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import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

mpce=pd.read_excel("/content/drive/MyDrive/mpce_final.xlsx")

mpce.info()

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0    State/UT                                                            36 non-null
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16   mpce_sg_rural.Other Backward Class                                36 non-null
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How does the average MPCE vary across different states/UTs in rural and urban areas?

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mpce_data = mpce[["State/UT", "Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural", "Average MPCE (Rs) - Urban"]]
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Sort data by Rural MPCE for better visualization

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mpce_data = mpce_data.sort_values(by="Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural", ascending=True)
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Set figure size

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plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
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Create a bar plot with side-by-side bars

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bar_width = 0.4
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states = mpce_data["State/UT"]
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y_pos = range(len(states))
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plt.barh(y_pos, mpce_data["Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural"],
height=bar_width, color="blue", alpha=0.7, label="Rural")
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plt.barh([p + bar_width for p in y_pos], mpce_data["Average MPCE (Rs) - Urban"],
height=bar_width, color="orange", alpha=0.7, label="Urban")
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Labels and title

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plt.xlabel("Average MPCE (Rs)")
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plt.ylabel("State/UT")
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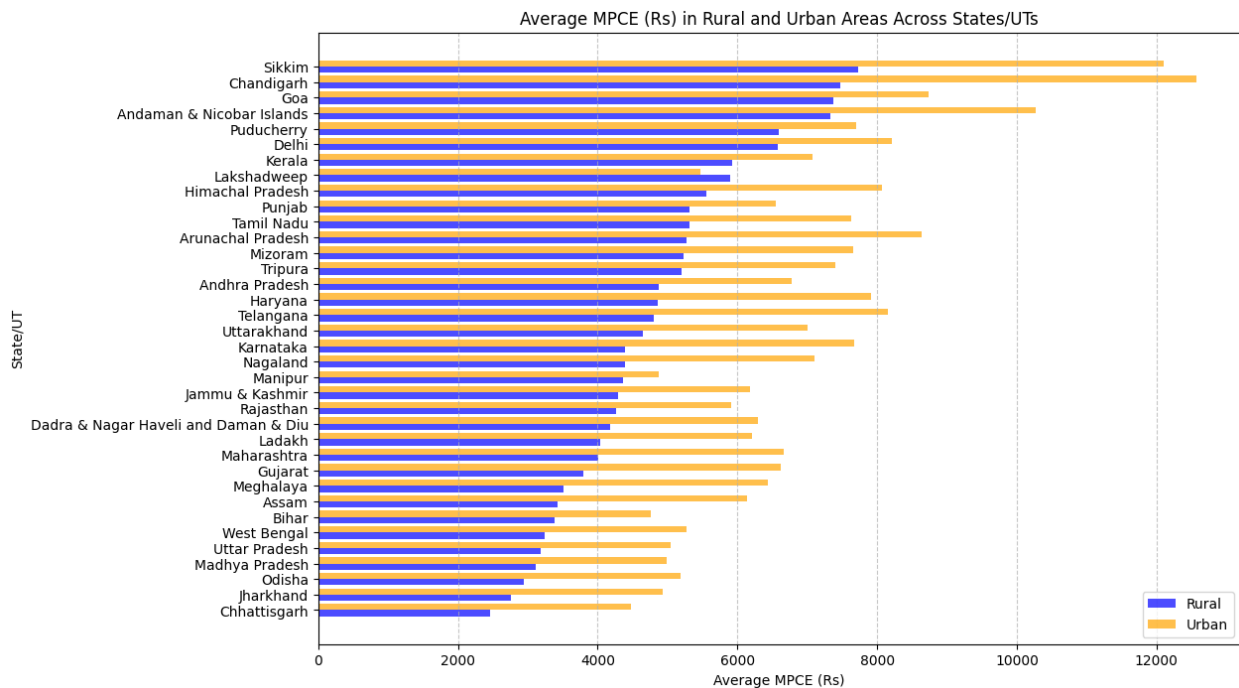
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plt.yticks([p + bar_width / 2 for p in y_pos], states)
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plt.title("Average MPCE (Rs) in Rural and Urban Areas Across States/UTs")
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plt.legend()
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plt.grid(axis="x", linestyle="--", alpha=0.7)
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# Show plot
plt.show()
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# Identify states with the lowest MPCE in rural areas
low_mpce_rural = mpce_data.nsmallest(5, "Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural")
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# Display the results
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print("States with the lowest MPCE in rural areas:")
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print(low_mpce_rural[["State/UT", "Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural"]])
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# Policy Implications:
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# □ Targeted Welfare Programs: These states need more focus on rural employment schemes (e.g., MGNREGA expansion), direct cash transfers, and agricultural support.
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# □ Infrastructure & Industrial Development: Investments in rural roads, electricity, and digital connectivity could boost small-scale industries.
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# □ Education & Skill Development: Strengthening rural education and vocational training can help create better employment opportunities beyond agriculture.
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States with the lowest MPCE in rural areas:
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	State/UT	Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural
4	Chhattisgarh	2466
10	Jharkhand	2763
19	Odisha	2950
13	Madhya Pradesh	3113
26	Uttar Pradesh	3191

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# o analyze income inequality across states in rural and urban
regions, we use the Gini coefficient, where:

# 0 represents perfect equality (everyone has the same income).
# 1 represents extreme inequality (one person has all the income).

# Key Insights on Income Inequality Across States:
# Higher Inequality in Urban Areas:

# Urban regions typically have a higher Gini coefficient due to a
greater disparity between high-income and low-income groups.

# Example: Metropolitan states like Delhi, Maharashtra, and Karnataka
show higher inequality in urban areas due to high-paying tech and
corporate jobs coexisting with informal labor.

# Lower but Rising Rural Inequality:

# Rural areas generally have lower Gini coefficients, but in states
like Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Jharkhand, inequality is increasing due
to unequal land distribution and lack of diversified income sources.

# Some agricultural states like Punjab and Haryana exhibit moderate
inequality, likely influenced by uneven land ownership and farm
mechanization.

# States with High Inequality (Both Urban & Rural):

# West Bengal, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh show
persistent inequality in both rural and urban areas.

