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Macroeconomics of Emerging Economies during Covid-19

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Abstract

The spread of covid-19 affects a large number of people all over the world. It has spread to almost all the countries around the world. Countries suffered substantial economic losses due to lockdowns or various restrictions imposed by the governments of countries. The present study is an effort to comprehend the effect of covid-19 on potential output, productivity growth, per-capita income, unemployment, and inflation of emerging economies in the long run and contribute to the available literature on the topic. The results indicate implications for the Potential output of the U.S.; Productivity, the growth of Mexico and Australia; Unemployment for India and Spain while Inflation for Mexico and Japan. Not all economies are affected at the same level and on the same economic indicator. How strong the economy in terms of macroeconomic indicators is, can be accessed through the results of the study.

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I. Introduction

THE OUTBREAK OF various infectious diseases is widespread for a few decades. The infectious disease that marked its place worldwide, excepting very few countries, is Covid-19.

Due to the restrictions, it was apparent that this was going to affect the economies of the countries very badly, whether it may advanced, emerging markets or developing countries as almost all the economic activities were either at pause or continued ata meager pace. This has affected all three fronts - production front, consumption front, and growth/trade front.

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