

# Gender-Related Newspaper and Journal Clippings

(May 5 – May 18, 2025)

*A curated list of gender-focused news articles and publications*

## 1. Gender-Based Violence

### 1.1 Violence and Crime Against Women

- Kashmir Life - May 18, 2025

[“Why Is Violence Against Women Escalating in Kashmir?” - Abdul Rouf Naik](#)

- Times of India - May 8, 2025

[“Top 10 Indian states with highest crimes rates”](#)

- Feminism in India - May 5, 2025

[“Gendering Conflict: The Strategic Role Of Women In Combating GBV In Conflict Zones” - Shahinda Syed](#)

### 1.2 Domestic Violence

- The Indian Express - May 8, 2025

[“Domestic violence, assault among most reported crimes to NCW”](#)

### 1.3 Sexual Violence

- Hindustan Times - May 13, 2025

[“Indian girls face higher risk of sexual assault” - Rhythm Kaul](#)

[“Curbing sexual violence targeting non-adults”](#)

### 1.4 Rape

- NewsClick - May 15, 2025

[“Rape is Aggression, Consent Must be Instant Specific: Bombay HC”](#)

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## 2. Legal Rights and the Judiciary

### 2.1 Women and the Law

- BehanBox - May 16, 2025

[“Why The Forest Rights Act Does Little For Adivasi Dwellers In Urban Jungles”, By - Shreya Raman](#)

- The Indian Express - May 5, 2025

[“Rising against injustice as one: Inside India’s largest men’s rights movement pushing for gender-neutral laws” - Harpreet Bajwa](#)

- Live Mint - May 5, 2025

[“Equality imperative: India must rid its justice system of gender injustice” – Poonam Muttreja & Martand Kaushik](#)

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## 3. Gender, Identity & Intersectionality

### 3.1 LGBTQ+ Rights

- Hindustan Times – May 16, 2025

[“A small big step for transgender inclusion”](#)

- The Leaflet - May 7, 2025

[“How does Karnataka fare in transgender welfare?: Takeaways from the 2025-26 budget” - Kumar Chandan Samal](#)

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## 4. Women's Health & Wellbeing

### 4.1 Health

- Business Standard – May 16, 2025

[“India sees improvement in maternal, child health, says 2021 SRS report”](#)

### 4.2 Menstruation / Period Poverty

- Times of India - May 16, 2025

[“Sri Lanka: How period poverty keeps girls out of school”, Deutsche Welle](#)

### **4.3 Mental and Maternal Health**

- Hindustan Times – May 16, 2025

[“Maternal health needs all of us: Midwives, men, and the power of shared care”,  
Andrea M. Wojnar](#)

- The Financial Express - May 11, 2025

[“Mother’s Day 2025: Maternity laws in India – Know the benefits, eligibility and  
everything”](#)

- Feminism in India - May 5, 2025

[“Nurturing The Nurturer Through Gender-Transformative Maternal Health” -  
Khushboo Balani, Aanshi Gupta and Mahima Sharda](#)

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## **5. Women in Work and Economy**

### **5.1 Women work**

- Economic Times - May 15, 2025

[“Women hold just 33% of entry-level roles in private jobs in India: Report”](#)

### **5.2 Labour Force Participation**

- Live Mint - May 15, 2025

[“India’s unemployment rate at 5.1% in April; labour force participation at 55.6%”,  
Rhik Kundu](#)

- Ideas for India - May 13, 2025

[“What is behind the recent rise in women’s workforce participation?” - Priyanshi  
Chaudhary & Avanindra Nath Thakur](#)

- The Economic Times - May 11, 2025

[“People. Progress. Possibility: Reframing how we see our workforce” - Parvinder Singh](#)

### **5.3 Unpaid and Informal Work**

- The Economic Times - May 18, 2025

[“The New Labour Codes: Ripe for operationalization” - Sridhar Rajagopalan](#)

- Hindustan Times - May 18, 2025

[“Social Security Fairness Act: Who is eligible, and what will be the stimulus amount?” - Shrey Banerjee](#)

- Times of India - May 15, 2025

[“Do India’s labour codes address informal workers’ needs?”, Pankil Goswami](#)

- Live Mint - May 13, 2025

[“Why ‘labour shortages’ don’t really exist”](#)

- The Economic Times - May 12, 2025

[“Social Security rules around new retirement age announced as fresh rules begin in May”](#)

- The Financial Express - May 9, 2025

[“Indian workers to benefit as India-UK deal ends double salary contributions”, - Sunil Dhawan](#)