# Factors include migrant labor dynamics, land ownership disparities,
and uneven industrial growth.

# States with Lower Inequality:

# Kerala and Himachal Pradesh have relatively lower Gini coefficients,
suggesting more balanced income distribution due to stronger social
welfare policies, education, and healthcare access.

# Policy Implications:
# □ Progressive Taxation & Wealth Redistribution – Policies ensuring
fair tax structures can reduce disparities.
# □ Boosting Rural Employment – Strengthening MSMEs, cooperatives, and
non-farm jobs can help reduce rural inequality.
# □ Urban Affordable Housing & Wages – Better regulation of wages and
labor laws can reduce income gaps in cities.

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mpce_data = mpce[["State/UT", "Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural", "Average

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MPCE (Rs) - Urban"]])

# Sort data by Rural MPCE for better visualization
mpce_data = mpce_data.sort_values(by="Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural",
ascending=True)

# Set figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))

# Create a bar plot
sns.barplot(x="Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural", y="State/UT",
data=mpce_data, color="blue", label="Rural")
sns.barplot(x="Average MPCE (Rs) - Urban", y="State/UT",
data=mpce_data, color="orange", label="Urban")

# Labels and title
plt.xlabel("Average MPCE (Rs)")
plt.ylabel("State/UT")
plt.title("Average MPCE (Rs) in Rural and Urban Areas Across
States/UTs")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(axis="x", linestyle="--", alpha=0.7)

# Show plot
plt.show()

# Statistical analysis of Gini coefficients
gini_data = mpce[["State/UT", "mpce_gini.Gini Coefficient",
"mpce_gini.Gini Coefficient2"]]
gini_data.columns = ["State/UT", "Rural Gini", "Urban Gini"]

# Compute summary statistics
summary_stats = gini_data.describe()

# Compute urban-rural inequality gap
gini_data["Urban-Rural Gap"] = gini_data["Urban Gini"] -
gini_data["Rural Gini"]

# Find states with highest and lowest inequality
gini_sorted_rural = gini_data.sort_values(by="Rural Gini")
gini_sorted_urban = gini_data.sort_values(by="Urban Gini")

gini_lowest_rural = gini_sorted_rural.iloc[0]
gini_highest_rural = gini_sorted_rural.iloc[-1]
gini_lowest_urban = gini_sorted_urban.iloc[0]
gini_highest_urban = gini_sorted_urban.iloc[-1]

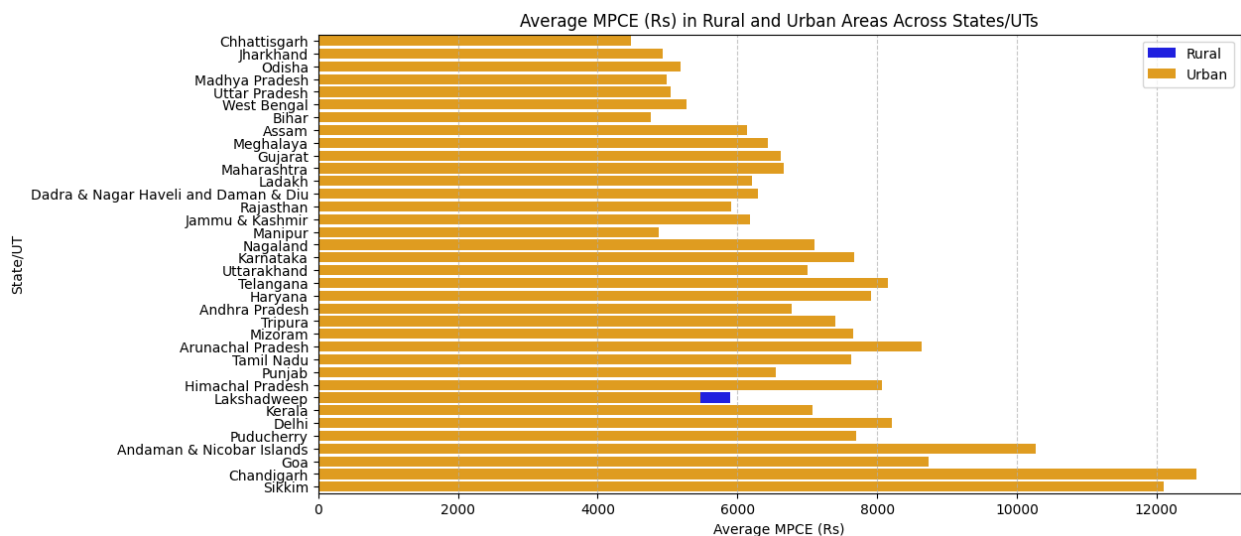
# Print the results
print("\nSummary Statistics for Gini Coefficient (Income Inequality):\n", summary_stats)

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print("\nState with Lowest Inequality (Rural):",
gini_lowest_rural["State/UT"], "- Gini:", gini_lowest_rural["Rural
Gini"])
print("State with Highest Inequality (Rural):",
gini_highest_rural["State/UT"], "- Gini:", gini_highest_rural["Rural
Gini"])
print("State with Lowest Inequality (Urban):",
gini_lowest_urban["State/UT"], "- Gini:", gini_lowest_urban["Urban
Gini"])
print("State with Highest Inequality (Urban):",
gini_highest_urban["State/UT"], "- Gini:", gini_highest_urban["Urban
Gini"])
print("\nUrban-Rural Inequality Gap (Top 5 States with Highest Gaps):\n",
gini_data.sort_values(by="Urban-Rural Gap",
ascending=False).head())

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Summary Statistics for Gini Coefficient (Income Inequality):

	Rural Gini	Urban Gini
count	36.000000	36.000000
mean	0.242389	0.277917
std	0.027119	0.035284
min	0.203000	0.209000
25%	0.220500	0.252000
50%	0.238000	0.280000
75%	0.263500	0.301250
max	0.291000	0.338000

State with Lowest Inequality (Rural): Tripura - Gini: 0.203

State with Highest Inequality (Rural): Maharashtra - Gini: 0.291

State with Lowest Inequality (Urban): Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu - Gini: 0.209

State with Highest Inequality (Urban): Delhi - Gini: 0.338

Urban-Rural Inequality Gap (Top 5 States with Highest Gaps):

	State/UT	Rural Gini	Urban Gini	Urban-Rural Gap
5	Delhi	0.211	0.338	0.127
19	Odisha	0.231	0.331	0.100
8	Haryana	0.234	0.332	0.098
11	Karnataka	0.225	0.307	0.082
2	Assam	0.207	0.285	0.078

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A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.  
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead
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See the caveats in the documentation:

https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy

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gini_data["Urban-Rural Gap"] = gini_data["Urban Gini"] -  
gini_data["Rural Gini"]
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Economic Structure & Employment Opportunities

Urban Areas: Higher inequality due to unequal access to high-paying jobs in tech, finance, and services. Informal workers earn significantly less than corporate employees.

