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The Role of Informality in Moderating the Impact of Adverse
 Macroeconomic Shocks, By - Sugata Marjit, Ranajoy
 Bhattacharyya & Lei Yang

ABSTRACT

In the presence of informality, adverse demand shocks have a lower impact on aggregate output and adverse supply shocks have a lower impact on prices as well as output. Both would imply that countries without a substantial informal sector, largely more affluent nations, would be more exposed to higher prices following such shocks. This is consistent with contemporary evidence of stagflation in developed countries. Being the residual sector, the informal sector inevitably moves in the opposite direction to the formal sector during a bad shock episode, cushioning its aggregate effect. We then show that the

argument goes through if the firms have to finance their working capital requirements by borrowing from the market.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.58, No.48, December 2, 2023

 From Allegations to Action: Reforming Policies to Combat Sexual Harassment in Indian Sports, By - Shaun Star & Trusha Modi

ABSTRACT

The existing legislation and sport-specific policies that aim to protect athletes from sexual harassment are examined. There is an urgent need for policy reforms in the country to ensure accountability and foster a safe sports culture for athletes to grow in an abuse-free environment

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.58, No.47, November 25, 2023

Gender Gap in Credit in India: Is Credit Risk a Concern?, By
 Saibal Ghosh

ABSTRACT

Are women less risky in terms of loan repayment as compared with men? Using data on public sector Indian banks, we present evidence to this effect. The key insights emanating from the analysis are the following. First, non-performing loans arising out of credit extended to women decline by 7.5% on average, after controlling for bank-level and macroeconomic factors. Second, the decline in NPLs out of the credit extended is primarily with regard to priority sector credit and less so with respect to non-priority credit. We view this as one of the early exercises in the Indian context to examine the linkage between gender credit gap and the resultant NPLs.

Economic and Political Weekly - Vol.58, No.47, November 25, 2023

The Political Economy of Curricula in Higher Education

Institutions, By - Sudhanshu Bhushan

ABSTRACT

Three years of the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 have witnessed several regulations and guidelines by the University Grants Commission regarding changes in the curriculum. It is important to examine the implications of these curricular changes. It is noted that the curriculum, instead of evolving through scientific inquiry, is influenced by the ideology of the state and the market.

The Indian Journal of Labour Economics - Vol.66, No.3, September, 2023

 Changes in Labour Force and Employment: Evidence from PLFS Data, By - Ramesh Chand

ABSTRACT

The paper analyse and discuss changes in labour force and employment in the recent period using data from periodic labour force surveys of the National Statistical Office (NSO), GOI, for the period 2017–18 to 2021–22. It examines the veracity of assertions such as: (i) decline in worker-to-population ratio in recent years, (ii) increase in unemployment, (iii) withdrawal of women from workforce, and (iv) deterioration in the overall employment scenario in the country, among others. Labour force participation rate (LFPR) and worker-to-population rates (WPR) show significant increase, while unemployment dropped from 6 to 4% between 2017–18 and 2021–22. The period also witnessed sizable increase in female employment as their WPR increased by 50.0%, from 16.5% in 2017–18 to 24.0% in 2021–22. This has led to higher share of women in country's workforce and diluted dominance of male in all occupation categories.

The Indian Journal of Labour Economics - Vol.66, No.3, September, 2023

Enterprise Informality in India: The Blind Spots in Public
 Policy, By - Santosh Mehrotra & Tuhinsubhra Giri

ABSTRACT

An essential characteristic of firm size distribution patterns in developing countries including India, is a bimodal distribution with a "missing middle", which is widely accepted in development economics. We analyse data from the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), National Sample Survey (NSS) and Economic Census to assess the firm size structure of the whole non-farm sector. The contribution of the paper is that for the first time a comprehensive database is constructed to enable analysis of the size structure of India's non-farm enterprises. The second contribution is that we find a deep distortion in India, with even a "small"-scale sector being very small, relatively. We examine briefly the policy-related causes that make India an outlier even among Asian economies in respect of size structure of enterprises. Finally, we argue that the historically policy-induced informality of enterprises is being entrenched by the current hiatus in state policy in even recognising the true nature of the problem of micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs), which holds back both their growth and employment.

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<u>Determinants of Female Labour Force Participation in Urban</u>
 <u>India: Does Outdoor Air Pollution Matter?</u>, By - Kaushiki
 <u>Banerjee & Arpita Ghose</u>

ABSTRACT

The paper contributes the literature in the following ways: (a) It establishes negative sole impact of urban outdoor air-pollution and its interaction-effect with growth, poverty, and urbanisation on female life-expectancy (FLE), hence on female labour force participation rate (FLFPR); proving the positive two-way relation between these two through estimating a simultaneous panel-model comprising equations of FLFPR and FLE, for Indian-states over the period 2017–2022. The significant impact of the interaction-effect shows partial-effect of a change in the concerned variable on FLE and on FLFPR depends on air-pollution. Thus, measures to raise growth, urbanisation or reduce poverty can improve FLE and FLFPR, provided air-pollution is mitigated. (b) Moreover, significant impact of interaction-effect of household-size and growth (Lnnsdp × HHsz) on FLFPR is supported, i.e., the impact of growth on FLFPR depends on household-size and vice-versa. A critical-level of Lnnsdp × HHsz exists; FLFPR increases/falls with Lnnsdp × HHsz according as actual Lnnsdp × HHsz is lesser/higher than critical-level.

