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POLICY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN POST-COVID INDIA

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The ongoing crisis of COVID is an unprecedented episode in independent India. It has therefore necessitated extraordinary measures. Not only have these measures left the country totally unprepared to come in terms with the consequences, they have also posed unique challenges before the policy makers who are tasked with rebuilding the country once the crisis subsides. Expectedly, almost no sector has been left unscathed; each presenting their own set of challenges (and interestingly also opportunities) during the period of recovery. This paper does not make any empirical or critical analysis; it is a generalized discussion of the challenges and opportunities covering a few chosen areas that have been exposed by the pandemic. The main objective is to flag some thoughts on what we could learn from the COVID and what policy options could insulate the country from similar threats in future.