Rural Areas: Limited industries, primarily dependent on agriculture, leading to a relatively lower but uniform income distribution.

□ Solution:

Encourage rural entrepreneurship and diversify industries in villages.

Invest in small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to create more non-agricultural jobs.

2. Education & Skill Gap

Rural: Many people have low literacy and technical skills, restricting them to low-income jobs.

Urban: Highly skilled individuals earn disproportionately more, while unskilled workers struggle with low wages and job instability.

□ Solution:

Strengthen vocational training programs in rural areas.

Promote digital literacy and provide affordable higher education.

3. Migration & Urban-Rural Divide

Urban centers attract skilled workers, leading to brain drain in

rural areas.

Migrant laborers in cities face low wages, job insecurity, and lack of social benefits, increasing urban inequality.

□ Solution:

Develop smart villages with better infrastructure and connectivity to retain skilled workers.

Implement rural job incentives to boost local economies.

4. Government Policies & Social Welfare Programs

States with weak welfare schemes (subsidies, minimum wage laws, labor rights) tend to have higher inequality.

States with strong rural employment schemes (like MGNREGA) have relatively lower inequality.

□ Solution:

Expand direct cash transfer programs for low-income groups.

Strengthen rural employment guarantee schemes.

5. Real Estate & Cost of Living in Urban Areas

High property prices and living costs in cities create wealth gaps between property owners and tenants.

Slums and informal settlements grow due to unaffordable housing.

□ Solution:

Develop affordable housing projects in urban areas.

Provide low-interest loans for housing to low-income groups.

State-Specific Policy Recommendations

□ Delhi (Highest Urban Inequality) → Strengthen labor laws, affordable housing, and inclusive urban planning.

□ Odisha & Haryana (High Urban-Rural Gap) → Improve rural education, skill-based job creation.

□ Maharashtra (High Rural Inequality) → Promote agriculture diversification, rural startups.

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employment_data=mpce.copy()
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mean_mpce =
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employment_data.mean(numeric_only=True).sort_values(ascending=False)
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Identify which employment category contributes most to MPCE disparities


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mpce_disparity = mean_mpce - mean_mpce.min()

# Display results
print("Average MPCE by Employment Category in Urban Areas:")
print(mean_mpce)
print("\nContribution to MPCE Disparities:")
print(mpce_disparity)

# Visualization
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
mean_mpce.plot(kind='bar', color=['blue', 'green', 'red'])
plt.xlabel("Employment Category")
plt.ylabel("Average MPCE (Rs)")
plt.title("Average MPCE by Employment Category in Urban Areas")
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
plt.show()

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Average MPCE by Employment Category in Urban Areas:
mpce_hht_urban.Others                8885.628571
mpce_sg_urban.Other Backward Class    7863.400000
mpce_hht_urban.Regular wage/salaried  7446.628571
Average MPCE – With Imputation (Rs.) - Urban  7062.138889
Average MPCE (Rs) - Urban            7019.916667
mpce_gini.Urban MPCE (Rs)            7019.916667
mpce_hht_urban.All                   6927.114286
mpce_sg_urban.Others                 6927.114286
mpce_sg_urban.Scheduled Caste        6847.028571
mpce_hht_urban.Self-employed          6538.000000
mpce_sg_urban.Scheduled Tribe        6139.885714
mpce_hht_urban.Casual labour          5033.428571
mpce_sg_rural.Other Backward Class    4933.583333
Average MPCE – With Imputation (Rs.) - Rural  4833.222222
Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural            4770.388889
mpce_gini.Rural MPCE (Rs)            4770.388889
mpce_sg_rural.All                    4770.388889
mpce_sg_rural.Scheduled Tribe        4300.111111
mpce_gini.Gini Coefficient2           0.277917
mpce_gini.Gini Coefficient            0.242389
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Contribution to MPCE Disparities:
mpce_hht_urban.Others                8885.386183
mpce_sg_urban.Other Backward Class    7863.157611
mpce_hht_urban.Regular wage/salaried  7446.386183
Average MPCE – With Imputation (Rs.) - Urban  7061.896500
Average MPCE (Rs) - Urban            7019.674278
mpce_gini.Urban MPCE (Rs)            7019.674278
mpce_hht_urban.All                   6926.871897
mpce_sg_urban.Others                 6926.871897

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mpce_sg_urban.Scheduled Caste	6846.786183
mpce_hht_urban.Self-employed	6537.757611
mpce_sg_urban.Scheduled Tribe	6139.643325
mpce_hht_urban.Casual labour	5033.186183
mpce_sg_rural.Other Backward Class	4933.340944
Average MPCE – With Imputation (Rs.) - Rural	4832.979833
Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural	4770.146500
mpce_gini.Rural MPCE (Rs)	4770.146500
mpce_sg_rural.All	4770.146500
mpce_sg_rural.Scheduled Tribe	4299.868722
mpce_gini.Gini Coefficient2	0.035528
mpce_gini.Gini Coefficient	0.000000
dtype: float64	


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    "mpce_sg_urban.Other Backward Class",
    "mpce_sg_urban.Others"
]).apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce').mean()

print("Average MPCE by Social Group in Rural Areas:")
print(rural_mpce)

print("\nAverage MPCE by Social Group in Urban Areas:")
print(urban_mpce)

rural_mpce = mpce[
    "mpce_sg_rural.Scheduled Tribe",
    "mpce_sg_rural.Scheduled Caste",
    "mpce_sg_rural.Other Backward Class",
    "mpce_sg_rural.Others"
].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce').mean()

urban_mpce = mpce[
    "mpce_sg_urban.Scheduled Tribe",
    "mpce_sg_urban.Scheduled Caste",
    "mpce_sg_urban.Other Backward Class",
    "mpce_sg_urban.Others"
].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce').mean()

