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 <u>Unveiling Gender Negotiation in Everyday Life: Sports and</u> Society in Rural Haryana, Written by – Prachy Hooda

ABSTRACT

Negotiations and resistance to hegemonic gendered values become a part of the everyday lived experiences of women when they enter the domain of sports. Against the backdrop of the vibrant sports culture and institutions, in a village in Haryana, the study examines the changing notions of femininity and the role of social structures in shaping the experiences of sportswomen largely from the agrarian background.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.58, No.30, July 29, 2023

Environmental Injustice and Public Health in India: Towards
 <u>a "Decolonial Intersectional Environmental Justice"</u>
 <u>Framework, Written by - Nitish Gogoi and S. S. Sumesh</u>

ABSTRACT

This article examines the current inadequacy of environmental policies in protecting the ecology and health of the public, especially among the socially marginalised sections in India and argues for a "decolonial intersectional environmental justice" approach in framing and implementing inclusive environmental policies in India. This article argues that in the acute environmental health crisis, the government should provide research grants not only to environmental and natural scientists but also involve social scientists in research and formulating innovative policies that can lead to a better ecosystem and could

provide environmental justice to the people living at the margins.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.58, No.30, July 29, 2023

• Explaining the U-curve Trend of Female Labour Force Participation in Bihar, Written by - Aviral Pandey

ABSTRACT

Despite Bihar's high economic growth rates over the past 15 years, its female labour force participation rate has declined, especially between 2004–05 and 2018–19, with a modest increase after 2018–19. This "U-curve" phenomenon of FLFPR in Bihar is examined using the National Sample Survey Office and Periodic Labour Force Survey data. Our findings suggest the role of both income and education effects between 2004–05 and 2018–19, followed by substitution effect after 2018–19. It is accordingly suggested that female students should be encouraged to pursue higher education to increase their participation in the labour market and policies should facilitate demand-side factors of the labour market for females in Bihar.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.58, No.30, July 29, 2023

 <u>Does Access to Educational Institutions Signify Gaining</u> <u>Quality Education?, Written by - Parul Gazta & Jagdish</u> <u>Jadhav</u>

ABSTRACT

The Annual Status of Education Report has been instrumental in understanding the education trends in rural India. The ASER 2022, published after a gap of four years, draws attention to the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic on the primary and middle school education. While an increase in the enrolment rate is an encouraging observation, declining foundational learning abilities is a grim development. Drawing inferences from the major findings of the report, this article suggests the need for renewed collective efforts from the state, teachers, parents, and neighbourhood community to meet the new educational challenges.

The Indian Journal of Labour Economics - Vol.66, No.2, 2023

Beyond the Clock: Exploring the Complexities of Women's
 Domestic Roles in India Through the Lenses of Daughters
 and Daughters-in-Law, Written by - Pushpendra Singh,
 Falguni Pattanaik & Archana Singh

ABSTRACT

This study aims to estimate the distribution of time spent on unpaid activities in India, with a focus on understanding the gendered nature of this work. The study seeks to contribute to the existing literature by providing empirical insights into the time spent on unpaid domestic activities by daughters and daughters-in-law, and by identifying the sociocultural and economic factors that contribute to this work. To achieve this objective, the study employs data from the Time Use Survey (TUS) conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) in India from January to December 2019. The study uses a two-phase analysis to estimate the time spent on unpaid activities by daughters and daughters-in-law. In the first phase, the study estimates the average time spent in different economic and noneconomic activities by gender and habitation. This analysis reveals that men tend to work longer hours in market activities and spend less time on unpaid domestic activities than women across all stages of their lifecycle. In the second phase of analysis, the study estimates the magnitude of unpaid activities carried out by daughters and daughters-inlaw, and identifies the relative contributions of demographic and socioeconomic factors to the time spent on selected unpaid activities. The study employs a linear regression model to assess the impact of these factors on the time spent on unpaid work.

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• <u>The Challenge of Youth Employment: New Findings and</u> Approaches, Written by - Sher Singh Verick

ABSTRACT

The challenge of youth employment is not new. Even in good economic times, young people experience unemployment rates that are 3–4 times higher than adults. More than three out of four of the world's young workers have informal jobs, while young people are overrepresented in working poverty and less protected forms of work, such as temporary and gig employment. During economic crises, the situation for young people in the labour market deteriorates much faster than for adults and persists for longer periods. The

scarring effects for youth were clear after the global financial crisis (GFC) of 2008–09. Beyond these negative trends, it is important to recognise where countries have done much better in getting young people into decent and productive employment, including in the wake of crises. The success of European countries in tackling youth unemployment and inactivity has led to many attempts to replicate the policy approach, which involves integrated programmes such as the EU Youth Guarantee. However, there are major constraints to applying such an approach in developing countries and emerging economies. Against this background, the paper reviews the longer run trends in youth employment, along with the impact of crises on young people, focusing on the COVID-19 pandemic, in both advanced and developing countries. Next, it explores the lessons learned on how best to deal with youth employment challenges drawing from recent global meta-analyses.

