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Analysing Core Indicators of Decent Work for the Indian
 Fisheries Sector: Do Richer States Perform Better?,
 Written by - Meenakshi Rajeev & Pranav Nagendran

ABSTRACT

The International Labour Organization included the concept of decent work in the Sustainable Development Goals to address concerns about workplace conditions, especially in developing countries. Among the different sectors of any developing economy, agriculture and allied activities have lagged the most in terms of decent work. This paper examines decent work in the

fisheries sector in India. Using the National Sample Survey Office data from the Employment and Unemployment Survey of India, the paper arrives at a multidimensional decent work index. The paper finds that labourers belonging to the richer states rank lower in terms of decent work compared to the relatively poorer states, indicating higher inequality in the former regions. It also finds that per capita incomes are well below the poverty line for more than 40% of workers in fisheries.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.56, No.41, Oct 9, 2021

 Is Contraceptive Prevalence Declining in India? : An Appraisal Based on NFHS-4, Written by - Tarun Kumar Roy, Akash Porwal & Rajib Acharya

ABSTRACT

This study investigates the quality of the National Family Health Survey-4 data on contraceptive use by estimating investigator-induced bias. An outlier-bound approach was used to detect investigator bias, and contraceptive use was re-estimated adjusting for the bias in six study states. The findings suggest investigator bias at two levels: over-reporting of women as "never users" of contraception and a tendency to report sterilised women as current non-users and as cases of hysterectomy. Reestimation of contraceptive use confirmed a declining trend in contraceptive prevalence in four study states. While the effect of the bias was moderate at the state level, it can potentially distort district-level estimates to a great extent.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.56, No.41, Oct 9, 2021

 Export-induced Loss in Employment and Earnings during the First Year of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Identifying Key Industries in India, Written by - Amit Sadhukhan & Sahana Roy Chowdhury

ABSTRACT

The COVID-19 pandemic has been an unprecedented exogenous shock in the world economy unlike the global financial crisis in 2008, which was endogenously determined in the structure of capitalist financial market. Given the fact that Indian export sector significantly contributes to the Indian economy in general and employment in particular, it is worth examining how the Indian gross domestic product and exports changed in comparison with the world GDP and world exports respectively, in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020–21 vis-à-vis the GFC in 2008. Which industries are affected the most, in terms of export loss, during this COVID-19 crisis? What have been the consequences of these falling export on employment and earnings in the Indian export sector? This study estimates that in the COVID-19 year 2020–21, Indian exports have fallen by `3.74 lakh crore, with a plausible loss of direct employment by 5.06 lakh and an estimated loss of earnings around `12.4 thousand crore across 85 commodities.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.56, No.40, Oct 2, 2021

Experiences with Government-sponsored Health
 Insurance Schemes in Indian States: A Fiscal

 Perspective, Written by - Mita Choudhury, Shruti Tripathi
 & Jay Dev Dubey

ABSTRACT

The implications of expanding government-sponsored health insurance schemes in India are analysed from a fiscal perspective. The experiences of two of the earliest and largest GSHI schemes of the country implemented in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are examined. The results suggest that the expansion of the GSHI schemes may skew expenditure away from primary and secondary care towards tertiary care if the fiscal space is limited. A competitive public health system may help in containing costs and the corresponding fiscal burden. The effectiveness of public spending through such schemes is ambiguous.

Asian Journal of Women Studies - Vol.27, No.3, 2021

Recognizing invisible work: The women domestic
 workers' movement in Bangladesh, Written by -

Anweshaa Ghosh

ABSTRACT

Domestic work is a highly feminized sector of work in Bangladesh, where women from poor neighborhoods of Dhaka city are found laboring for very low wages, without legal or social protection. Such work remains unrecognized and invisible, although it has been done for generations. Over the years, mobilization of domestic workers (DWs) by the National Domestic Women Workers Union (NDWWU) has helped to develop the leadership and negotiation capacities of its members, resulting in some improvement in their working conditions. This article is based on the qualitative findings of a study on social protection for DWs in three South Asian countries, namely, Bangladesh, Nepal and India, conducted by the Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) in collaboration with International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF). This article presents the challenges and major risks such workers face in Bangladesh. In addition, it also examines the struggle that the biggest domestic workers union, NDWWU and its allies have undertaken in order to ensure decent work conditions as well as legal and social protective measures for DWs in the country. In doing so, I aim to contribute to the limited literature on mobilization of the workers and related policy concerns in Bangladesh and the wider region.

Asian Journal of Women Studies - Vol.27, No.3, 2021

 Gender and nationality: Experiences of "foreign" women in colonial India during the war years, Written by – Indu Agnihotri

ABSTRACT

This paper seeks to open up a field of enquiry and focus on encounters between the colonial regime in India and "foreign" women around the time of the World Wars. The terms on which trans-continental lives were negotiated came to be embedded in legal regimes which were continuously evolving. The interface of women and the colonial state needs to be studied

from multiple socio-political locations. The lens of gender, generally invoked with reference to Indian women subjects, does not encompass the different categories of women with whom the state established formal juridical relations, through routes and relationships that had evolved over long periods of history. War and conflict led to the fracturing of the binary of Indian and foreign/ western women. Apart from British women, who traveled across the seas to "join" their families, there were other European women as well.