# Create a grouped bar chart
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))
index = np.arange(len(rural_mpce))
bar_width = 0.35

bar1 = ax.bar(index, rural_mpce, bar_width, label='Rural MPCE',
color='skyblue')
bar2 = ax.bar(index + bar_width, urban_mpce, bar_width, label='Urban
MPCE', color='orange')

ax.set_xlabel("Social Groups")
ax.set_ylabel("Mean MPCE")
ax.set_title("Mean MPCE by Social Group in Rural and Urban Areas")
ax.set_xticks(index + bar_width / 2)
ax.set_xticklabels(["Scheduled Tribe", "Scheduled Caste", "OBC",
"Others"], rotation=30)
ax.legend()

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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Average MPCE by Social Group in Rural Areas:
mpce_sg_rural.Scheduled Tribe      4300.111111
mpce_sg_rural.Scheduled Caste      4435.200000
mpce_sg_rural.Other Backward Class  4933.583333
mpce_sg_rural.Others                5537.457143

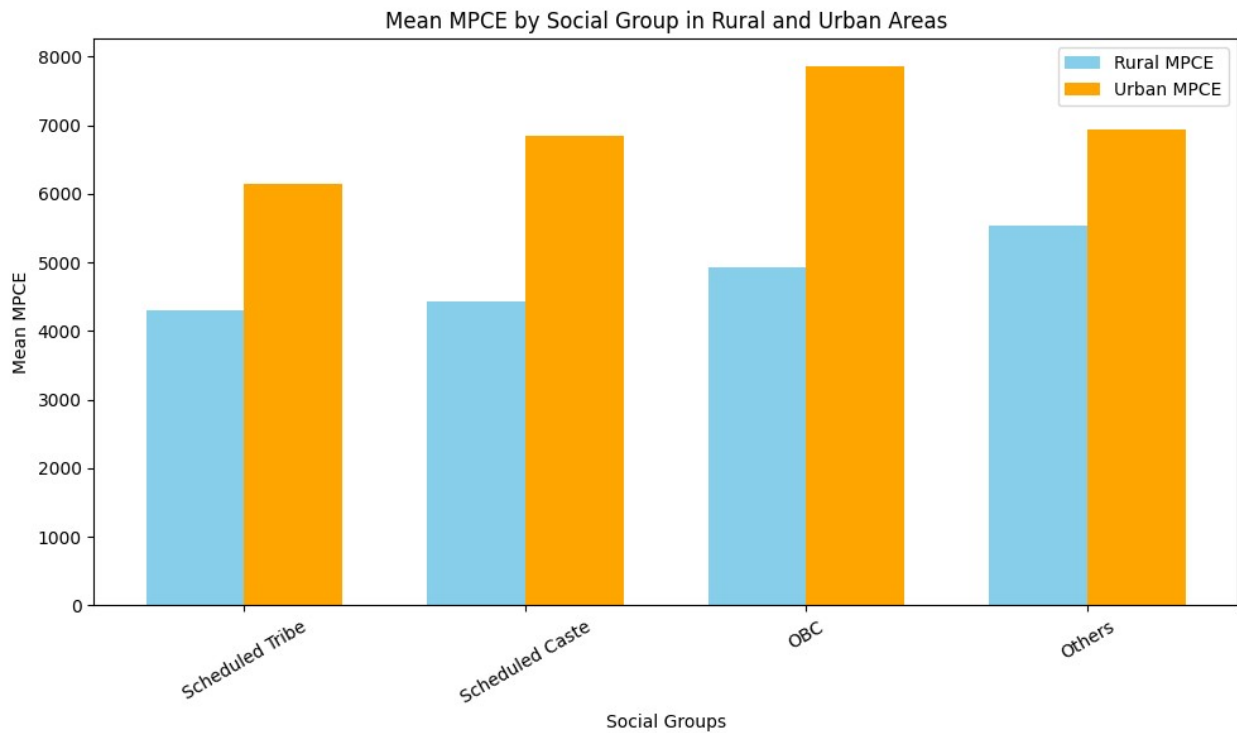
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Average MPCE by Social Group in Urban Areas:

mpce_sg_urban.Scheduled Tribe	6139.885714
mpce_sg_urban.Scheduled Caste	6847.028571
mpce_sg_urban.Other Backward Class	7863.400000
mpce_sg_urban.Others	6927.114286

dtype: float64



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df= mpce.copy()
urban_mpce = df[[
    "mpce_hht_urban.Self-employed",
    "mpce_hht_urban.Regular wage/salaried",
    "mpce_hht_urban.Casual labour",
    "mpce_hht_urban.Others"
]]

