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- [A Crisis of Identity : Revisiting the Legal and Ethical Framework Governing Media Reportage of Sexual Violence, Written by - Megha Mehta & Mukta Joshi](#)

ABSTRACT

Current media reportage of sexual assault cases in India not only violates journalistic norms but also gravely impacts the victim's right to privacy. Against the backdrop of the Kathua gang rape and the #MeToo movement, this paper argues that the law surrounding the identification of sexual assault victims must be amended to help better secure justice for victims, while also ensuring that their dignity is safeguarded. Adult victims ought to

be granted statutory agency to speak out regarding instances of sexual violence they have faced although separate guidelines are required for the reporting of child sexual assault. Additionally, the ethical guidelines governing media reportage of sexual violence must be revisited. With respect to #MeToo, while media houses should report accusations, they are also required to ensure that pronouncements of guilt are not being made

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.56, No.29, July 17, 2021

- [Migrant Workers from West Bengal since 1991 : From the Left to TMC Government, Written by - Avijit Mistri](#)

ABSTRACT

The in and out balance of migration in West Bengal, for the first time, was recorded negative in the 2000s, and it is estimated to have gotten worse in the 2010s. Based on estimates, more people migrated out than entered the state in the 2010s compared to the 2000s. Though the crisis started towards the end of the left regime, it has worsened under the Trinamool Congress government. The article provides insights into labour migration, unemployment and economic growth during 1991–2018.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.56, No.28, July 10, 2021

- [Untold Stories of Human Trafficked Survivors and Sex Workers in Manipur, Written by - Ajailiu Niumai](#)

ABSTRACT

This study was sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (2017–19). The author is grateful to researchers involved in this study, and A Romita Devi, who helped her with the interviews. All trafficked survivors and sex workers are referred to by pseudonyms.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.56, No.28, July 10, 2021

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Changing electoral dynamics drives the JD(U)'s latest promise of reservations for women students.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.56, No.28, July 10, 2021

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Economic and Political Weekly - June, 2021

- [School-based Tobacco Health Hazards Awareness Initiative in India, Written by - Neeta Ghate](#)

ABSTRACT

Prevention and control of diseases are neglected cost-effective measures with a long-term advantage. There is an urgency to focus on preventing tobacco use, the single largest preventable risk factor for non-communicable diseases. In India, tobacco use is predominantly in the form of smokeless tobacco. Adolescents are the most susceptible group for initiation of tobacco use. Our experience of conducting a tobacco (smoking and smokeless tobacco products use) hazards awareness programme for adolescents in Class 8 to 10 in Mumbai, from 2014 to February of 2020 for 15,475 students (including both boys and girls), has shown encouraging results. These students can in turn spread the message. Currently, there is no uniform school-based tobacco use prevention programme in India.

Social Change - Vol.51, No.2, June, 2021

- [Thinking of Crime: The State, Migrant Population and the Missing Justice, Written by - G. N. Devy](#)

ABSTRACT

This lecture discusses the 'idea of crime' as it was understood by the colonial establishment and also as understood by the present government. In 1871, Lord Mayo introduced the bill leading to the infamous Criminal Tribes Act (CTA) which led to the segregation of a certain set of professions

and lifestyles from the rest of society. The segregation was given a concrete form with the creation of penal settlements by the colonial government. The communities brought under the provisions of the CTA are now known as Denotified and Nomadic Tribes, not to be mistaken with adivasis. Mostly nomadic in habit, these tribes have suffered the worst humiliation in the history of modern India. In recent decades, the idea of crime has also been associated with non-state actors in order to deal with terrorism. However, the provisions of laws made towards this objective, such as the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, are being used speciously to restrain social activists and thinkers.

Social Change - Vol.51, No.2, June, 2021

- [Living Conditions and Social Distancing Barriers in India, Written by - Surajit Deb](#)

ABSTRACT

The tenth part of the Social Change Indicators series gives an account on the living conditions that work as barriers against social distancing in different states of India. This segment especially focusses on aspects such as the percentage of households (rural and urban) that own a house, the percentage share of nuclear households (rural and urban), the mean number of persons sleeping per room in households, the percentage of households (rural and urban) in which cooking is done in a separate room, the percentage of households (rural and urban) in which water is not treated prior to drinking, the percentage of households (rural and urban) with an improved non-sharable sanitation facility and the proportion of households living in slums.

Social Change - Vol.51, No.2, June, 2021

- [Sexual Harassment at the Workplace Act: Providing Redress or Maintaining Status Quo?, Written by - Pallavi Gupta, Nikhat Fatima & Sandeep Kandikuppa](#)

ABSTRACT

Despite a law against sexual harassment of women at the workplace, persons holding high offices, including senior judges, seem to enjoy impunity. By critically examining the allegations made against Justice Ranjan Gogoi (retd), former Chief Justice of India, and analysing five other cases of sexual harassment, we highlight how women are routinely denied justice. In doing so, we ask: are women actually able to file complaints of sexual harassment without the fear of facing a backlash? And do they ultimately get justice when they do so? We argue that the implementation of the law against sexual harassment is mediated by caste, class and gender, both of the survivor and of the perpetrator. We point to a changing polity that makes laws, guarantees and protections for women, but stumbles in implementing them in a fair and non-arbitrary manner.