Asian Journal of Women Studies - Vol.27, No.3, 2021

 Impact of emergency cash assistance on gender relations in the tribal areas of Pakistan, Written by - Asif
 Iqbal Dawar & Marcos Farias Ferreira

ABSTRACT

This paper seeks to make a contribution to the discussion on the consequences of social change brought about by relief programs in humanitarian contexts. It examines the extent to which the Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT) program (2014–2016) in the Pakistani tribal district of North Waziristan (NW) has influenced patriarchal gender norms in the region, in transforming perceptions about what men and women can do and on changing gender relations. Through interviews conducted in the field between 2017 and 2019, we examine the positive, albeit limited, impact on society and conclude that our study enabled a better understanding of micro practices and processes that challenge the patriarchal structure of society and the norms that sustain it. We illustrate how such processes have started to influence patriarchal norms by improving women's status both at home and in the community, eventually leading to a shift in traditional perceptions and constructions of gender relations.

Asian Journal of Women Studies - Vol.27, No.3, 2021

• Moving towards empowerment: Migrant domestic workers in India, Written by - Shriya Thakkar

ABSTRACT

The massive spurt in rural labor migration has led to urbanization in contemporary India. While research on gendered migration of informal labor focuses on male-outmigration and views women as "passive followers," this study draws on the narratives of women domestic workers in Delhi to explore how they emerge as breadwinners within their households and how this sudden transformation of employment status impacts their position in their households. Further, it reimagines empowerment as an intimate engagement process for the women involving constant renegotiations of unequal power relations, gendered roles, responsibilities, beliefs, and values. Thereby, I examine how female domestic workers construct their identities in a socio-cultural environment where choices are limited for them.

Asian Journal of Women Studies - Vol.27, No.3, 2021

 The role of rural women in household food security and nutrition management in Bangladesh, Written by – Subarna Ghosh

ABSTRACT

Ensuring nutrition at the household level has been one of the greatest challenges for rural communities in Bangladesh. In this study, a coastal sub-district in Barguna, Bangladesh was selected for data collection, where we undertook 20 focus group discussions, 10 key informant interviews, and dietary diversity scoring with 50 respondents to understand women's involvement in decision-making and income-generating activity. Based on descriptive and thematic analyses, we found that women's participation in various income-generating activities made them self-dependent in decision-making within their households, which in turn improved their roles in household food security and nutritional management. The pattern of family food distribution revealed that most women ate meals leftover by males, whereas 48 percent consumed food from less than four food groups. These findings should be useful for public health workers, activists, and national/international stakeholders involved in improving the dietary quality

and nutritional status of rural people.

Gender and Education - Vol.33, No.7, 2021

 Bhal Suwali, Bhal Ghor: Muslim families pursuing cultural authorization in contemporary Assam, Written by
 Saba Hussain

ABSTRACT

There appears to be a globally unifying discourse that suggests Muslim communities are not supportive of girls' education¹². This paper aims to destabilize such a discourse by inserting the narratives of Muslim parents pursuing girls' education in Assam's Nagaon district. By paying attention to the concepts of *bhal suwali* (good girlhood) and *bhal ghor* (good family) articulated by parents in my study, this paper connects the performances of certain types of gender practices with the pursuit of class aspirations. It shows that good girlhood works as symbolic capital that helps Muslim parents to culturally authorize their daughters as legitimate actors in the field of education, while legitimizing themselves as good family.

Gender and Education - Vol.33, No.7, 2021

 Beyond 'between two cultures': micro processes of racialised and gendered positioning of South Asian and Muslim girls in an 'everyday' British multicultural school context, Written by - Veena Meetoo

ABSTRACT

This article reports on a case study exploring the social positioning and identities of South Asian and Muslim girls in one British inner city secondary school. The analysis is situated within the context of 'everyday multiculturalism', a framework which provides a lens on racialized and gendered encounters in the school context. Whilst their experiences were marked by exclusions, bullying and racialized, gendered and religious hierarchies, and typical processes of Othering, this appeared against the

contradictory backdrop of the 'warmth' of multiculturalism and the silence of racism. Their experiences were therefore complex and signals the need to move beyond the discourse of the melodrama of South Asian girlhood, commonly depicted in dominant wider discourses in the form of 'between two cultures', towards a more nuanced understanding of the issues encountered in the everyday multicultural contexts of British schools marked by micro processes of racialized and gendered positioning.

