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 India's Human Development Index: An Analysis of the Postreform Story, Written by - M A Oommen & Parma Chakravartti

ABSTRACT

The human development index initiated by the United Nations Development Programme has gained universal acceptance as a measure of human progress. This study constructs a comparable time series of HDI for 15 major states of India for the period 1991–2018. We find both β - and σ - convergence for all the states, with the non-income indices playing a major role in convergence, and a slowdown in the speed of convergence during the post-fiscal reform regime since 2005. Although the trajectories of HDI of different states tend to converge over time, the gap between the levels of HDI of low- and high-performing states has not been reduced significantly.

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 Socio-economic Correlates of Early Marriage of the Girl Child: Empirical Evidence from India, Written by - Manoj Kumar Agarwal, D K Ojha & Sunanda Mishra

<u>ABSTRACT</u>

The study focuses on the early marriage of the girl child in India using the fifth round of the National Family Health Survey. There are only nine states where maximum cases of a woman being married off as a child are reported, with West Bengal and Bihar taking the lead. Using multivariate logistic regression, it is found that the cases of early marriage of

the girl child are more prevalent among women having a lower level of education and belonging to the poorest wealth quintile.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.58, No.49, December 9, 2023

<u>Urbanicity and Health: Prevalence of NCDs by Size-Class of</u>
 <u>Urban Settlements, Written by - Samik Chowdhury</u>

ABSTRACT

Urban health outcomes are characterised by an epidemiologically diverse disease burden and an unequal distribution of the same, which mirrors these contrasts. This paper does a preliminary investigation of disease profiles across size-class of urban settlements in India, with a special focus on non-communicable diseases, using data from the 75th round of the National Sample Survey. This is the first such attempt using nationally representative data. This work has the potential to inform health as well as integrated urban development policies in the country. The work also holds lessons for the expansionary private health sector, which often underserves the smaller urban settlements.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.58, No.49, December 9, 2023

Alarm Bells for Maharashtra's Health System, Written by –
 Abhay Shukla

ABSTRACT

Recent surges in the deaths at public hospitals across Maharashtra prompted an investigation by the Jan Arogya Abhiyan into excess deaths at Dr Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital Nanded, revealing a complex convergence of systemic factors and underscoring the urgent need for political will to upgrade public health services.

Feminist Economics - Vol.29, No.4, 2023

Keeping Girls in Schools Longer: The Kanyashree
 Approach in India, Written by - Gitanjali Sen & Dhanushka
 Thamarapani

ABSTRACT

Regarding interventions aimed at preventing girls from prematurely dropping out of schools, this study shows that inducing economic empowerment of girls is possible with targeted policies that promote their reproductive empowerment. Using *Kanyashree Prakalpa*, a conditional cash transfer program implemented in West Bengal, India, that directly incentivized school attendance to delay child marriage, the study finds a strong association between program participation and successfully lowering the historically higher dropout rates post-middle school. Program-eligible girls are 12 percent (7 percent) more likely to be enrolled in or to complete secondary (higher secondary) school, respectively. Program participation is associated with approximately five more months of education. In fact, the efficacy of the program is highly correlated with the length of exposure, and the most benefits are reaped by children in the poorest households. The article discusses three policy interventions, including directly targeting girls as they transition from childhood to young adulthood.

Feminist Economics - Vol.29, No.4, 2023

• COVID-19, Income Shocks, and Women's Employment in India, Written by - Ishaan Bansal & Kanika Mahajan

ABSTRACT

Existing evidence shows that the COVID-19 pandemic led to larger employment losses for working women in India. This article examines the heterogeneity that underlies these trends by studying the impact of income shocks due to the COVID-19 induced national lockdown (April–May 2020) on women's employment. Using individual-level panel data and a difference-in-differences strategy that exploits the imposition of the lockdown and accounts for seasonal employment trends, the study finds that women in households facing a hundred percent reduction in men's income during the lockdown were 1.57 pp (27 percent) more likely to take up work after restrictions eased (June–August 2020). These results are predominant in poorer and less educated households. However, these positive employment trends are largely transitory as the effect on women's employment reduces to 13 percent in these households during September–December 2020. These findings underscore the use of women's labor as insurance during low-income periods by poorer households.