- Telangana Today - May 5, 2025

[“Opinion: The Double Burden — gender gap in unpaid labour” - Amit Kumar, Akamsha Krishnan, Amiya Antony](#)

#### 5.4 [Employment / Unemployment](#)

- Live Mint - May 18, 2025

[“India's unemployment rate at 5.1% in April, joblessness among men higher than women: First-ever monthly jobs data”](#)

- The Financial Express - May 15, 2025

[“What is India’s monthly unemployment rate? First ever job survey reveals numbers”](#)

- The Economic Times - May 8, 2025

[“US weekly jobless claims fall more than expected”](#)

- The Wire - May 7, 2025

[“What 60,000 Questions in Parliament Reveal About Youth Employment in India” - Ruchi Gupta, Vandita Gupta and Abhishek Sharma](#)

#### 5.5 [Gig and Informal Economy](#)

- Observer Research Foundation – May 15, 2025

[“The Future of the Care Economy: Digitalisation and Gig Work” - Sunaina Kumar](#)

- The Indian Express - May 12, 2025

[“Telangana gig, platform workers call for stronger protection, algorithmic transparency” - Siddhardha Gattimi](#)

- Hindustan Times - May 11, 2025

[“The gig economy boom: What it means for India’s future workforce” – Kartik Narayan](#)

- The Indian Express - May 7, 2025

[“Urban Company IPO: Home services provider readies for Rs 1,900-crore fundraise as skilled gig workers’ earnings outpace peers, salaried counterparts” - Aggam Walia](#)

- BehanBox - May 6, 2025

[“BehanVox: Who Is Vulnerable to Heat Stress?”](#)

- Times of India - May 5, 2025

[“2 years on, Telangana gig workers' Bill catches Rajasthan's landmark law ‘napping’ - Sidhartha Dutta](#)

## 5.6 Domestic Workers

- The Leaflet - May 7, 2025

[“Labour law reform without domestic workers would be a structural omission” - Dithhi Bhattacharya](#)

## 5.7 Brick Kiln Workers

- Times of India - May 18, 2025

[“Brick kiln workers exploited, work in hazardous conditions: Meshram”](#)

## 5.8 Migrant Workers

- Live Mint - May 17, 2025

[“Why the continued neglect of migrant workers will derail India’s growth story” – R. Srinivasan](#)

## 5.9 Gender Bias/ Gender Gap

- Business Standard - May 15, 2025  
["India's 'broken rung': What's holding women back on the corporate ladder?", Rimjhim Singh](#)
- The Indian Express - May 14, 2025  
["Gender pay gap disempowers women: Activists", Gayathri M Kurup](#)
- Live Mint - May 14, 2025  
["How a manufacturing boom could help India close the gender gap", Arti Ahuja & Pooja Sharma Goyal](#)
- The Indian Express - May 5, 2025  
["GCCs see 16.4% gender pay gap at senior levels"](#)
- Times of India - May 5, 2025  
["Equal Titles, unequal pay: Gender pay gap widens in India's tech nerve centers" - Trisha Tewari](#)

## 5.10 Gender Parity

- The Economic Times - May 5, 2025  
["Workplace gender parity in 2025: Which countries are advancing and which are falling behind?"](#)

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# 6. Women in Agriculture and Environment

## 6.1 Gender and Climate Change

- BehanBox - May 10, 2025  
["In Estimating Heat-Related Income Loss, Workers Should Be Centred" – Shreya Raman](#)
- The Indian Express - May 9, 2025  
["India needs a heatwave policy" - Dr Thamizhachi Thangapandian](#)
- IndiaSpend - May 9, 2025  
["Climate Crisis Makes Sundarbans Population Vulnerable to Migration-Related Exploitation" - Jigyasa Mishra](#)

- Youth ki Awaaz - May 7, 2025

[“Could Flexible Work Hours Could Save Lives In Delhi’s Heatwaves?” - Ambika](#)

- Millennium Post - May 6, 2025

[“Scorched Lives”](#)

## 6.2 [Women and Farming](#)

- The Wire - May 16, 2025

[“How Women Farmers in the Sundarban Are Reviving Indigenous Rice Varieties”,  
Chandrima S. Bhattacharya](#)

- NewsClick - May 16, 2025

[“Guarantee Land Ownership Rights for Women Agricultural and Rural Workers”,  
Vikram Singh](#)

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# 7. Empowerment and Leadership