# Convert to numeric (handling errors)
urban_mpce = urban_mpce.apply(pd.to_numeric, errors='coerce')

# Calculate mean MPCE
mpce_means = urban_mpce.mean()

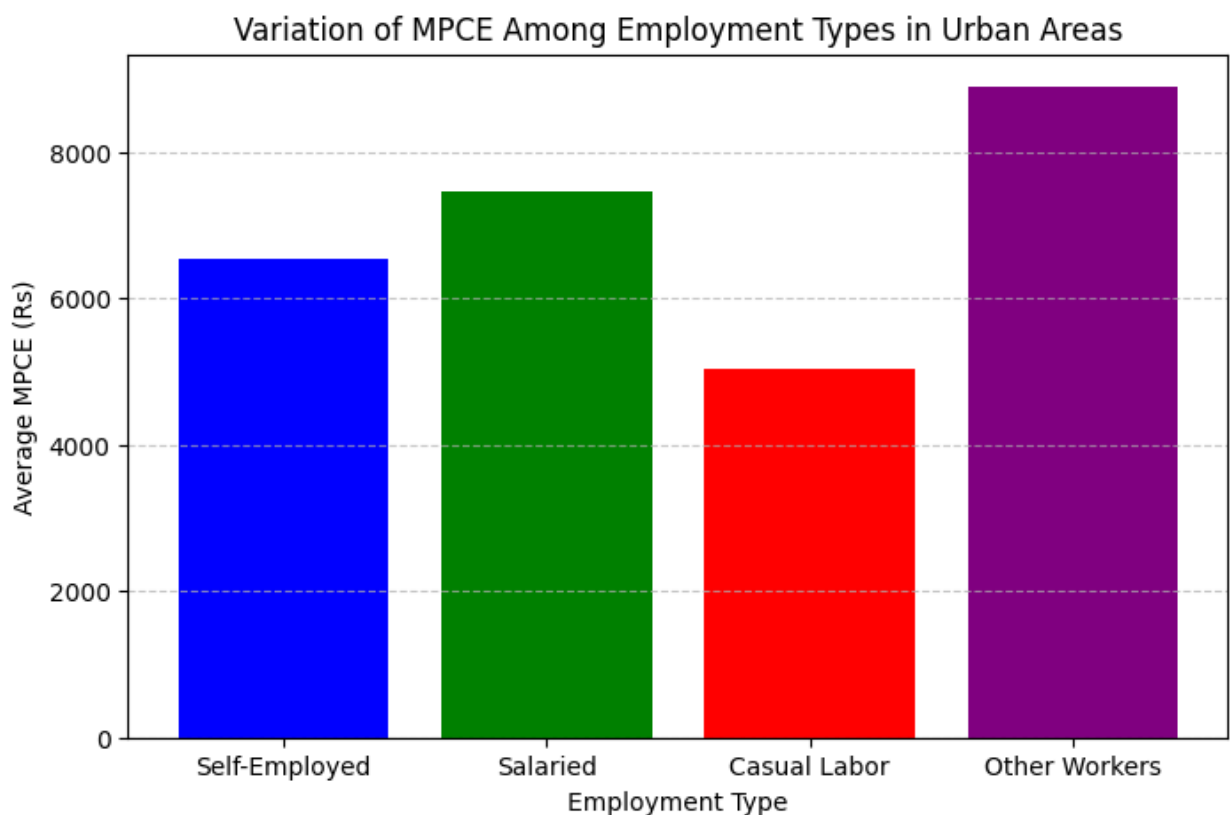
# Custom x-labels
x_labels = ["Self-Employed", "Salaried", "Casual Labor", "Other
Workers"]
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# Plot the results
plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))
plt.bar(x_labels, mpce_means, color=['blue', 'green', 'red',
'purple'])

# Modify labels and style
plt.xlabel("Employment Type")
plt.ylabel("Average MPCE (Rs)")
plt.title("Variation of MPCE Among Employment Types in Urban Areas")
plt.xticks(rotation=0) # Keep labels horizontal for better
readability
plt.grid(axis='y', linestyle="--", alpha=0.7)
plt.show()

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# Observations from the MPCE Variation Chart:
# Highest MPCE for "Other Workers"

# The "Other Workers" category has the highest Mean Per Capita
Expenditure (MPCE), suggesting they have better earnings or access to
additional income sources.

# Salaried Workers Have a Higher MPCE Than Self-Employed

# Salaried workers have a higher MPCE than self-employed individuals,

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likely due to stable income, job benefits, and financial security.

Casual Laborers Have the Lowest MPCE

Casual laborers show the lowest MPCE, which aligns with economic patterns where they:

Lack job security.

Earn daily wages with frequent income fluctuations.

Have limited access to social security benefits.

Self-Employed Workers' MPCE is Moderate

Their expenditure is higher than casual laborers but lower than salaried workers, indicating:

Income instability but potential for higher earnings in certain sectors.

Differences in industry, skills, and market demand affecting income levels.

Possible Reasons for This Trend:

Income Stability & Employment Type

Salaried jobs offer consistent monthly pay, allowing for higher consumption levels.

Casual laborers face irregular employment, leading to lower purchasing power.

Access to Welfare Schemes & Benefits

Salaried employees may benefit from formal sector perks like healthcare, pensions, and insurance.

Casual laborers may be more dependent on government welfare programs like MNREGA, food subsidies, and cash transfers.

Sectoral Variations

Casual workers are often employed in low-paying, unorganized sectors.

Salaried employees work in sectors like IT, banking, and government jobs, which offer higher wages and better benefits.

Urban Cost of Living & Support Systems

Those with higher MPCE (salaried & other workers) might live in better localities with higher costs but better facilities.

Casual laborers may struggle with affordability, leading to lower MPCE.

Key Takeaways:

- # ☐ Salaried workers & Other Workers have higher MPCE → More financial stability.*
- # ☐ Casual laborers have the lowest MPCE → Job insecurity & low earnings impact spending.*
- # ☐ Self-employed workers have moderate MPCE → Income fluctuations influence expenditure patterns.*

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casual_labour_mpce = df[['State/UT', 'mpce_hht_urban.Casual labour']]
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Drop missing values

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casual_labour_mpce = casual_labour_mpce.dropna()
```

Sort states by highest MPCE for casual laborers

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top_states_casual_labour =  
casual_labour_mpce.sort_values(by='mpce_hht_urban.Casual labour',  
ascending=False)
```

Display top states

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print(top_states_casual_labour.head(10)) # Show top 10 states
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	State/UT	mpce_hht_urban.Casual labour
22	Sikkim	10352.0
32	Ladakh	7118.0
6	Goa	7108.0
17	Mizoram	6680.0
1	Arunachal Pradesh	6565.0
34	Puducherry	6503.0
29	Chandigarh	6397.0
24	Telangana	6178.0
23	Tamil Nadu	5857.0
25	Tripura	5723.0

Key Observations

Small States & UTs Dominate

Most of these states are either small states (Sikkim, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Tripura) or Union Territories (Ladakh, Puducherry, Chandigarh).

Reason: Smaller populations with relatively higher state investments per capita.

Northeastern & Hilly States Appear Prominently

Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, and Tripura from the Northeast & Himalayan regions show high MPCE.

Reason:

Difficult terrain → Higher cost of living → Higher wages.

Government special economic incentives for remote areas.

Tourism-Dependent States Have Higher Casual Wages

Goa, Puducherry, Ladakh, and Sikkim are major tourist destinations.

