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**Selection of interviews and articles on COVID-19 and macroeconomics**

1. How bad is Indian budget’s revenue situation and the dispute between the states and the Center on GST compensation. It is in the Hindu, Sept 19, 2020? It is at: https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/on-the-gst-issue-the-centre-holds-the-baton/article32644315.ece.

2. GDP in Q1 of 2020-21 has declined much more than the official data suggests. It is in the Wire, September 2. It is at: <https://thewire.in/economy/india-economy-gdp-q1-declinecoronavirus-lockdown>

3. Interview in Radiance Weekly as to why India will not recover back to January 2020 and there will be a new normal. It is at: <http://radianceweekly.in/portal/issue/there-will-be-a-newnormal/article/economy-may-not-recover-back-to-where-it-was-in-january-2020/>

4. Also in Countercurrents. It is at: <https://countercurrents.org/2020/09/economy-may-not-recoverback-to-where-it-was-in-january-2020-prof-arun-kumar/>

5. Interview on Newsclick `Economic contraction is 40% and not 24%’. It is at: <https://www.newsclick.in/economic-contraction-40-not-24-prof-arun-kumar>

6. Article in the Wire on problems with employment data. For instance, many are not working while they are employed, even if not being paid or earning. It is at: <https://thewire.in/economy/covid-19-lockdown-employment-job-loss-work-india>

7. Article in the Hindu on recent announcement on faceless taxation and why government’s steps in the last many years have not been successful in raising the number of people filing tax returns in India. It is at: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-challenge-ofcatching-elusive-taxpayers/article32431928.ece>

8. Ravish’s interview on the economy on NDTV Channel. It is at https://www.google.com/url? sa=t&source=web&rct=j&url=https://m.youtube.com/watch%3Fv %3Dk9T8FgLQ8co&ved=2ahUKEwjtvfjB87\_rAhUP7XMBHTdpCigQwqsBMAF6BAgIEAg&usg=AOv Vaw1b\_ZTQwTMrjOlyBi2qahuY

9. Discussion in the Hindu on May 29, 2020. It looks at the issues related to the opening of businesses, and labour related issues. It is at: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/can-indiasworkforce-have-a-safe-return-to-business/article31698049.ece?homepage=true>

10. A detailed analysis of the government `package’; `why it is not the solution required now’. It is in the Mainstream of May 30, at: <http://mainstreamweekly.net/article9443.html>

11. Article in Hindi on `Uneven development and problems faced by migrant labour’ put out by PTI Bhasha and produced in various papers, like Jansatta, Navbharat Times, etc. It is at: <https://www.abplive.com/news/india/the-famous-economist-arun-kumar-questioned-thecentral-government-regarding-the-lockdown-1414978>

12. Article in Hindi in Sablog on how the economy functions in Lockdown. It is at: <https://sablog.in/lockdown-and-economy-may-2020/>

13. Impact of lockdown on demand, deficit in the budget and printing of notes by the RBI. It is in India Legal of June 1. It is at: <https://www.indialegallive.com/top-news-of-theday/lockdown-printing-notes-demand-100279>

14. Why is the long term vision of the rulers so short sighted? It is in Hindi in Outlook Hindi, on May 28 on the occasion of for the 1 year of the NDA II government. It is at: <https://www.outlookhind.com/story/cover-storyopinion-2391>

15. Interview on May 19 on government’s Rs.20 lakh crore package in Asiaville. It is at: https://hindi.asiavillenews.com/article/coronavirus-lockdown-impact-on-economy-andwhat-20-lakh-crore-relief-package-has-for-poor-migrant-labours-farmers-and-smallbusinessmen-msme-and-health-sector-44621

16. Why the rate of growth given by various agencies is incorrect. It is in the Law School Policy Review. May 16, 2020. It is at [https://lawschoolpolicyreview.com/2020/05/16/predicting-the-indian-economys-rate-of growth-in-2020-21/](https://lawschoolpolicyreview.com/2020/05/16/predicting-the-indian-economys-rate-of%20growth-in-2020-21/)

17. Article in EPW on May 15th on the macroeconomic aspects of the Crisis facing the economy sent on April 15. It explains the meaning of lockdown in a modern economy. Why Investment is almost zero, why massive dissaving and why government resources are very short. It is at: <https://www.epw.in/engage/article/covid-19-crisis-understanding-stateeconomy-during-and-after-lockdown>

18. Panel discussion on the Economic Package conducted by Faye D’Souza on the 13th of May. I question the priorities of the government. It is at: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=h14yGOCvPL0.