## 7.1 [Political and Social Leadership](#)

- Hans India – May 15, 2025

[“How Skill-Based Education is Empowering Women in India” - Pravesh Dudani](#)

- The Indian Express - May 8, 2025

[“For women to be counted as leaders, a seat at the table isn’t enough” - Kinnari Gatare  
and Akriti Jayant](#)

## 7.2 [Women Entrepreneurs](#)

- Hindustan Times - May 8, 2025

[“Empowering women entrepreneurs to lead economic transformation” – Sandeep  
Ghosh](#)

- People Matters - May 8, 2025

[“Odisha leads the way in women-led entrepreneurship and skilling”](#)

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## 8. Safety and Mobility

- Feminism in India - May 8, 2025

[“Safety Is A Luxury Most Indian Women Can’t Afford” - Devrupa Rakshit](#)

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## 9. Children and Adolescent Girls

### 9.1 Child Care

- The Economic Times – May 15, 2025

[“Working mother’s quiet quitting choice or compulsion”, Dr Soumya Sahadevan](#)

### 9.2 Child Labour

- The Indian Express - May 9, 2025

[“Derek O’Brien writes: With child labour, law is not the problem — enforcement is” - Derek O’Brien](#)

### 9.3 Child Abuse

- Business Standard - May 18, 2025

[“Over 30% girls, 13% boys in India sexually violated before age 18: Lancet”](#)

- Hindustan Times - May 15, 2025

[“Curbing sexual violence targeting non-adults”](#)

- The Indian Express - May 9, 2025

[“Nearly half of sexual abuse first happens at age 15 or younger: Lancet study” - Anuradha Mascarenhas](#)

- The Morning Express - May 9, 2025

[“1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men globally face sexual abuse by age 15 or younger: The Lancet”](#)

### 9.4 Sex Ratio

- Millennium Post - May 16, 2025



[“Born to Disappear?”, By - KDP Rao](#)

- The Morung Express - May 12, 2025

[“Nagaland records consecutive uptick in Infant Mortality Rate after years of decline” - Moa Jamir](#)

## 9.5 Anganwadi Workers

- BehanBox - May 16, 2025

[“From Caregivers to Data Workers: The Hidden Burden on Tamil Nadu’s Anganwadi Workers”, Archita Raghu](#)

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## 10. Migration, Water, and Rural Realities

### 10.1 Rural Women

- Times of India - May 5, 2025

[“The invisible hustlers: How rural women keep urban India running” - Lakshmi Pillai Gupta](#)

### 10.2 NREGA

- Times of India - May 13, 2025

[“Women participation in MNREGS touches all-time high of 45% in UP”](#)

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## 11. Motherhood

- The Statesman - May 12, 2025

[“Motherhood and class privilege: Who gets to choose, and who doesn’t?” - Anwesha Santra](#)

- Feminism in India - May 9, 2025

[“Echoes Of Exhaustion: When Mothers Don’t Heal”, - Pooja Salvi](#)

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## 12. Education

- The Indian Express – May 15, 2025

[“How Indian universities can benefit from federal cuts and policy changes in foreign universities”, Farzana Afridi](#)

## 13. Microfinance

- Times of India - May 10, 2025

[“Financing potential or recycling poverty?: The current microfinance status” - Agveya Tripathi](#)

## 14. Others

- Live Mint - May 18, 2025

[“Behind PAN data, a quiet story of women’s rise in India’s economy” – Gireesh Chandra Prasad](#)

- The Indian Express – May 15, 2025

[“Caste census will dispel the notion of castelessness”, Jadumani Mahanand](#)

- Rising Kashmir - May 12, 2025

[“Reservation Policies in a Changing India: Time for a constitutional review?” - ADV ANUJ DWIVEDI](#)

## Journal Publications

- *Economic and Political Weekly, Vol.60, No.20, May 17, 2025*

[“Outcome of Women’s Reservation in Panchayati Raj Institutions in Bihar” - Sweety Supriya](#)

### ABSTRACT

Numerous studies have highlighted the advantages of female leadership in promoting investments in public infrastructure that enhance the well-being of women and children, as well as fostering women’s empowerment. The article finds that strengthening local governance and promoting female leadership have led to improvements in health outcomes while also enhancing women’s participation at the grassroots level in Bihar.