Social Change - Vol.51, No.2, June, 2021

- [Changing Climatic Conditions and Agricultural Livelihoods: An Impact Study in Jagatsinghpur District, Odisha, Written by - Prasanta Moharaj & Satyapriya Rout](#)

ABSTRACT

This article attempts to examine the negative impact of climate change on agricultural livelihood and human social life. Natural climatic variations have always been a challenge for human sustenance as they are predicated on a host of factors that include natural, human-made and unbalanced environmental conditions. India too, with its geographic zones such as mountains, small islands, wetlands, coastal areas, deserts, semi-arid lands and plains is exposed to challenges of climatic change. The impact of climate is particularly severe on the livelihoods of the rural poor. For instance, people living near coastal regions are constantly prone to severe floods. This study specifically focusses on coastal Odisha and the impact of floods which have been triggered by climate change. The study, looking at the effect on crop production and socio-economic conditions, has followed a two-pronged approach—conducting a field survey and collecting data

from secondary sources.

Contributions to Indian Sociology - Vol.55, No.2, June, 2021

- [Gold governance and goldsmithery: Economic sociology of an informal manufacturing sector in India, Written by - Sruti Kanungo & Anindita Chakrabarti](#)

ABSTRACT

In India, gold's uniqueness lies in its dual demand for 'sacred' ritual purposes as well as 'profane' economic security. As a scarce commodity, gold is continuously monitored and regulated by the state. This study investigates how communities associated with the craft and trade of gold jewellery cope with state regulations, an aspect that has largely gone undocumented in sociological literature. The article traces the transformation of the goldsmithing sector in post-independence India. The repeal of the Gold Control Act 1968 in 1990 and high demand during the post-liberalisation period gave a tremendous fillip to the gold jewellery sector. The study captures the occupational recasting as a new community of goldsmiths emerged during this period replacing the traditional goldsmithing castes.

Contributions to Indian Sociology - Vol.55, No.2, June, 2021

- [Professional identities and servile realities: Aspirational labour in Delhi malls, Written by - Keya Bardalai](#)

ABSTRACT

The article explores how retail workers envision and pursue aspirations for social mobility through employment in Delhi malls. Based on 14 months of ethnographic fieldwork and participant observation, this study examines how retail store employees cultivate professional occupational identities as a way of distancing themselves from informal and manual workers and claim a new class identity. The article also shows how workers come to view the job as dhoka (deceit), once they experience humiliation and disrespect

at the hands of customers and managers and realise that such employment does not allow them to transcend their social class positions. However, they continue to stay on in these demeaning jobs because they believe that employment in the new service economy is their best option.

Contributions to Indian Sociology - Vol.55, No.2, June, 2021

- [COVID-19 pandemic and the politics of risk: Perspectives on science, state and society in India, Written by - V. Sujatha](#)

ABSTRACT

Health behaviour of the people is said to be shaped by market forces, scientific or religious institutions or the state. It is pertinent to examine the dominant institutions that shape health cultures in any society, at any given point in time. While public health has not been a priority for the Indian state, the COVID-19 pandemic created an unmistakable opportunity for state regulation. It is the argument of this article that the state has been central to the framing of the COVID-19 pandemic and the identification of relevant interventions, such that the borderline between the political and medical is blurred. The influence of these institutional decisions on the health behaviour of the people indicates that compliant health behaviour is a symbolic resource for the state in societies like India, irrespective of whether the government actually delivers on its health care delivery.

The Journal of Development Studies - July 21, 2021

- [Health Consequences of Patriarchal Kinship System for the Elderly: Evidence from India, Written by - Udayan Rathore & Upasak Das](#)

ABSTRACT

The patriarchal kinship system in India considers sons as harbingers of prosperity and daughters as liabilities who require significant outlay of resources through their lifetimes. This social system assigns a higher value

to sons and perpetuates discrimination in various forms. In this paper, instead of focusing on inferior outcomes for daughters, we provide empirical evidence of disproportionate penalties placed on long-term health outcomes of their parents. Using nationally representative data on health expenditure and outcomes for 2014, we find that a higher number of daughters are associated with increased probabilities of chronic ailment and self-reported poor health among the elderly. The effects are significantly weaker for scheduled tribes, a social group with relatively egalitarian gender norms. Also, these effects are stronger for higher quintiles of standardised number of daughters. Our findings remain robust to a variety of internal validity tests. In particular, we use a recent method that accounts for omitted variable bias to arrive at consistent estimates of bias adjusted treatment effects.

Journal of the European Economic Association - July 7, 2021

- [Electoral Competition, Voter Bias, and Women in Politics, Written by - Thomas Le Barbanchon & Julien Sauvagnat](#)

ABSTRACT

We quantify the implications of voter bias and electoral competition for politicians' gender composition. Unfavorable voters' attitudes toward women and local gender earnings gap correlate negatively with the share of female candidates in Parliamentary elections. Using within-candidate variation across the different polling stations of an electoral district in a given election year, we find that female candidates obtain fewer votes in municipalities with higher gender earnings gaps. We show theoretically that when voters are biased against women, parties facing gender quotas select male candidates in the most contestable districts. We find empirical support for such a strategic party response to voter gender bias. Simulating our calibrated model confirms that competition significantly hinders the effectiveness of gender quotas.

Journal of the European Economic Association - March, 2021

- [Pollution, Ability, and Gender-Specific Investment](#)

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ABSTRACT

This paper explores how labor market conditions drive gender differences in the human capital decisions of men and women. Specifically, I investigate how male and female schooling decisions respond to an exogenous change in cognitive ability. Using data from Mexico, I begin by documenting that in utero exposure to thermal inversions, which exacerbate air pollution, leads to lower cognitive ability in adulthood for both men and women. I then explore how male and female schooling decisions respond differentially to this cognitive shock: for women only, pollution exposure leads to reduced educational attainment and income. I show that this gender difference is explained by the fact that women disproportionately sort into white-collar jobs, where schooling and ability are more complementary than they are in blue-collar jobs.

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