

# Regional Disparity and State-level Openness in India.

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India has a total of 29 states, which are highly heterogeneous. A large disparity in economic development has emerged across Indian states over time. This presentation intends to discuss the role of trade openness in regional disparity in India. Does higher trade openness lead to aggravate the state level disparity or closing the gap between them in India?

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