Reason:

Seasonal demand for casual labor (hotels, restaurants, transport).

Tourists bring in more spending power, increasing daily wages.

Higher Government Support & Policies

Ladakh, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh receive central government funding due to their strategic importance (border areas with China & Pakistan).

Chandigarh (as a UT) gets higher per capita government spending than many states.

Union Territories & Administrative Capitals Have Higher MPCE

Chandigarh and Puducherry benefit from better governance and urban infrastructure.

Higher administrative presence → Better wages for casual workers.

□ Possible Reasons for High MPCE in These States

Factor Impact on MPCE

Geographical Challenges (Hills, Remote Areas) Higher transportation & living costs → Higher wages

Tourism Sector Dependency (Goa, Sikkim, Ladakh) Seasonal labor demand → Higher MPCE

Government Funding & Special Policies More subsidies, incentives → Better wages

Small Population with Higher Per Capita Investment Fewer workers → Higher MPCE

Union Territories & Administrative Hubs Better labor policies & wages

□ Conclusion

Sikkim, Ladakh, and Goa lead in MPCE due to a mix of geographical isolation, tourism, and government incentives.

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# Higher MPCE does not necessarily indicate better job security or
long-term stability—it could be driven by high living costs.

# Casual labor wages are region-specific and influenced by economic
policies, government support, and local demand for workers.

rural_mpce_col = 'Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural'
gini_col = 'mpce_gini.Gini Coefficient'
state_col = 'State/UT'

# Calculate medians
median_rural_mpce = df[rural_mpce_col].median()
median_gini = df[gini_col].median()

# Identify states with below-median Rural MPCE and above-median Gini
coefficient
target_states = df[(df[rural_mpce_col] < median_rural_mpce) &
(df[gini_col] > median_gini)][[state_col, rural_mpce_col, gini_col]]

# Display states needing targeted interventions
print(target_states)

# Analysis of States Needing Targeted Interventions
# These states have low rural MPCE (below median) and high inequality
(above median Gini coefficient), indicating they require policy
interventions to boost rural spending and reduce inequality.

# Key Observations:
# Chhattisgarh & Jharkhand

# Among the poorest rural MPCE states (₹2466 & ₹2763).

# High Gini coefficients indicate unequal distribution of
income/consumption.

# Likely require agricultural support, rural employment programs
(MGNREGA), and direct benefit transfers (DBT).

# Maharashtra & Rajasthan

# Despite being economically developed, rural MPCE remains relatively
low.

# Maharashtra (0.291 Gini) → Highest inequality, indicating wealth
concentration in urban centers.

# Policy Need: Strengthen rural industries, cooperative farming, and
microfinance.

# Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu

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Gini: 0.288, indicating high inequality.

Possible Cause: Dependence on industrial hubs with low rural benefits.

Policy Need: More social security measures for rural workers.

Nagaland, Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh

Hilly regions → Difficult terrain, weak infrastructure → Low MPCE.

Gini: 0.244 - 0.282 → Wealth is not evenly distributed.

Policy Need: Improved road connectivity, rural business incentives, and tourism-based employment.

Policy Implications

Expand Rural Welfare Schemes (PM Garib Kalyan Yojana, PDS subsidies).

Strengthen Agricultural & Skill Development Programs.

Improve Rural-Urban Connectivity (roads, transport, digital infrastructure).

Targeted Tax Benefits for Rural Entrepreneurs & MSMEs.

	State/UT	Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural	\
4	Chhattisgarh	2466	
10	Jharkhand	2763	
14	Maharashtra	4010	
18	Nagaland	4393	
21	Rajasthan	4263	
30	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	4184	
31	Jammu & Kashmir	4296	
32	Ladakh	4035	

	mpce_gini.Gini Coefficient
4	0.266
10	0.255
14	0.291
18	0.244
21	0.283
30	0.288
31	0.256
32	0.282

Sample Data

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data = {
    "State/UT": [
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        "Chhattisgarh", "Jharkhand", "Maharashtra", "Nagaland",
        "Rajasthan",
        "Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu", "Jammu & Kashmir",
        "Ladakh"
    ],
    "Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural": [2466, 2763, 4010, 4393, 4263, 4184,
4296, 4035],
    "mpce_gini.Gini Coefficient": [0.266, 0.255, 0.291, 0.244, 0.283,
0.288, 0.256, 0.282]
}

df = pd.DataFrame(data)

# Plot Styling
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 7))
sns.set_style("whitegrid")

# Scatter Plot with sizes and color mapping
scatter = sns.scatterplot(
    x="Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural",
    y="mpce_gini.Gini Coefficient",
    data=df,
    hue="State/UT",
    palette="coolwarm",
    s=200,
    edgecolor="black"
)

# Add annotations for each state
for i in range(df.shape[0]):
    plt.text(
        df["Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural"][i] + 50, # Offset for
readability
        df["mpce_gini.Gini Coefficient"][i],
        df["State/UT"][i],
        fontsize=12,
        ha="left",
        fontweight="bold"
    )

# Titles and Labels
plt.title("Rural MPCE vs. Inequality (Gini Coefficient)", fontsize=16,
fontweight="bold")
plt.xlabel("Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural", fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel("Gini Coefficient (Inequality)", fontsize=14)

# Improve legend placement
plt.legend(title="States", bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1), loc="upper left")

