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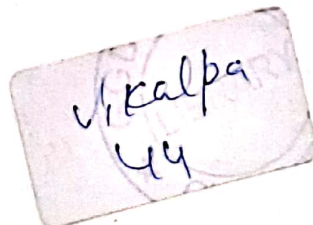
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Abstract: The tea estate workers of West Bengal have been victims of colonial oppression for generations. The experiences of the workers with oppressive business cultures have resulted in unique complexities within their behaviour. Migratory entrepreneurship will augur socio-economic growth among the tea estate communities while enhancing the efficiency of the tea estates. The present study explores the behavioural dimensions of migratory entrepreneurship among the tea estate workers of Bengal through a multi-dimensional approach which includes a discussion on the historical, socio-economic perspective, a field study on perceptions of migratory entrepreneurship among the garden community and a subsequent analysis of the results.

Keywords: Migration, Entrepreneurship, Behaviour, Tea estates, Decision problem

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Abstract: The India-US migration corridor is one of the most prominent pathways for skilled migration in India. Every year thousands of skilled individuals emigrate to the US for work on H1B visa. There is a parallel migration of spouses of such visa holders on an H4 visa, a dependent visa which restricts several financial as well as non-financial freedom of an individual. The paper dwells on understanding why educated and independent women choose to migrate on a dependent visa and the choice baskets available to them. Given the choices available, how are the decisions concerning migration on dependent spouse visas undertaken?

Keywords: Immigration, Spouse Migration, Visa, Dependency

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Abstract: One of the hallmarks of the Tibetan exile situation is that it has been organised on the principle of non-assimilation. This has allowed the Tibetan refugee to use their agency to ensure the sustenance of Tibetan culture and religion in exile. This is in keeping with Arendt's apprehension that assimilation with the host society can lead to a dilution of the culture of the refugee. Through a qualitative study of Tibetan settlements in Karnataka and Goa, this paper enquires into the socio-economic consequences of the policy of non-assimilation for both the Tibetan refugees and the Indian hosts.

Keywords: Non-assimilation, Conflict, Refugee, Accommodation, Agency, Tibetan

Abstract: Goa is a popular destination for migrants from other states. However, according to Census 2011, migration for business comprises only 2.7% of all migration. Using Census data, this study seeks to identify the factors that determine business migration to Goa. It is found that while the size of population of the home state positively influences outmigration, distance has a dampening effect, though its importance as a deterrent is declining over time. The variables of literacy and GSDP do not exert much influence on the volume of migration. A field study conducted to gain insights into the experiences of the business migrant community in Goa shows that most of the respondents have a favourable opinion about Goa, with very few cases of discrimination and abuse.

Keywords: Business Migrants, Outmigration, Gravity model, Framework, Remittances

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Abstract: Bangladeshi migrant farmers in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, India, have been playing a pioneering role in small-scale tea cultivation in the region. The study 'based on focused group interviews, attempts to identify the influence of small-scale tea cultivation on the earnings of Bangladeshi migrant farmers and the importance of Bangladeshi migrant farmers in the study region. The study reveals that Bangladeshi migrants brought the idea of small-scale tea cultivation on agricultural land with their innovative and risk-taking behaviour. They produce and earn more than the indigenous small-scale tea cultivators in the same region.

Keywords: Risk-taking Behaviour, Small-scale Tea Cultivation, Economic Development, India

Circular Migrant Workers and Housing in Indian Cities: A View from Ahmedabad
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Abstract: The paper examines the living spaces and related experiences of circular labour migrants in the construction sector in Ahmedabad; and interrogates the urban policy, planning and governance regimes as well as labour legislation and governance regimes shaping these. The paper also pays attention to migrants' agency in shaping their housing in the city in the context of these regimes and their own multilocal lives. Their housing question is also situated in the context of the broader housing question of the urban poor which consists of a diversity of groups facing shared and differentiated exclusions and vulnerabilities in the city.

Keywords: Circular Labour Migrants, Housing, Urban Poor, Urban Policy