

Overview of Female Workers in Rural Uttar Pradesh: an Inter-District Analysis

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Abstract

The paper examines the work participation rate (WPR) of women in Uttar Pradesh an inter-district analysis based on the census conducted in 2001 & 2011. As per 2011 census, the WPR of women was 16.75% in Uttar Pradesh which is slightly high from 2001 (16.62%). More than half of the districts in U.P. show the decline rate of female work participation rate from 2001 to 2011. Female work participation rate is declining more in rural area as compared to the urban area. Occupation wise data show that all districts of U.P. show the decline rate of cultivators. In this paper we tried to find out where these workers have gone. Are they out of the labour force or they have moved from one occupation to another occupation? Finally, the paper would conclude with some general observations and suggestions.