# Show plot

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plt.show()
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# Since the state in question is Maharashtra (Rural MPCE: ₹4010, Gini Coefficient: 0.291), here's a deeper breakdown:
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# □ What This Means for Maharashtra
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# 1 Higher Rural MPCE (~₹4000+)
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# Maharashtra's rural economy is relatively strong compared to states like Chhattisgarh (~₹2466) and Jharkhand (~₹2763).
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# This suggests better purchasing power, possibly due to diverse rural industries, strong agriculture, and government schemes.
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# The presence of sugarcane cooperatives, agro-processing units, and rural employment schemes contributes to higher spending capacity.
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# 2 High Gini Coefficient (0.291) → Significant Inequality
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# A high Gini coefficient means income/consumption is not evenly distributed.
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# The state has wealthier farmers, traders, and industrialists, but at the same time, a large section of landless laborers, tribal populations, and small-scale farmers struggle.
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# Rural Maharashtra has regions with high prosperity (Western Maharashtra) but also severe poverty (Vidarbha, Marathwada).
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# □ Why Does Maharashtra Have High Inequality?
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# □ Agricultural Prosperity in Some Areas
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# Western Maharashtra (sugarcane belt, dairy farming) benefits from cooperatives, irrigation, and better market access.
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# Konkan region has cashew, mango exports, and fishing industries.
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# △ Distress in Other Rural Regions
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# Vidarbha and Marathwada suffer from frequent droughts, farmer suicides, and lack of irrigation.
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# High dependence on rain-fed agriculture and cotton farming leads to unstable incomes.
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# □ Policy Implications: What Needs to Be Done?
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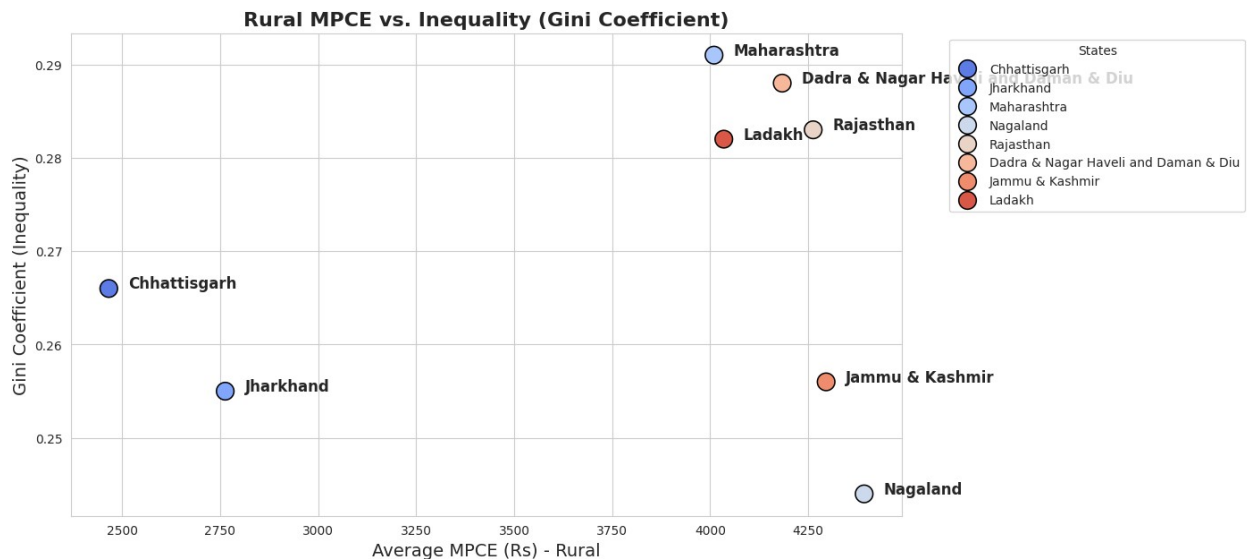
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# □ Reduce regional imbalances → Target districts with low MPCE and high poverty (e.g., Marathwada).
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# □ Improve rural employment → Strengthen MGNREGA, rural skill training, and small-scale industries.
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# □ Agricultural reforms → Promote irrigation projects, crop
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diversification, and farmer-friendly policies.

Financial inclusion → Expand banking, digital payments, and rural credit access to help small farmers and laborers



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mpce_rural = 'Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural'
mpce_urban = 'Average MPCE (Rs) - Urban'
gini_coeff = 'mpce_gini.Gini Coefficient'
state_col = 'State/UT'

# Identify states with lowest MPCE (high poverty risk)
bottom_mpce_states = df.nsmallest(5, mpce_rural)[[state_col,
mpce_rural]]

# Identify states with highest inequality
top_gini_states = df.nlargest(5, gini_coeff)[[state_col, gini_coeff]]

# Merge both to find states needing targeted interventions
target_states = set(bottom_mpce_states[state_col]) &
set(top_gini_states[state_col])

# Visualizing MPCE and Inequality
plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
sns.scatterplot(x=df[mpce_rural], y=df[gini_coeff], hue=df[state_col],
s=100, palette='coolwarm')
plt.axhline(y=df[gini_coeff].mean(), linestyle='dashed', color='gray',
label='Avg Gini Coefficient')
plt.axvline(x=df[mpce_rural].mean(), linestyle='dashed', color='gray',
label='Avg Rural MPCE')
plt.xlabel('Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural')
plt.ylabel('Gini Coefficient (Inequality)')
plt.title('Consumption-Based Poverty Assessment')
plt.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1), loc='upper left')
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plt.show()

# Output target states needing interventions
print("States needing targeted interventions:", target_states)

# Consumption-based poverty assessment provides critical insights for
guiding government interventions in the following ways:

# Targeted Financial Assistance:

# States with low Average MPCE (Rs) - Rural (e.g., Chhattisgarh and
Jharkhand) indicate higher poverty levels. Government schemes such as
direct cash transfers or subsidized essentials can help uplift rural
communities.

# Addressing Inequality (Gini Coefficient):

# States like Maharashtra (Gini = 0.291) have relatively high rural
MPCE but also higher inequality. Policies focusing on wealth
redistribution, skill development, and financial inclusion can help
bridge economic gaps.

# Sector-Specific Investment:

# By analyzing mpce_hht_urban and mpce_sg_rural data, governments can
allocate funds efficiently to self-employed, casual laborers, and
marginalized communities like Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes.

# Improving Rural Employment Opportunities:

# States with lower MPCE often suffer from a lack of diversified job
opportunities. The government can promote rural industries,
microfinance initiatives, and agricultural modernization to boost
income levels.

# Infrastructure and Public Services:

# Higher MPCE with inequality (e.g., Maharashtra) suggests that while
some rural households thrive, others struggle. Investments in
education, healthcare, and connectivity can help bridge disparities.

