

Women squeezed out of India's contracting labour market

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This academic study analyses India's lopsided labour market over the last 15 years. Government claims about quality job creation are a mirage. The Indian labour market is shaped by real estate booms and bubbles. Governments are fearful of developing pro-people policies.

The article shows that 'With declining labour absorption in agriculture, rural women workers were left high and dry, and were forced to withdraw from the labour force. On the other hand, new young male workers, jostling for employment opportunities, entered the agricultural labour force. As young and more educated rural male workers entered agriculture, their older brethren, with lower levels of education, were pushed into the construction sector. Over this period, construction emerged as the employer of last resort, requiring most arduous labour and employing workers with lowest levels of education'.

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