CHAPTER 10

BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Doctoral Theses

098. CHATTOPADHYAY (Arundhati)
Inter-linkages between Women Empowerment and Socio-economic Development.
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Abstract

Identify various parameters that act as enablers or hindrances for women empowerment and measuring women empowerment at disaggregated level of Indian states. It also aims to look at the issue of women empowerment from the development perspective and examines the linkage between women empowerment and socio-economic development of Indian states. Observes that women empowerment is high in states that are economically prosperous and have well developed infrastructure and better governance whereas the states with low women empowerment are generally laggards in terms of socio-economic development. Given social, economic, geographical and cultural diversities among Indian states, it is not feasible to prepare a single blue print for empowering women that could be applied universally to all the states. Therefore, the present study based on its findings suggests a broad road map for formulation of women empowerment strategies. State policies need to be formulated in such a way that it becomes possible to overcome the weakness with required interventions and reap the benefits of its strengths. Every state needs to have its own strategies towards empowering women depending on its own plans, priorities and resources availability.

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1. Introduction. 2. Review of literature on empowerment of women. 3. Identification of women empowerment parameters. 4. Measuring women empowerment. 5. Socio-economic development of Indian states. 6. Survey findings. 7. Linkages
between women empowerment and socio-economic development.


099. MEHRA (Yogieta S)

*Operational Risk Management Systems and Strategies in Indian Banks.*

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**Abstract**

Explores the present status of ORM implementation in a cross-section of Indian Banks and study the problems faced by banks on their way to ORM. Also assesses the awareness of Indian bankers across a cross section of banks, geographical distribution, hierarchical level w.r.t. Operational Risk. Attempts to explore whether size or category is the limiting criteria for banks bring to light the various shortcomings of Operational Risk Management system of Indian Banks and help us in overcoming them.

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100. PUNDIR (Vijeta)

*Demand for International Reserves: An Empirical Study of Selected Developed and Developing Countries.*

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**Abstract**

Estimates a demand for reserve function that takes care of all the current and capital account obligations of a country along with all types of current and capital account vulnerabilities. Shows that developed countries need reserves to meet their transactions motive i.e., for precautionary purposes. Here the reserves are known to decrease as a result of increase in the
marginal propensity to import (import by GDP ratio) and increase due to uncertainties captured by the variability in the export receipts. With the increase in per capita GDP, reserve level in developed countries falls there by conforming the fact that rich nations have easy and unconditional access to world financial markets and therefore do not feel the need to keep huge reserves. It is interesting to note that reserves fall as a result of financial openness i.e., with a increase in capital flow to GDP ratio. It is clear that developed nations treat the inflow of capital as substitute for reserves i.e., it is considered stable and may be used to tide over temporary balance of payment difficulty.

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