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The guardian's views on global vaccination rates: a tale of two pandemics

The article at hand takes into account the growing disparity in terms of the number of people vaccinated in rich and poor countries as the author highlights what needs to be done to bridge this gap. By taking inspiration from the Eurozone debt crisis, the author states that we need to ensure poorer countries get the vaccines if we wish to end this pandemic.

There has been an appeal to the Boris Johnson administration to match each vaccine administered in Britain with a donated dose to a developing nation. The disparity between the vaccines received by the people of rich and poor countries has created a two-track pandemic.

The author believes that as Britain looks to be on the cusp of a potential third wave of the pandemic, the need to support the cause is greater than ever before. With new variants emerging thick and fast, herd immunity will not be achieved as long as a large number of people remain unvaccinated.

Hence, in the interest of the whole world, it is time for rich nations to indulge themselves more and more in vaccine donation. The rich nations should seize this opportunity to save lives and win over the pandemic once and for all.

Words to look out for

Hoover:

- **Synonyms:** swallow, guzzle, consume
- **Antonyms:** abstain, refrain, withdraw
- **Word usage:** He hoovered the glass of water as if he never drank anything in his life.

Precipice:

- **Synonyms:** abyss, cliff, face
- **Antonyms:** trough, summit, peak
- **Word usage:** The precipice was a perfect place to set up adventure sports.

Swathe:

- **Synonyms:** cover, shroud, drape
- **Antonyms:** expose, reveal, unmask
- **Word usage:** The large swathe was made of polyester to prevent it from being wet for too long.

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The shrinking middle class: Middle class is hurting. GOI must act quickly

The article at hand takes into account the agony of India's middle class in the wake of the pandemic as the author highlights what needs to be done to revive the middle class that is hugely important to India's aspirations.

Indian middle class has been hit hard by the pandemic as per the recent research report by Pew research. It has shrunk in size, its income, capacity to consume and save are down and for the first time in thirty years, they are uncertain of the future.

As a result, the economy has suffered as well. With the middle class finding itself unable to pay for products and services, the government's plans to boost industrial products and housing have taken a beating. Besides, the middle-class boast of India's greatest human resources, with many entrepreneurs and professionals coming from the ranks of the middle class.

Hence, the need of the hour is for the government to spend more to boost economic activity. Given its unique place in India's economic ladder and wide-ranging skillset, the middle class will benefit largely from the same. And this, combined with an efficient vaccination drive will be key if India is to recover from COVID-19 soon.

Words to look out for

Sacrosanct:

- **Synonyms:** sacred, holy, inviolable
- **Antonyms:** irreligious, profane, secular
- **Word usage:** Regular practice is sacrosanct if you wish to perform well in exams.

Strive:

- **Synonyms:** try, struggle, endeavor
- **Antonyms:** ignore, abandon, dismiss
- **Word usage:** The world is striving to come to terms with the negative impacts of the pandemic.

Enormous:

- **Synonyms:** huge, immense, large
- **Antonyms:** tiny, diminutive, small
- **Word usage:** The enormous statue was demolished by the cyclone.

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