

How the pandemic has deepened global poverty and what can be done.

INDIAN CONTEXT

HOW DOES INEQUALITY IMPACT POORER POPULATIONS?

- Deaths of at least 21,900 every day
- One person dies in every 4 seconds
- 5.6 million people die due to lack of healthcare facilities
- Minimum 67,000 women die each year due to FGM
- Hunger kills over 21 million people each year
- 201,000 people die due to deliberate causes by 2030

Growing inequality

India is estimated to have seen a greater decrease in the middle class and a much sharper rise in poverty than China in the covid-19 downturn.

Estimated change in the number of people in each income tier due to the global recession in 2020:

Income Group	India (in millions)	China (in millions)
High income	-1	-1
Upper middle class	-7	-13
Middle class	-32	-48
Low income	30	35
Poor	1	1

Source: Pew Research Center

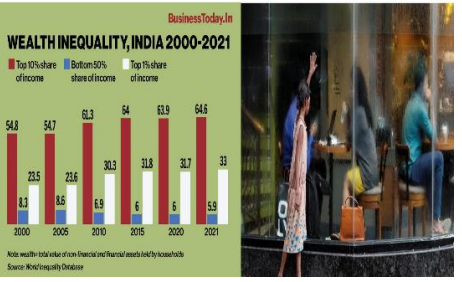


Figure 7: Policy Pillars of Inclusive Growth



Source: Adapted from Zhuang (2010).

SOLUTIONS

What income group is affected?	At what stage of the economy does the policy intervene?		
	Pre-production	Production	Post-production
Bottom earners	Expanded access to healthcare and education; universal basic income	Minimum wage policies; job guarantees	Government transfers, including Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), full-employment policies
Middle earners	Public spending on higher education and job training programs	"Good jobs" policies; industrial relations and labor laws; sectoral wage boards; trade agreements; innovation policies	Social safety nets; social insurance policies
Top earners	Inheritance and estate taxes	Corporate regulation; antitrust laws	Wealth taxes

Source: Olivier Blanchard and Dani Rodrik, PIIE blog post, "We Have the Tools to Reverse the Rise in Inequality."