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# POLICY TO PRACTICE PODCAST

The CDPP launched the "Policy to Practice" podcast featuring development sector experts. The podcast aims to enlighten a diverse audience on global issues, fostering conversations with experts to simplify complex concepts related to social, cultural, economic, and technological development.

## #6 Featuring Dr. Rathin Roy



Catch us in conversation with Dr. Rathin Roy hosted by Mr. Ablaz Mohammed Schemnad on the **Economic Inequality in India**. He explained the various issues and complexities of inequality and distress in the capitalistic society, and how the policy measures should address them adequately.

Dr. Rathin Roy is a Visiting Senior Fellow at Overseas Development Institute (ODI). He was previously ODI's Managing Director. Before joining ODI, Rathin was the Director and CEO of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) in New Delhi. His policy interests and research has mainly focused on fiscal and macroeconomic issues pertinent to human development in developing and emerging economies.

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# CDPP BLOG

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles via the CDPP Blog. This month's blog covered diverse perspectives under the theme of law, policy, and democracy.

## **Inclusive Welfare Policies and Inter-State Migrant Workers in Kerala: An Insight for India**



Internal migration within India is a historical process that contributes to the country's developmental aspect. However, government policies have often neglected the rights of unorganised interstate migrants, with insufficient central and state-level schemes to protect these labourers. In contrast, the Kerala state government has adopted a distinctive welfare approach aimed at the socioeconomic development of informal migrant workers. This article examines the context of interstate migration in Kerala and explores the innovative welfare schemes implemented by the state government to address the needs of these labourers.

## **Gender, Migration, and Integration: Policy Opportunities for Northeastern Women in Mainland India**



The gendered dimensions of migration from Northeast India to mainland India have yet to receive sufficient focus despite the growing body of research on this topic. This essay explores the particular difficulties encountered by female immigrants from the Northeast, emphasizing their encounters with urban job markets, social integration, and welfare assistance accessibility. Identifying the shortcomings in current techniques, it aims to recommend policy solutions targeted at addressing the unique requirements of women migrants from the Northeast through a deep analysis of available data and legislation.

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## Shadows of Migration: Unveiling Anti-Migrant Violence in India



This article explores the rising violence against internal migrants in India, which coincides with rising regional and nationalist sentiments. It investigates the socioeconomic elements contributing to anti-migrant sentiments, such as job competition, informal labour exploitation, and insufficient social protection. The study criticises existing policies, such as the Interstate Migrant Workers Act and MGNREGA, for failing to safeguard migrants. It advocates for broad reforms that address structural concerns while guaranteeing legal safeguards and social inclusion. Improving social security portability, encouraging unionisation, and enforcing migrant rights are among the recommendations to promote social integration and prevent violence.

## Labour Migration and Welfare Schemes: Utilizing by the workers a critical perspective on Kerala



In the globalisation era, people migrated easily from one place to another place, and it is filling the gap and maintaining the demographic change. In the case of internal migration in India, people continuously migrate from lower-opportunity areas to high-opportunity areas. Here, the origin place of migration refers to Assam, Bihar, and West Bengal, and their destination place is mainly Kerala. For the migrated workers, the central and the state governments are taking many initiatives and determining which policies and schemes are made and whether these policies are adequately implemented. What is the main problem with implementing these schemes, and how can we include them?

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# CDPP BLOG

## Migration and Economic Inequality in India: Insights into SDG 10.7



This article investigates the impact of migration on economic inequality in India, examining both internal and international migration. Internal migration, driven by urbanisation and economic opportunities, often exacerbates regional disparities, while international migration provides significant benefits through remittances, which help reduce poverty but also highlight issues such as unequal distribution and labor rights concerns. Key policies like the eMigrate Online system and Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana reflect progress in supporting migrants but require further refinement. The case of Kerala illustrates both the economic advantages and the dependency challenges of remittances, emphasizing the need for a balanced approach to economic development and migration policy.

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# ONLINE ARTICLES

CDPP disseminated thought-provoking articles via renowned platforms like Siasat. This month's articles covered themes like the budget, disasters, and regulations.

## Health, education and beyond: Addressing critical issues facing adolescents



The report emphasizes the economic benefits of investing in adolescent well-being in India, projecting returns between \$4.6 and \$71.4 for each dollar spent, potentially increasing GDP by 10.1%. Key focus areas include enhancing education quality, improving mental health support, and addressing malnutrition, where significant gaps persist. Furthermore, the report highlights the rising issues of cyberbullying and violence, especially exacerbated during the pandemic. It calls for comprehensive strategies that include health services and protective measures to foster a healthier, more productive future workforce while aligning with Sustainable Development Goals.