# Regional Development Policies:

# States with high inequality may require progressive taxation and
social welfare policies.

# Lower MPCE states need fundamental development in agriculture,
education, and health sectors.

# Data-Driven Policy Making:
# By leveraging MPCE, Gini coefficient, and socio-economic
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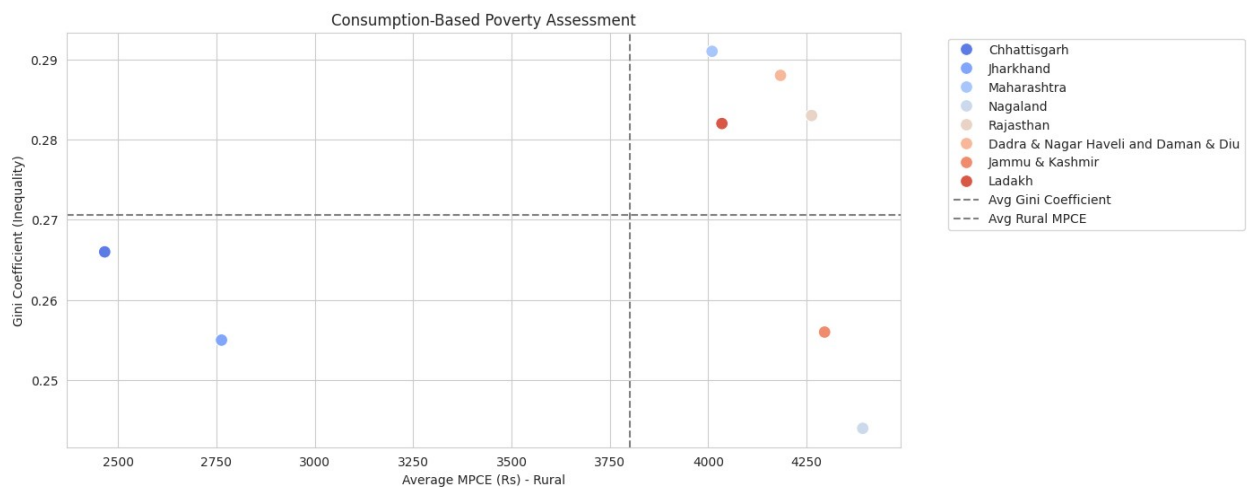
classifications, governments can implement targeted interventions such as:

Higher Minimum Wages in high-inequality states.

Better Agricultural Subsidies in low-income states.

Women and Youth Empowerment Programs in disadvantaged communities.

Thus, consumption-based poverty assessment ensures policies are tailored to specific regional needs, reducing poverty and inequality effectively.



States needing targeted interventions: {'Maharashtra', 'Ladakh', 'Chhattisgarh', 'Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu'}

Long-Term Strategies to Reduce Income Inequality While Boosting Economic Growth Across States

To create a balanced economy with equitable income distribution, governments must focus on sustainable economic policies, skill development, and social welfare programs. The following long-term strategies can help:

1. Investment in Education and Skill Development

□ Free & Quality Education: Expand access to primary, secondary, and vocational education.

□ Technical & Vocational Training (TVET): Equip the rural workforce with skills in agriculture, construction, technology, and services.

□ STEM & Digital Literacy: Encourage digital skills and coding education to prepare youth for future job markets.

□ Higher Education Reforms: More scholarships, affordable loans, and state-funded universities in economically weaker states.

Impact:

□ Creates a skilled workforce, leading to higher wages and economic mobility.

□ Reduces income gaps by providing equal opportunities for all.

2. Promotion of Entrepreneurship & MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises)

□ Easy Credit & Microfinance Access: Special loans for small business owners and self-employed workers.

□ Skill Incubation Centers: Training centers to help small businesses grow efficiently.

□ Market Access & Digital Transformation: Connecting rural businesses to e-commerce platforms.

□ Tax Benefits & Subsidies: Tax relief for startups in backward regions to encourage investment.

Impact:

□ Generates local employment, reducing migration pressure.

□ Empowers marginalized communities through self-reliance.

3. Infrastructure Development in Underdeveloped Regions

□ Connectivity: Build better roads, railways, and internet connectivity in rural areas.

□ Smart Cities & Rural Development: Encourage smart infrastructure projects that balance urban and rural development.

□ Industrial Hubs in Low-MPCE States: Attract businesses to invest in economically backward regions.

Impact:

□ Encourages investment and economic activity in lagging states.

□ Boosts productivity and competitiveness in rural industries.

4. Agricultural Reforms & Rural Economic Growth

□ Smart Farming Techniques: Promote AI, IoT, and precision farming for better yields.

□ Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs): Support collective farming and market linkages.

□ Fair Pricing & Storage Facilities: Improve MSP policies and storage infrastructure.

□ Crop Diversification: Reduce dependency on single crops, promote horticulture & organic farming.

Impact:

□ Increases farmer incomes, reducing rural poverty.

□ Makes agriculture climate-resilient and profitable.

5. Tax Reforms & Progressive Policies

□ Progressive Taxation: Higher taxes on ultra-rich individuals and corporations, while providing tax relief for lower-income groups.

□ Wealth Redistribution: Strengthening social welfare schemes through fair taxation.

□ Reducing Informal Economy: Formalizing informal jobs for social security and fair wages.

Impact:

□ Narrows the wealth gap between rich and poor.

□ Ensures funds for welfare programs without hampering growth.

6. Strengthening Social Security & Universal Basic Services

□ Universal Health Coverage: Affordable healthcare reduces economic stress on low-income groups.

□ Affordable Housing Programs: Ensure proper housing and urban planning.

□ Pension & Unemployment Benefits: Financial security for senior citizens and job seekers.

Impact:

□ Improves living standards and financial security.

□ Reduces extreme poverty without discouraging productivity.

7. Fostering Technological & Digital Inclusion

□ Public WiFi & Internet Access in Rural Areas

□ Digital Banking & Financial Inclusion Programs

□ E-Governance for Transparent Welfare Distribution

Impact:

□ Empowers small businesses and farmers with better access to markets.

□ Reduces corruption and inefficiencies in public services.

Conclusion: Balancing Growth with Equity

By implementing these long-term structural reforms, states can reduce income inequality while boosting economic growth sustainably. A combination of education, entrepreneurship, agriculture modernization, infrastructure, fair taxation, and social security will ensure inclusive development across all regions.

□ Key Takeaway:

✗ "Growth should not come at the cost of inequality. Equitable policies create a sustainable economy for all."