- *Economic and Political Weekly, Vol.60, No.20, May 17, 2025*

**“Unravelling Labour Migration from Jharkhand: Key Findings from the Jharkhand Migration Survey 2023” – S. Irudaya Rajan and Et.al.,**

**ABSTRACT**

As part of evolving evidence, informed policymaking on the welfare of migrant workers under the Safe and Responsible Migration Initiative anchored by the Government of Jharkhand, a state-level migration survey (Jharkhand Migration Survey) was carried out during January–March 2023. The survey which followed the Kerala Migration Survey model canvassed a sample of 10,674 households across all districts. Findings from JMS estimate that 45 lakh persons from Jharkhand migrated to various places for livelihoods. The JMS also estimate that the state received a monthly remittance of ₹2,549 crore in 2023, which primarily contributed to the subsistence of some of the most marginalised.

- *Economic and Political Weekly, Vol.60, No.19, May 10, 2025*

**“Beyond Reservation: Educational and Employment Opportunities for Women with Disabilities” - Akshay Trilokinath Maurya**

**ABSTRACT**

Women with disabilities face double discrimination in Indian society. This article analyses the current situation of higher education for women with disabilities in India by examining their enrolment as students and employment as teachers. The findings demonstrate that despite constitutional provisions and recent legislation, disability continues to be a significant factor in perpetuating social discrimination, inequality, and exclusion of women in higher education settings, both as students and educators.

- *Economic and Political Weekly, Vol.60, No.19, May 10, 2025*

**“Effectiveness of PFHI Schemes in India: Insights from the HCES 2022–23” - Mamta Chaudhary, Prakash Babu Kodali & T Sundararaman**

**ABSTRACT**

Publicly funded health insurance schemes play a crucial role in financing healthcare in India, especially for the hospitalisation needs of poor and vulnerable households. Using the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2022–23, the enrolment, utilisation, and effectiveness of the scheme in reducing out-of-pocket and catastrophic health expenditures are examined. While enrolment has increased over the years, effective financial protection remains inadequate. The evidence suggests the need to improve the implementation of these insurance schemes and strengthens the public healthcare delivery system to protect households from financial distress.

- *Journal of Gender Studies* - Vol.34, No.4, 2025

[“Unpacking women’s work during the COVID-19 pandemic in India: a feminist analysis of mainstream print media” - Amrita Datta, Shivani Satija, Ragini Rao Munjuluri & Uddipta Roy](#)

### ABSTRACT

This paper explores mainstream print media depictions of women’s work during COVID-19 and associated lockdowns in India. Specifically, it aims to understand perceptions of educated upper- and middle-class women regarding remote working arrangements during the pandemic. It delineates two broad themes that emerge from an analysis of selected articles in four national dailies; first, many women regarded these arrangements as mutually beneficial for women employees as well as their workplaces, and its counternarrative characterised by women having to juggle paid and care work with little support from the family, market or state. The paper then unpacks the arrangement of work from home that emerges in the media analysis and offers a critique of the simplistic and binary understanding of flexibility, choice, and agency sustained by the neoliberal and postfeminist framing of pandemic work arrangements. Our analysis provides a feminist critique of these dominant perceptions that invisibilise the complexity and heterogeneity embedded within women’s experiences. Finally, the paper reiterates the urgent need to consider the structural factors that undermine gender equality across work and home; and pushes for a rethink of neoliberal and postfeminist notions of ‘flexibility’, ‘choice’ and ‘agency’ through the intersecting lenses of gender, labour, care work, and time.

- *Journal of Gender Studies* - Vol.34, No.3, 2025

[“Praxis of compliance: feminist solidarity for women tech workers in India during Covid-19” - Rianka Roy](#)

### ABSTRACT

Feminist activism persisted even in the isolating times of the COVID-19 pandemic. But how did the crisis shape feminist solidarity, especially for subjects facing multiple marginalities? In this article, based on in-depth interviews and participant observation, I examine how women tech workers in India – as gendered labour in the Global South – participated in various online groups to overcome their isolation. These women ostensibly acted as compliant neoliberal and heteronormative subjects, but their compliance paved the way for feminist solidarity. I theorize this paradox as the ‘praxis of compliance.’ As a theoretical framework, ‘praxis of compliance’ foregrounds the structural barriers to women workers’ participation in collective feminist activism. It also reveals some alternative strategies of building feminist solidarity within the constraints of the neoliberal economy as well as local and global crises that deepen inequality. I identify three potential areas of praxis of compliance for women tech workers in India: professional, personal and labour activism.

