

The book gives an analysis of social performance framework, its measurement, regulations and case studies. It provides for a comprehensive reading which will attract the researchers, planners, policy makers, social workers, economists and rural development professionals interested in microfinance sector.

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**Trend Magnitude And Dimensions Of Inequality in Post-Reform India**, Edited by Rajkishore Panda & Rajkishor Meher, 2015, pp.300, Price ₹ 900.

The post-reform India presents a scenario of higher economic growth with reduction in poverty. But at the same time, India witnessed widening regional inequalities in the post-reform period. Since inequality is multi-dimensional and affects poverty reduction adversely, the high economic growth achieved in the country during the post-reform period has not shown its discerning impact on poverty reduction equally across States. Post-reform scenario is marked by greater regional inequality resulting in poverty reduction remaining uneven across States. On the extent of inequality, the all-India level differs from that at the State and sub-State levels. More so, inequality across regions differs on the basis of indicators used and statistical tools applied in measuring inequality. There is often debate among academicians, policy makers and non-government agencies in reducing inequality in the country. This book brings together the research papers of distinguished social scientists and researchers dealing with inequality in its different dimensions.

This book is a collection of papers presented in a National Seminar on "Trend, Magnitude and Dimensions of Inequality in Post-Reform India" organised by Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Odisha on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee Celebrations. The papers by economists, social scientists, planners and policymakers focus on the rising inequality in the country in recent years.

The papers in the book discuss various issues under six broad sub-themes: (i) Economic Development Vis-a-Vis Trend and Magnitudes of Inequality in Contemporary India, (ii) Genesis of Inequality in Indian Society : Economic, Social, Cultural, Religious and Political, (iii) Dimensions of Inequalities in Post-Reform Era: Income, Health, Education, Gender-based and Ethnic-based, (iv) Spatial and Sectoral Aspect of Inequality: Interstate, Intrastate, Rural-Urban, Agricultural, Manufacturing and Tertiary Sector, Organised/ Formal Versus Unorganised/ Informal Sector, (V) Inequality, Quality of Life and Environment, and (vi) Process and Measurement of Inequality: Policy Issues, Measures and Implementation. There are fourteen papers in all, which are divided under this six broad sub-themes.

The paper on 'Structural Change and Inclusive Growth in India' examines the change in occupational structure in the country. The paper argues that in most of the developed countries, after a decline in agriculture, there is an increase in industrial development because along with growth, income elasticity of demand for agricultural products becomes low, while there is increase

in demand for manufacturing goods and more so for services. In the context of the above structural changes, the paper focuses on five issues, i.e. the rate of growth of the economy, changes in poverty structure, scope for additional employment opportunities, the extent of inequality and the level of human development.

The paper on 'Economic Growth, Inequality and Poverty in Odisha' examines the economic growth in the State of Odisha, how it affected the poor and how the income distribution in the State changed. The paper on 'Economic Inequality and the Kuznets Process: An Indian Recast' shows an Indian profile to the set of issues raised by Kuznets in his Presidential lecture of American Economic Association in 1954 on inequality.

The paper on 'Political Implications of Inequality in Post-Reform India' is an attempt to understand the political implications of the growing inequality. The analysis is at two levels: the micro-level which deals with unequal access to resources; and at a macro-level which deals with regional inequalities leading to tensions in India's federal polity. The paper on 'Inequality – Growth Link in the Post-Reform Indian States : Role of Human Capital' explores the growth– inequality link in the Indian States in the post-liberalisation era through the functional role of human capital. The paper on 'Regional Inequalities in Human Development in India' evaluates the relative performance of fifteen major Indian States on human development with special reference to education and health.

The paper on 'Post-Reform Economic Growth and Regional Inequality in India' goes

through a brief review of earlier studies concerning economic growth, income inequality, and convergence/ divergence, and presents the methodological aspects for measuring the growth and income inequality. The paper on 'How Inclusive is Odisha's economic growth?' examines whether the current growth process of Odisha is inclusive or exclusive. The paper analyses the growth trend of gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of the Odisha State and its composition and examines whether the growth is spatially inclusive by comparing the growth of 30 districts. It also provides the inter-district disparity in Monthly per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) and examines whether the output growth has reduced poverty among various social groups and regions. The paper on 'Consumption Inequality in India: An Analysis of New Trends' is an attempt to examine patterns of consumption inequality and causes of inequality in India.

Providing a comprehensive and analytical review of various dimensions of inequality in post-reform India, this book will attract the researchers, planners, policy makers, social workers and economists interested in inclusive growth and inequality issues.

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