Indian Journal of Labour Economics - Vol.64, No.3, September, 2021

Child Labour and Trade-Related Price Policies in a
 Developing Economy: A Trade-Theoretical Analysis,
 Written by - Sushobhan Mahata, Jonaki Sengupta &
 Ranjanendra Narayan Nag

ABSTRACT

The paper attempts to analyse the effectiveness of different traderelated price policies that affect the incidence of child labour in a small open developing economy using a four-factor, four-sector general equilibrium model with endogenized supply of child labour which is derived from household's utility maximizing behaviour. In doing so, the households are assumed to be altruistic towards child's leisure. Child labour supply is obtained as a negative function of adult wage and positive function of child wage rate. We show that the effectiveness of various trade-related price policies, namely, a price subsidy to the backward agriculture, tariff-based protectionist policy and trade sanctions, crucially hinges on relative factor intensity of different sectors, variation in adult and child wage rate and quality of employment. It is suggested that an agriculture price subsidy and trade sanction may aggravate the problem of child labour; on the other hand, a tariff-based protectionist policy lowers the incidence of child labour under few sufficient conditions.

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 Has Emigration Perked Up Entrepreneurship Among Return Migrants in Kerala? Findings from a Survey in a High Migration Density District, Written by - P. Azad, A. Abdul Salim & P. K. Sujathan

ABSTRACT

This paper attempted to analyze the impact of emigration on the entrepreneurial activities of return emigrants in Kerala. It concludes that acquisition of human capital, financial capital, social network, aspiration and other factors influence the entrepreneurial activities in the labour market of Kerala. The paper pitches for a pivotal role for the government to make use of the potential of the returnees.

Gender, Technology and Development - Vol.25, No.2, 2021

 Transnational relationships and virtual technology: an ethnographic study of the left-behind wives in Kerala, Written by - Nusarath Jahan P.

ABSTRACT

Modern technology plays a complicated role in (re)shaping the transnational relationships between migrated men and their left-behind wives in Kerala. Since the 1990s, the Malabar region in Kerala has witnessed large-scale migration of its workforce to the Gulf countries. As these women juggle between family, migration, and gaps in socio-economic development, multiple forms of technologies and surveillance complicate the institutionalization of patriarchy within the private sphere in the name of women's safety. Technological devices turn the migrants' wives into docile bodies, observable at any moment by their husbands' virtual eyes. This paper argues that using modern technology, which is operated around the idea of surveillance, migrant husbands foster a "mediated patriarchy." Further, modern technology (re)shapes transnational relationships and functions as a double-edged weapon in the left-behind wives' lives.

Qualitative approaches and ethnography have been used to understand the demographic profile and personal experiences of the left-behind wives in Kerala.

Gender, Technology and Development - Vol.25, No.2, 2021

 Gender disparity in the digitalization of financial services: challenges and promises for women's financial inclusion in India, Written by - Lalitagauri Kulkarni & Anandita Ghosh

ABSTRACT

Digital financial services present unprecedented opportunities for the financial inclusion of vulnerable sections of society by overcoming the barriers of cost, distance, transparency, and by providing financial services tailored to their needs. Despite rapid strides in the digital financial inclusion in India, women face barriers to access and usage of digital financial services. The study uses secondary data to examine the regional profile of the gender gap in digital financial inclusion in India. The analysis shows that the economic development of the state does not determine the gender disparity in digital financial inclusion. The study also identifies key barriers to women's access to digital financial services. Based on a primary survey of women in rural and urban areas the study shows that digitalization can help enhance women's social and financial autonomy. Hence, these findings suggest that a gender sensitive approach to financial inclusion is imperative for the success of policy initiatives.

Environment and Urbanization Asia - Sept 3, 2021

 COVID-19: Urban Vulnerability and the Need for Transformations, Written by – S. Irudaya Rajan & Anand P. Cherian

ABSTRACT

The urban-rural divide in India has been the cause of labour flow to Indian

cities, which have historically witnessed an insufficiency in planning. Moreover, widening social inequalities exacerbate the living conditions in Indian cities, pushing the migrant labourers from rural areas to the margins of urban spaces. Public policymakers have long turned a blind-eye to migrants, denying them essential social security. This study attempts to review how these factors have made urban space unwelcome to migrants from rural areas, edging them to a state of inability to sustain themselves, especially amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. It is also an attempt to reevaluate the status of urbanization. The government imposed a sudden lockdown in 2020 to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak, leading to a massive exodus of migrants from cities back to their homes. The study also seeks to account for the significance of economic planning and social security with regard to migrant labour.

Journal of International Migration and Integration - 2021

<u>Labour Force, Occupational Changes and Socioeconomic Level of Return Emigrants in India, Written by – S. Irudaya Rajan & S. Amuthan</u>

ABSTRACT

The study examines labour force participation, occupational changes and unemployment levels of Indian return emigrants at the time of leaving from their country of destination and after return to the country of origin. Further, this article extends the debate on the socioeconomic level of return migrants, post their return, in comparison to the non-migrants. The data from the 64th round of the National Sample Survey (NSS), which is the latest available data on return migration, has been utilised for this study to explore the pre- and post-return migration statuses. The result shows that the occupational changes are substantially different in the pre- and post-return phases. Meanwhile, the labour force participation ratio is seen to have significantly declined among the return migrants. In addition, unemployment ratio is seen to be significantly higher for both pre- and post-return periods while economic level of return migrants is observed to be better than non-migrants. However, among the return migrants, the poorest are most likely

to return than the richest and the category of middle class five times more likely to than richest.

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 Evidence from the National Family and Health Survey,
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