- *Journal of Gender Studies* - Vol.34, No.2, 2025

[“Reasonable accommodation and interdependence: revisiting the dynamics of disability inclusion in higher education in India” - Shilpaa Anand & Meghana Rao](#)

## **ABSTRACT**

The principle of reasonable accommodation according to Article 2 of the UNCRPD is defined as ‘necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments not imposing a disproportionate or undue burden, where needed in a particular case, to ensure to persons with disabilities the enjoyment or exercise on an equal basis with others of all human rights and fundamental freedoms’. Exploring the relationship between inclusive policies enacted in institutions of higher education in India, and their impact on those who claim accommodation, we discuss the nature of care that informs and animates such interactions. Drawing on feminist disability studies scholarship on care, particularly, Akemi Nishida’s recommendation that care is inherently collective we analyse two sets of transactions selected for study as enabling care in patronizing and charitable manners, while simultaneously ignoring the politics of responding to and providing accommodations. We find that institutional responses to accommodation claims are less reflective of the socio-political and affective aspects integral to the RA principle. Instead, the focus seems to be on providing either technocratic solutions or interpreting RA claims as causing undue burden. By reading the RA principle through the lens of scholarship on interdependence, we aim to broaden the scope of adopting and interpreting the RA principle.

- *Asian Journal of Women’s Studies - Vol.31, No.1, 2025*

[“Women, work and tea plantations: mapping gender on laboring bodies” - Deepshikha Khatoniar & Sarmistha Das](#)

## **ABSTRACT**

The laboring body of the woman is central to the production and reproduction of tea plantations. This paper seeks to interrogate women’s roles as workers, both on the plantation and in the household, and look at how the gendered nature of the plantation structure impedes women workers’ upward mobility on the plantation. Plantations symbolize a fusion of public and private spaces and attribute unique characteristics to women’s work. In their dual role as workers on the plantation and in the household, women ensure that production cycles continue. They maintain this balance as waged workers on the plantation and indirectly through their unpaid and invisible household labor that enables other family members to reproduce their capacity to labor. Patriarchal households and the capitalist plantation structure complement each other in subordinating women as workers in the two spaces. In the sphere of plantation work, tasks performed by women are attributed specific feminized traits that confine them to limited possibilities. This paper seeks to analyze women’s acts of social reproduction to establish the link between the role of women and domestic work in maintaining a steady workforce for production in the plantation.

- *Gender and Education - Vol.37, No.2, 2025*

[“Going bahar \(outside\) for higher education: gendered symbolic boundaries of higher education access and choice in Haryana, India” - Emily F. Henderson and Et.al.,](#)

## **ABSTRACT**

While the gendered nature of spatial decision-making about higher education (HE) access is somewhat neglected in the international literature, these discussions are prevalent in India, where commuting to a higher education institution or staying in student accommodation may be considered risky for young women's honour. This paper focuses specifically on the notion of going bahar ('outside' in Hindi) for HE. A particular feature of bahar is that it demarcates a boundary. The paper focuses on a corpus of references to bahar from the qualitative data gathered via interviews, focus group discussions and surveys for an empirical study of gender and access to HE in Haryana, India, and deploys [Butler, J. 1997. Excitable speech: A politics of the performative. Routledge] to theorize bahar as a performative construct which both describes and enacts constraint. The paper maps the spatial and symbolic dimensions of the bahar construct, and then explores the discursive construction of women's HE access/choice, revealing the use of bahar as the demarcation of acceptable HE access for women

- *Down to Earth* - May 6, 2025

[“Inequality slashes India’s human development score by nearly a third: UNDP report”](#)

- *Down to Earth* - May 9, 2025

[“Bangladesh’s brick kilns find a shockingly simple path to going green” - Rohini Krishnamurthy](#)

- *India Today* - May 6, 2025

[“Why flexibility at work matters more than ever before” - Sonal Khetarpal](#)

- *The Week* - May 10, 2025

[“How India achieved a significant decline in maternal and child mortality rates”](#)

## Surveys, Reports, and Global Insights

### Government and NGO Reports

- ISST Podcast – May, 2025

“New Podcast Alert | Digital Dilemma: Women@Work by ISST”

#### **Episode 1**

[Gig Work, Gendered Realities: Women in Platform Economies](#)

#### *Episode 2*

[Digital Shifts and Social Protection](#)

- UNDP Publication - May 2025

**“Human Development Report 2025 - A matter of choice: People and possibilities in the age of AI**

- **Institute for Competitiveness Publication – May 2025**

**“Income Inequality Labour Markets in India”**

- **McKinsey & Company Publication - May 2025**

**“Women in the Workplace 2025: India, Nigeria and Kenya”**

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