Indian Journal of Human Development - Vol.17, No.2, 2023

 Committed for Social Change: Analysing the Role of Frontline Health Workers During Pandemic in Rural Odisha, Written by - Skylab Sahu and Pradeep Kumar Mehta

ABSTRACT

The frontline health workers take health services directly to communities where access is either absent or often limited. The Aanganwadi workers and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA), among the most prominent frontline workers, act as essential to providing health facilities by bringing services to people's doorsteps. They create awareness, provide nutritional support to children and mothers, promote universal immunisation, provide escort services for Reproductive and Child Health and so on. With the rise of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), ASHA and Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) have been expected to do supplemented work along with their regular duties. They are engaged in contact tracing, providing food supplements at the doorstep, screening the returning migrant workers, reporting suspected COVID-19 cases, doing door-to-door surveys and ensuring quarantine or isolation. However, they remain the least paid as Corona warriors and are exposed to Corona. The research found that AWWs and ASHAs are denied fundamental dignity and basic rights such as the right to recognition as workers, the right to the minimum salary and basic social security measures, which are the basic entitlement of the frontline workers in the State. The article critically analyses their role and rights during the pandemic.

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 Childcare Crisis During the Pandemic: Analysing the Role of Grandparents in Multi-Generational Households, Written by - Priyanka Roy Rudra

<u>ABSTRACT</u>

The COVID-19 crisis has dramatically altered our lives-both at the micro and macro levels. Apart from bringing in deaths, illnesses and devastations, it also struck at the most elementary level of our society - the children. The pandemic has forced educational institutions and offices to shift to an online mode, thus intensifying the already existing childcare crisis. In the midst of such an existential crisis, it is interesting to note that in

many families, grandparents have stepped in for helping out their adult children who are already overwhelmed by work pressure, childcare and household responsibilities. Against such a background, an attempt has been made to understand the challenges that the grandparents have experienced in dealing with the pandemic childcare crisis. The paper also aims to understand the qualitative contribution of grandparents towards their children, grandkids and the coping strategies that the senior and middle generations have used in fighting with this unprecedented crisis.

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<u>Financial Inclusion and Its Impact on Fertility: An Empirical</u>
 <u>Investigation, Written by - Govindapuram Suresh</u>

ABSTRACT

This paper explores the empirical relationship between financial inclusion and fertility, primary developmental outcomes. Some studies show the impact of financial inclusion on different developmental outcomes, such as poverty, inequality, education, health, empowerment and economic growth and development. However, only a few studies have analysed the impact of financial inclusion on specific health indicators. Financial inclusion has a significant impact on fertility decline. This study uses data from 2004 to 2018 from a panel of 152 countries from the World Development Indicators and the IMF's Financial Access Survey to test the link between financial inclusion and fertility. I used techniques, that is, the panel fixed-effect model, SLM test, semi-parametric approach and quantile regression analysis, to understand the relationship between financial inclusion and fertility.

Indian Journal of Human Development - Vol.17, No.2, 2023

Inequality of Opportunity in Elementary Level School
 Education: Evidence from India, Written by - Tista Kundu

ABSTRACT

This article, using the National Sample Survey database, explores the unfair schooling access of Indian children over the time period of 2004–2012, where the unfairness is generated from the differences in the respective caste, sex, religion, parental and other family backgrounds of the children that they can not control by themselves. Adopting the

philosophical rubric of inequality of opportunity we find inequality of educational opportunity to be impressively low for Indian children while a timely beginning of schooling is considered, but depicts a sharp rise while we consider a timely finishing of elementary school education. We further find parental education, particularly that of mother's, to be the most important factor behind the resulting inequality of educational opportunity. Although India shows an unambiguous improvement over the aforementioned time span, our results indicate the necessity of refurbishing school education policies with an emphasis on arresting school dropouts for those born to unfavorable circumstances.

Migration and Development - Vol.12, No.1, 2023

Intention to Emigrate Again and Destination Preference: A
 Study of Indian Nurses Returning from Gulf Cooperation
 Council Countries, Written by - Yuko Tsujita Hisaya Oda,
 and S. Irudaya Rajan

ABSTRACT

This article empirically investigates the migration patterns of Indian nurses who have returned from Gulf countries, where obtaining long-term visas and citizenship is difficult, to determine whether their return should be considered a temporary or permanent settlement. The study addresses the likelihood of future migration and explores migration trajectories among these individuals. Our analysis reveals that returned nurses are more inclined to migrate again if currently employed in India's private sector, which offers lower financial rewards compared to the public sector. On the other hand, those in contract-based public sector jobs express a willingness to relocate to Western countries but not back to Gulf countries. The limited occurrence of circular migrations to Gulf countries among nurses highlights their lower position in the hierarchy of destination countries. This study illustrates the complexities of nurse migration decisions, demonstrating that migration trajectories do not always follow a linear path towards perceived 'better' destinations.

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