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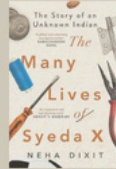
# EVENTS

## Book Discussion:

### The Many Lives of Syeda X The Story of an Unknown Indian

#### About the Book:

What does the life of an ordinary working-class Indian look and feel like? In this book, the award-winning journalist Neha Dixit traces the story of one such faceless Indian woman, from the early 1990s to the present day. What emerges is a picture of a life lived under constant corrosive tension. Syeda X, a weaver left Benares for Delhi with her alcoholic husband and three small children in the aftermath of riots triggered by the demolition of the Babri Masjid.

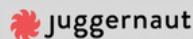


#### Author of book:

**Neha Dixit** is an independent journalist based in New Delhi. She has covered politics, gender, and social justice in print, TV, and online media for 17 years. Most of her work is investigative, narrative and long-form. She reports for Al Jazeera, The Washington Post, Caravan, The Wire and others.



at CDPP, Masab Tank on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at 4 pm



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#### Panelists:



**Prof. Faizan Mustafa**  
Vice-Chancellor of Chanakya National Law University,  
Patna.



**Prof. Aseem Prakash**  
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad.



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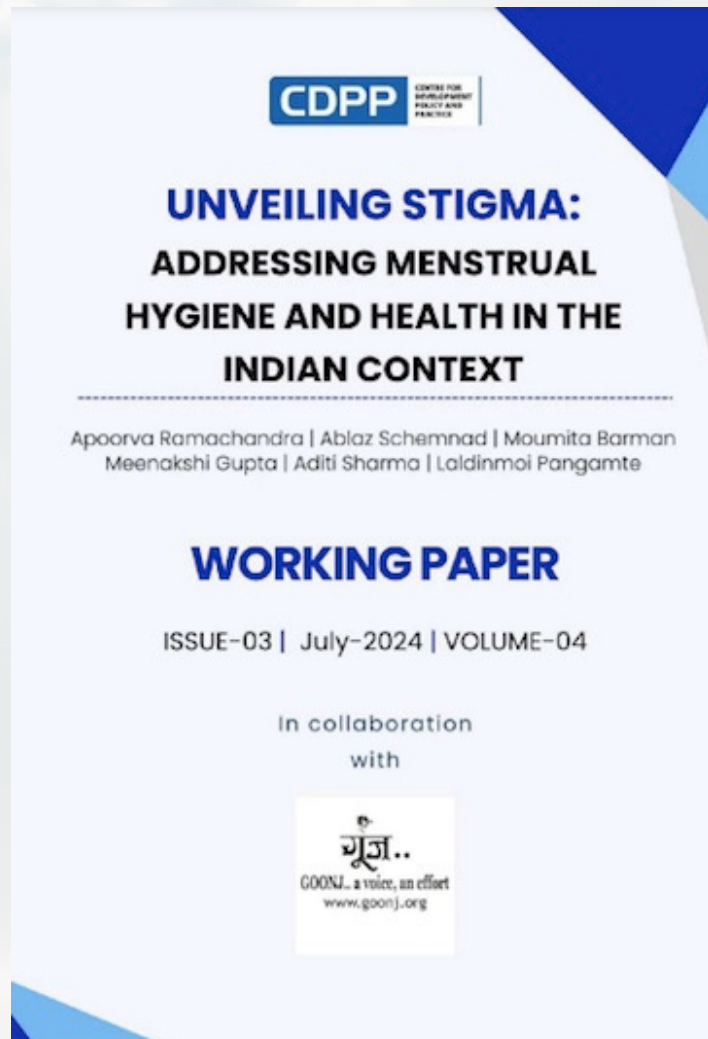
The Centre for Development Policy and Practice hosted a book discussion on 'The Many Lives of Syeda X: The Story of an Unknown Indian' on September 14th, 2024 authored by award-winning journalist, Neha Dixit. The book sheds light on the experiences of women workers who do not identify themselves as traditional laborers. These women are home-based workers, often employed indirectly by major corporations. Instead of being paid for their time, they are compensated based on the amount of work they produce. For instance, Syeda took on multiple jobs in Delhi, including shelling almonds, for which she earned Rs 50 for cleaning a 23-kilo bag, a task that consumed 12 to 16 hours of her time.

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# WORKING PAPER SERIES



## Unveiling Stigma: Addressing Menstrual Hygiene and Health in the Indian Context

This paper underscores the importance of menstrual health and hygiene, highlighting their impact on individual well-being, societal norms, and environmental sustainability. It examines barriers to access, advocating for a comprehensive approach that addresses social, psychological, and gender-diverse needs. Utilizing National Family Health Surveys (NFHS) data, it notes positive shifts in attitudes but ongoing challenges like limited WASH access. The paper also tackles menstrual waste management and the risks of improper disposal, while discussing government initiatives like the Draft Menstrual Hygiene Policy. Additionally, it highlights Goonj's "Not just a piece of cloth" initiative, calling for broader conversations around menstrual health.

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