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Review of Rural Affairs

Eight papers, comprising in-depth village studies as well as analyses using nationally representative secondary data sources, cover the core set of issues such as land relations, structural transformation, incomes, and the changing structure of the labour market, along with issues which have usually received less attention in village studies, such as social and economic networks, the commercialisation of agriculture and farmer producer societies, in the case of the plantation sector. **pages 30–95**

Menstrual Leave

Instead of assuming that menstrual leave will make women unproductive, it is necessary to acknowledge menstruation as an additional blood work that women need to perform to maintain the work norms set by a patriarchal society. **page 17**

Frugal Technological Praxis

Not only must FTP be accepted by the “innovation hierarchy” but this very hierarchy needs to be demolished, and technological praxis needs to be placed across a horizontal spectrum, ranging from systemic formal innovation to FTP. **page 25**

Operation AMRITH in Kerala

10 The Kerala drug control department adopted Operation AMRITH, with a target of curtailing over-the-counter sale of antibiotics in the state. — *Bhagyalakshmi R, Neena Elezabeth Philip & Lekha D Bhat*

Why Do GST Data Differ across Sources?

13 The goods and services tax data vary based on sources, thus creating differences in revenue performance assessment. — *Sacchidananda Mukherjee*

Menstruation as Additional Work

17 This article, by introducing the concept of blood work, argues for the need to recognise menstruation as extra work and offers a novel perspective to the debate. — *Madhura Joshi*

Frugal Technological Praxis as Empowerment

25 Frugal technological activity through *jugaad* or frugal invention, collective and defensive technological strategies, or grassroots innovation can battle the lived experience of inequality. — *Anant Kamath*

Review of Rural Affairs

30 Eight papers examine issues such as land relations, structural transformation, incomes, and the changing structure of the labour market in rural India. — *Himanshu*

Rural Non-farm Employment in India

33 The impact of prolonged economic slowdown, agrarian distress, demonetisation, the goods and services tax, and the COVID-19 pandemic on the rural workforce and earnings is examined. — *Vamika Goel*

COVID-19 and Structural Change

40 The proportion of agricultural workers in the total workforce has been exhibiting shifting trends over the last two decades. The paper uses a village-level survey to get a deeper insight into the evolving gender and caste dynamics of rural employment in India. — *B Satheesha, Neha Bailwal*

Ownership, Accumulation, and the Land Question

48 The consolidation of agricultural lands by dominant socio-economic groups is discussed in the context of contemporary debate on the land question by foregrounding market-led land transfers as a driver of accumulation. — *Sunit Arora*

Income Growth in an Eastern Uttar Pradesh Village

54 Drawing on longitudinal data from a Dalit-majority village, change in household incomes is quantified and sources of income growth are identified. While household income has more than doubled on average, the contribution of the agriculture sector has shrunk. — *Arindam Das, Niladri Sekhar Dhar, Kunal Munjal & Madhura Swaminathan*

A Decade in Rural Tamil Nadu

62 This paper aims to propose a broad picture of socio-economic dynamics in rural Tamil Nadu over the last decade using an original first-hand longitudinal survey called the Networks, Employment, dEbt, Mobilities, and Skills in India Survey. — *Mary Di Santolo, Isabelle Guérin, Sébastien Michiels, Cécile Mouchel, Arnaud Natal, Christophe Jalil Nordman & G Venkatasubramanian*

Evolution of Social Networks in Kanzara Village

72 Understanding the dynamics of social networks is crucial for comprehending how communities adapt to social, economic, and technological changes. This paper analyses the evolution of various village social networks from 2007 to 2022. — *Rahul Kumar Singh, Sarthak Gaurav*

Agrarian Transformation and Commercialisation

80 Commercialisation of agriculture is studied in a linear fashion as a process of growth of surplus. However, the advance of productive forces that follow commercialisation is also associated with changes in the relations of production. — *R Ramakumar, Karan Raut*

Deepening Disconnect

89 Collective actions through rubber producer societies can overcome poor bargaining power and scale diseconomies for the fragmented, small, and marginal growers of natural rubber. Membership in these societies seems to benefit the growers, but they exhibit a widening chasm with the marginal growers. — *Vinoy Abraham*

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