

Seminar Notice

Curious Case of India's Structural Transformation and Employment Puzzle: Analysis of Pre- and Post-Covid Period

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Abstract

Since liberalization, India's growth trajectory has differed from East Asia's, characterized by jobless growth, persistent informalisation, and an unusual pattern of structural transformation despite service-led, export-oriented expansion. This paper examines sectoral contributions to output and employment growth before (2011–2019) and after Covid-19 (2020–2022), assessing employment responsiveness, Global Value Chain (GVC) integration, and changes in earning inequality. The findings reveal a continued disconnect between output and employment growth, rising productivity alongside labour absorption into low-productivity sectors, limited benefits of GVC integration for reducing informalisation, and a regressive post-Covid recovery marked by increased dependence on agriculture, deepening informalisation, and growing job insecurity.

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