

Managing Migration

International

The Missing Market: One's Unwillingness, is Another's Opportunity

The benefits of international labour migration are many, but it is also faced with increased barriers and political challenges across the world. An efficient management of migration can boost worker welfare and fast-track economic integration. The real global challenge in the domain of international labour migration is to make the process smooth, efficient and beneficial for all parties. A World Bank study proposes an innovative solution that could make migration a pleasant experience for all parties. This will be done through a web platform managed by the host country where the host country can auction their right to work (work permit). Foreigners can bid for these rights while paying tax to the host country. This right to work will be equivalent to the right to property. This market will be mutually beneficial by providing the host country with a productive workforce and more taxes, and providing the origin country with job opportunity and better earnings. This also eliminates middlemen like illegal or unlicensed recruitment agencies by allowing the worker to directly access foreign jobs and avoid paying commission. Thus, this bridges the gap between the global demand and supply of labour.



National

Why Kerala ranks number one in Interstate Migrant Policy Index (IMPEX)2019?

Interstate Migrant Policy Index 2019 has found Kerala's migrant policy as more equitable and friendly and helps migrants in integrating with the state social and economic fabric better. This has been done by taking into consideration 63 indicators across 8 major areas of migration. Specific provisions under its state policy architecture, related to migrant labour welfare schemes, migrant health and child has put Kerala ahead of other states. The state has created a new concept called "guest workers" under which the migrant worker is provided with alternative identity card to access welfare and education related services. On the other hand, the evaluation reveals apathy and discrimination among policy makers of other states.

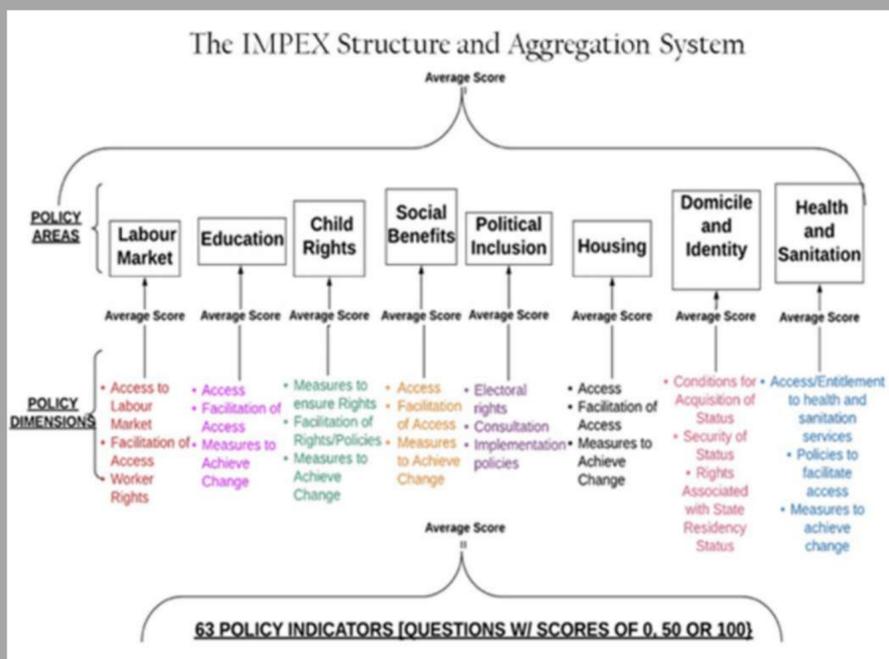


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India's New Wage Code will push Migrants deeper into poverty

India's landmark decision "New Wage Code", will have consequences for the livelihoods of millions of migrant workers working in urban areas. Though it claims to consolidate and codify major wage related legislations in reality it dilutes or removes the critical provisions for the protection of wages.



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