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 Indian Urban Workers' Labour Market Transitions, Written by - Jyotirmoy Bhattacharya

ABSTRACT

This paper studies gross labour market flows and determinants of labour market transitions for urban Indian workers using a panel dataset constructed from Indian Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data for the period 2017–18 to 2019–20. Longitudinal studies based on the PLFS have been hampered by data problems that prevent a straightforward merging of the 2017–18 and 2018–19 data releases. In this paper, we propose and validate a matching procedure based on individual and household characteristics that can successfully link almost all records across these 2 years. We use the constructed dataset to document a number of stylised facts about gross worker flows and to estimate the effects of different individual characteristics and work histories on probabilities of job gain and loss.

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 <u>Challenges Faced by Self-Help Groups in Employment</u> <u>Generation in Bihar, Written by - Niharika Singh & Sudipa</u> <u>Majumdar</u>

ABSTRACT

Self-help groups (SHGs) play an important role in providing microfinance services to the poor, along with building the functional capacity of the marginalised strata, and enhancing their employment and income-generating activities. The present study provides evidence of the impact of SHG-based financial interventions on labour market outcomes in Bihar. Bihar was the forerunner in the formation of SHGs in India, with more than 10 lakh SHGs that were run primarily by women. Therefore, Bihar provided an ideal setting for evaluation of the effectiveness of SHGs in transforming their savings into productive investments. The study used purposive sampling to collect primary data from three districts of Bihar, namely Aurangabad, Bhagalpur, and Katihar. Findings of the study indicated that the SHG members were inadequately informed of the services available to them and had little knowledge of their roles and privileges as SHG members. The sample SHGs in Bihar availed 100 per cent of their loans from commercial banks, who charged exorbitantly high rates of interest on the loans. Consequently, the SHG members availed loans in small amounts resulting in inadequate amounts to be translated into business promoting and income-generating activities. Using a difference-in-difference approach, the study finds that non-state-funded SHGs have been able to generate livelihood opportunities by providing overall financial services to rural women but when compared to the control group, where the SHGs were formed with state government initiatives, their average monthly incomes increased manifold at 99 per cent significance level. The present study has strong policy implications and recommendations. SHG members need to be adequately skilled to undertake micro-level entrepreneurial activities and eventually undertake longterm investments to generate employment.

The Indian Economic Journal – Vol.71, No.4, 2023

 Financial Incentives and Fertility Choices: Evidence from India, Written by - Tirtha Chatterjee and Ritika Jain

ABSTRACT

This article estimates the impact of a maternity cash transfer programme, Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana, implemented in India since 2011, on fertility choices. Since the scheme restricts the benefits to the first two births, we ask whether there is an impact on the likelihood of birth post implementation and if this behaviour is driven by son preference. We also test whether the scheme has affected the likelihood of female births. Our results give evidence in support of 'stopping rule' and we find that treated households reduce births only when their first two births are sons. However, we do not find any statistically significant impact of the likelihood of a female birth. We further find that post the implementation of the scheme, mothers and children are less likely to get better care for higher order births.

The Indian Economic Journal – Vol.71, No.4, 2023

 What are the Key Determinants of Child Malnutrition in India? Empirical Evidence from NFHS-4, Written by - Payal Seth and Palakh Jain

ABSTRACT

India hosts the highest number of malnourished children in the world. Tackling this challenge requires urgent implementation of targeted policies. However, the current research is not clear on which specific interventions the policymakers should undertake to yield the biggest improvement in child malnutrition in India. Hence, our study aims to contribute to the existing literature by using a novel regression decomposition technique, called the Shapley-Owen decomposition which can estimate the relative contribution of the factors influencing malnutrition. Using the NFHS-4 data, we classify the drivers of child undernutrition (besides age and gender) into different groups, such as infections and medicines, birth characteristics, food intake, child's environment, mother's anthropometry, her characteristics, environment, and socio-economic factors. The decomposition informs us that the child's age and the mother's anthropometry are the most important determinants of child height and weight outcomes (respectively). This means that access to adequate nutritional provision during the early years of the child's life is critical to reducing the burden of malnutrition in India. Further, targeting young girls as the beneficiaries of the welfare schemes will improve their anthropometry, which will ensure healthier children in the future. Given the rising challenge of malnutrition in India, there has been a push to enhance investment in a combination of interventions that ensure optimal food intake, its absorption, adequate sanitation, betterment of maternal nutrition as well as education and access to social safety nets.

Gender, Work and Organization – Vol.30, No.5, 2023

 (Dis)empowering the feminine? Spatializing the interlace of gender-class-neoliberal managerialism in a women-only

café in India, Written by - Rajeshwari Chennangodu & George Kandathil

ABSTRACT

Using the Lefebvrian triad, we explore spatial organizing of classed-gendered work and working bodies in a cafe space that emerges from urbanized claims of empowering "rural poor women" to become entrepreneurs by employing them in a cafe. Our criticalinterpretive ethnography analyses the process of installing a neoliberal-managerial path along which foodwork and working bodies are hierarchized and disciplined, creating spatialized hegemonic gendered positionalities interlaced with elite urban-working class rural binaries. The womanized workers came to embody the binaries and the dialectical contradictions they created, yet performing alternative femininities in the free spaces and times in the cafe.

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