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# Feminization of Voters, Identity Politics and Missing Males: Evidence from Bihar Assembly Elections

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### **Abstract:**

Female voters have outnumbered male voters in about half of the constituencies in the last two assembly elections of 2015 and 2020 in Bihar. Most of these constituencies are the same over the two elections and are concentrated in the northern part of the state which has a large-scale migration that leads to missing male voters during the voting. The geographical spread of the female voter-dominated constituencies suggest that the policies that influence women alone cannot explain the higher female voter participation. This paper finds that underdevelopment and migration along with women empowerment help in explaining the pattern of voting in Bihar elections that has largely been dominated by caste and religion-based identity politics.

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