

MEASURING PATRIARCHY IN INDIA:

THE INDIA PATRIARCHY INDEX

A lens through which women's empowerment and gender equity can be understood

What is patriarchy?

Patriarchy is a system of social structures and practices in which men dominate, oppress and exploit women.

(Walby, 1989)



Patriarchy compromises women's status and well-being.



Patriarchy has previously been unmeasurable in India.

In order to improve women's opportunities in India, we need to understand the broader social structures of patriarchy.



The India Patriarchy Index is a novel measure.

It captures:



MALE DOMINATION



GENERATIONAL DOMINATION



SOCIO-ECONOMIC DOMINATION



SON PREFERENCE



PATRILOCALITY



The India Patriarchy Index is able to track patriarchy at subnational levels and over time.

HARYANA

RAJASTHAN

NAGALAND

MEGHALAYA

MIZORAM

Levels of patriarchy in Rajasthan and Haryana are 1.6-2.2 times higher than they are in Meghalaya, Nagaland and Mizoram.

Southern India tends to have lower levels of patriarchy.



Our results show that the India Patriarchy Index is a useful tool for measuring and tracking progress on gender equity in India.

Details

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