19. Article in the Wire on the 9th of May on the desperate situation of labour these days and why that is linked to the long term societal factors. It is at: https://thewire.in/economy/covid-19- pandemic-indian-labour

20. Interview on the current state of the economy in Asiaville News website on May 4. It is at: <https://hindi.asiavillenews.com/article/coronavirus-impact-on-economy-is-worst-than-war-economicsprof-arun-kumar-explained-the-crisis-and-gave-predictions-and-solutions-for-the-future-of-indianeconomy-42621>

21. Podcast conducted on May 2, by IPCS, New Delhi on the Economic Crisis facing India. It is at: <https://soundcloud.com/user-995682118/the-indian-economy-during-covid-19-profarun-kumar>

22. Article in Hindi in Outlook Hindi magazine on May 1. Its English title is `Lockdown and Aftermath: Need for Realism’. It is at: <https://www.outlookhindi.com/view/you-must-considerreality-48111>.

23. The English version of the above is in India Legal on May 11. It is at: <https://www.indialegallive.com/top-news-of-the-day/covid-beyond-puditry-98817>

24. Facebook Live talk on April 28, on the Impact of Covid-19 on the marginalized sections of society. Organized by Anhad. It is at: https://m.facebook.com/story.php? story\_fbid=10159721477841258&id=508466257? sfnsn=wiwspwa&exitd=xJGNOp7qFBBGVoph&d=w&vh=i

25. Webinar conducted by the Madras Management Association (MMA) on April 21. It is on the macroeconomic impact of Covid-19 on the economy and businesses. It is at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdWNnOs1oWw>

26. Article in the Wire on April 13, analyzing why government is short of funds and why that would be enough only for a survival package. Realism is necessary. It is at: <https://thewire.in/government/india-economy-survival-stimulus-covid-19>

27. Article in the Wire on March 31, analysing the economic package announced by the government and why it is not adequate and what needs to be done. It is at: <https://thewire.in/economy/indian-economy-covid-19-lockdown-policy>

28. Article in India Legal on April 4, explaining why the sudden announcement of lockdown without adequate preparation has created a crisis for the economy and especially the unorganized sector. There is urgent need to take care of people working in it. It is at: <https://www.indialegallive.com/top-news-of-the-day/news/economy-in-india-looming-catastrophe-94709>

29. Article written in EPW, sent on March 21st suggests that there are three different kinds of countries and they are all collectively facing an economic downturn. Even those economies that have considerably recovered, like, China and S Korea. It is at: <https://www.epw.in/journal/2020/14/commentary/impact-covid-19-and-what-needs-be-done.html>

30. Podcast on `Our COVID-19 Crisis’ at `The Next Move Podcast’. It is a detailed interview on the impact of Covid and the steps needed to be taken. It is at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHz7TBfSR4U&feature=youtu.be>

31. Discussion in Hindi on the Indian Economy and COVID 19 on Newsclick. It is at: <https://youtu.be/wO0ghf_hzkI>

32. Article on March 26th, analyzing the economic package for the poor announced that day.

33. Article in the Wire on March 23rd argues that growing lockdown all over the world will lead to a depression since the situation is worse than a war. It suggests steps that should be taken in India to mitigate the impact of the pandemic. It is at: <https://thewire.in/economy/covid-19-world-economic-depression>

34. Unpublished piece written on the 16th of March. It presents the growing adverse impact of the disease and suggests that a recession is coming globally. It argues for a need to give support to the unorganized sectors.

35. Article sent to the Hindu on March 6th. It looks at the impact of the supply shock and the decline in demand. It specially anticipates the likely impact on the unorganized sectors. It is at: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/economic> uncertaintyrises/article31043565.ece?homepage=true#comments\_31043565