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Labour Migration in India: Advanced Perspectives for Practice

At Azim Premji University, Bangalore





Introduction

Internal labour migration is an overwhelming reality that underscores India's developmental landscape. Millions of people are on the move across the country, in search of a livelihood and adequate means of survival. While migration opens up new vistas of work and employment, creating new opportunities for many, it also pushes people into unequal and highly exploitative work regimes. On one hand, migration gives people an exit from issues that ail a rural society (such as agrarian distress and caste violence), but on the other, migration reconfigures its own methods of exploitation. The recent pandemic has highlighted the vulnerabilities of migrants' lives even further, questioning their belongingness to the city where many have spent several years.

In such a scenario, what has migration meant to the migrants themselves? What do different patterns of labour migration really tell us about the changing nature of work and about migration itself? Can rapid urbanization and the growth of cities become a beacon of hope for migrant workers? What can one say about the distressed condition of rural and agricultural areas in the country, and their role in spurring the exodus from India's countryside? What is the nature of impact of migration on rural and urban areas?

Despite migration being widespread, it remains poorly understood as a socio-historical, cultural and an economic phenomenon. There is indeed a compelling need to build a critical understanding of migration from different vantage points, locating migration at the cusp of changing nature of work, market and state interventions, and crisis. Keeping these realities in view, and the contradictions that surround labour migration, Azim Premji University, Bangalore is offering a short course for development practitioners.

What Does the Course Offer?

The course will explore critically, and in-depth, the debates and diverse viewpoints through which migration in India is understood and represented. The learning objectives of the course are:

1. To provide an overview of the labour migration landscape in India
2. Critically analyze the dynamics of internal labour migration in India as a contemporary social and economic reality
3. Explore the push and pull factors of migration, both from the source and destination point.
4. Explore key development agendas from a migration lens, analyzing related policy concerns



Eligibility and Selection

This course is open to mid-career professionals who are working in and on migration, urbanization, informality, agrarian transformations, labour questions and others interested in learning more about migration in India. Depending upon availability, some seats may be open to research scholars studying labour and migration. All applicants must possess a working knowledge of English.

Applicants will be shortlisted based on their written applications. The last date for submitting applications is Nov 10, 2022. The selected candidates will be informed by November 15, 2022.

Certificate of Participation

Participants should expect a rigorous six-day program in terms of participation, self-learning and assessment. Those who participate in the course on all days will receive a 'Certificate of Participation' from Azim Premji University.

Course Schedule

Day 1	Overview of Migration in India Locating Migration in India's Development Story I
Day 2	Locating Migration in India's Development Story II
Day 3	Migration through the Livelihoods Lens
Day 4	Field Visit
Day 5	State and Policy Response to Migration I
Day 6	State and Policy Response to Migration II

Course Fee

Course Fee : Rs.6490/- (including GST) – for individuals

Course Fee : Rs.1180/- (including GST) – for University / Philanthropy partner organisations.

Accommodation Fee: Rs 2490/- (including GST) per person for 6 days on twin sharing basis.

Food: Breakfast and meals are available at the cafeteria on direct payment basis. (Approximately Rs. 225/- can suffice for a breakfast and two meals per person per day).

The course fee includes tuition, course materials and field visit. All other costs, such as, travel to and from Bangalore, and meals must be borne by participants.

Course Anchors

The course will be anchored by Puja Guha, Vandana Swami, Rajesh Joseph, and Geetisha Dasgupta. Faculty members will be drawn from the Azim Premji University, and from a pool of noted resource persons from around the country.

How to Apply?

To apply, complete the form available at:

<https://forms.gle/rePjhFv12jXHGeX49>

For any questions, please write to migration.india@apu.edu.in

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Azim Premji University

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