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## The Widening Gap: The Inequality Story in India-based on Oxfam India report on Inequality

by



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#### **Abstract:**

Globally, Oxfam releases an Inequality Report coinciding with the Davos, World Economic Forum every year to raise awareness and discuss issues related to Inequality. This is the first year, that Oxfam India has released an India Inequality Report. The report busts some commonly held myths about the lack of inequality India and that India is a low inequality country. In reality, Inequality in India is very high and compares to some of the highest inequality countries in the world. The report refracts the inequality question in terms of consumption, income and wealth dimensions. It also argues that unlike many homogenous countries, India is a highly heterogenous country and that we inherited several structural inequalities at the time of independence. This coupled with economic inequality makes inequality a major issue in India.

#### **Short Bio of Speaker:**

Diya holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Diya has 14 years of research experience and 11 years of professional experience in the development and public policy. Diya is currently Research Manager and Theme Lead, India and the World at Oxfam India. She attended Oxford University on a Commonwealth scholarship for her MPhil degree in Development Studies and specialized in gender, political economy of South Asia, and ageing. She has worked in programme, research and policy advocacy roles with various national and international organizations including the United Nations. She has domain expertise in gender, decentralized governance, social transformations, ageing, demography, women's political empowerment, violence against women, demographic trends, chronic poverty, urbanization, trade & investment, regional cooperation and South Asia. Diya has written through various mediums, on gender equality, development cooperation, disaster risk reduction, India's trade relations with other South Asian countries, middle class in India, ageing in India and chronic poverty.

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