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Abhijit is the author of a large number of articles and five books, including *Poor Economics*, which won the Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year, and *Good Economics for Hard Times*, both co-authored with Esther Duflo. He is the editor of three more books and has directed two documentary films. Banerjee has served on the U.N. Secretary-General's High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. He is a trustee of Save the Children USA and the Chair of the Global Education Evidence Advisory Panel and the Global Advisory Board for Covid-19 Response of the Government of West Bengal.

How health markets work in India

Healthcare is a marketed commodity in India. However, for reasons pointed out by Arrow almost sixty years ago, markets are not a natural fit for healthcare and generate a number of very problematic issues. This presentation will discuss these issues and possible remedies.



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