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Is Gender a Barrier to Access Vocational Training in India?
 An Empirical Analysis based on Periodic Labour Force
 Survey Data, By - Sayanti Roy, Arijita Dutta & Montu Bose

ABSTRACT

Given the increasing pace of globalisation and technological changes on the one hand and low access to general education in developing countries on the other, possession of knowledge and skill has become critically important. India positioned at the verge of transformation to become a knowledge-based economy, unfortunately has low-skilled less market-ready section of people, particularly women, for whom education in general stream still remains a panacea. Vocational training (VT) is an important vehicle of skill development, which can offer those women a second chance to gather skill and successfully participate in labour market. However, evidence suggests that in spite of direct government intervention, they often fail to benefit from skilling programmes. While the existing literature primarily focuses on why women who get VT still cannot get high-earning jobs unlike the men, this paper, based on NSSO Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2018–19 unit-level data, tries to shade light on the access to vocational training of women vis-à-vis men in India and explore whether gender works as an obstacle for accessing vocational training in India and an eastern state, namely West Bengal.

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 Vulnerable Sites: Bottom-of-the Pyramid Blue-Collar Workers, Occupational Gendering and Earnings Disparity, By - Firdaus Khan & Srinivas Surisetti

ABSTRACT

India is the world's largest blue-collar recruiting market, yet this economy stays invisible and under-explored. This research examined the earnings opportunity of the bottom-of-the pyramid blue-collar worker, namely those who have not even cleared class X. The study analysed job postings across 13 Indian cities within 17 job profiles, on a popular blue-collar

job portal and found significant disparity in earnings based on gender, job profile, and job location. Two-step clustering model revealed occupational gendering such that women will be kept out of certain jobs, and there was significant evidence of a masculinised skill perception within a significant proportion of the job postings. The image of the blue-collar worker is dominantly that of a male worker. The study found that high paying job postings such as delivery person and cook were associated significantly with a male requirement, while low-paying jobs ranging from housekeeping (including house maids) to receptionist formed the bulk of demand for women workers. Occupational segregation and cultural discrimination may be creating a structural bias against blue-collar women locking them in a constrained life position. However, men's vulnerability was also observed in the data as the high paying delivery profile along with office boy/peon had lowest salary much lower than minimum wage.

Gender and Education - Vol.35, Nos. 6 - 7, 2023

<u>'Seeking a break from home': investigating women's college</u>
 <u>experiences in rural Mewat, India, By - Ravikant Kisana & Shubhda Arora</u>

ABSTRACT

In 2018, Nuh, barely 75 km from India's parliament, was ranked by the Government as the country's most 'backward' district. It is a region fraught with many challenges including endemic poverty and simmering communal tensions, which among other factors have contributed to historically limiting women from pursuing higher education or building career aspirations. While the state has attempted to correct this by building new colleges, this paper explores how women experience and navigate these college spaces. Using a critical feminist lens, it seeks to understand the social and cultural possibilities that college life and higher education have in their lives. Findings suggest that while there are major restrictions on social agency within their everyday life, college emerges as a liminal space that provides an 'escape'. The college space for these women offers possible pathways of imagination, dialogue, solidarity and support, all forming the complex matrix of their future possibilities.

Gender & Society - Vol.37, No.6, 2023

Illusion of Inclusion: Examining Trickle-Down Effects of the

Board Gender Quota Regulation in India, By - Esha Mendiratta

ABSTRACT

In this study, I explore the consequences of the board gender quota in India, the first developing country to implement such a policy. Proponents of board gender quotas argue that such policies ought to undo the gendered organization by bolstering up appointments of women in lower ranks, starting with senior executive ranks just below the board (i.e., positive trickle-down effects). Challenging these normative arguments, I argue that deeply rooted gender structures in organizations, coupled with the nature of the board gender quota in India, may hinder such effects. After analyzing 184 of the largest publicly listed firms in India during 2007–2017, I found that the board gender quota led to an increase in the appointment of women to corporate boards, with a smaller positive effect for boards with higher numbers of female directors before the quota. However, firms reduced appointments of women to senior executive ranks below the board after the announcement of the regulation. Hence, it seems that women's access to board positions through a quota resulted in redoing the gendered organization by reducing female appointments at senior executive levels.

Contributions to Indian Sociology - Vol.57, Nos.1 - 2, December 2, 2023

• <u>'Most Backward Castes', State Neglect and Rage: Violence</u> <u>in Rural North India, By - Smita Tewari Jassal</u>

ABSTRACT

Complaints filed in Indian police stations offer a unique lens on the marginality and violence experienced by a range of castes recognised as Other Backward Classes (OBC), beneficiaries of the state's reservation policies. Focusing on reports registered by a caste group within the OBC category, this article illuminates two separate forms of violent conflict: inter-caste conflicts over scarce resources within the Nishad/Mallah caste and their competition and strife with other upwardly mobile disadvantaged groups. The failure of the state to offer vulnerable groups protection is a critical element in the marginality experienced by low-caste non-Dalit groups.

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